Keeping the Memory of Fenn College Alive at CSU Library

Fenn Tower and Early Buildings
In 1937, Fenn College purchased the National Town and Country Club building at Euclid Avenue and East 24th Street. Renamed Fenn Tower two years later, it provided needed classroom and office space (Fenn Tower is now being renovated into dormitory space and is expected to be completed in 2006).

In 1949, Fenn constructed Foster Hall, an engineering building. In 1953, Fenn purchased the Ohio Motors building on East 24th Street, subsequently dedicated as Stilwell Hall in honor of Fenn Trustee Charles Stilwell.

Fenn called upon the State to develop a public university in Cleveland using Fenn College as its nucleus. On December 18, 1964, Governor Rhodes signed legislation creating CSU as Ohio's seventh state university.

Archiving Fenn College Memorabilia
To keep the memory of Fenn College alive, the Archives wants to set up an exhibition area featuring displays of photographs and memorabilia from Fenn College. This new facility will also include state-of-the-art archival storage. When completed, Fenn Alumni will be able to view artifacts and documents from their college days ranging from sports uniforms and beanies to yearbooks and banners.

The Library needs your support to establish this new Fenn College exhibition area. Your contribution will preserve Fenn College artifacts and documents so they can be enjoyed for generations to come. The Library will be able to draw from a special reserve fund to match your gifts. Please send your donation using the form provided in this newsletter. For more information, contact the Library at 216.687.2475.

— Bill Becker, University Archivist
troubled times, the ‘dumbing down’ of our whole American educational structure... the way you trace the unintended consequences of the shift from the classical tradition to vocational training... is a warning to all levels of our school system.”

Along with John Flower, the distinguished panel included Chin Y. Kuo, Provost, CSU; Thomas V. Chema, President, Hiram College; and Harry A ndrist, D irector of Research and G raduate Programs, O hio Board of Regents.

John A. Flower, President E meritus of Cleveland State U niversity, led a panel discussion on economic, social, and technological forces that threaten the integrity of colleges and universities nationwide. These issues are also addressed in D . F lower’s recently published book, D owstairs, U pstairs: The Changed Spirit and Face of College Life in America. According to Samuel Hugh M offett, H enry W . Luce Professor of E cumenics and M ission, E meritus, P rinceton T heological S eminary, “ D owstairs, U pstairs: The Changed Spirit and Face of College Life in America is a solid, scholarly analysis of one of the most pressing social issues facing the United States in these

University Library Teams with Cleveland Public Library on Cultural Gardens Collection

The Cleveland State University Library and the Cleveland Public Library have collaborated to create the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Collection. Two hundred twenty black-and-white photographs and maps from both the Cleveland Press Photograph Collection at Cleveland State University and the Photograph Collection at Cleveland Public Library were digitized, cataloged and indexed in Cleveland Memory to provide a historical pictorial perspective of the gardens from the early to mid part of the 20th century. This collection contains images from nearly all of the gardens.

The Cleveland Cultural Gardens, extending along East Blvd. & Martin L uther K ing Blvd. in Cleveland’s U niversity Circle area, is a unique collection of landscaped, themed gardens each representing a different ethnic group/organization in Cleveland. The gardens, 23 in number, represent many of the cultural backgrounds of Cleveland’s diverse population. To learn more about the Cleveland Cultural Gardens Collection, visit the Cleveland State University Library’s Cleveland Memory site at http://www.clevelandmemory.org.

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From the University Library Director

We need your help! The University Archives houses both the historical records for CSU and for Fenn College. The current space is inadequate—we are out of room and we have never had the proper facility to store memorabilia such as the original deed to Fenn Tower, Fenn sports uniforms, or the growing collection of portraits of CSU presidents and other dignitaries. Additionally, there is no display space to showcase the history of our institution.

The Cleveland State University Library would like to change this! We need your help to do so. We have identified an appropriate space on the 3rd floor of the University Library, opposite the Library’s Special Collections. We have relocated the material formerly housed there to another floor. Now, what we need to do is build a wall, create appropriate storage, and purchase display furniture. The cost of the wall is approximately $23,000, and its erection is the first step in creating a new home for Fenn and CSU memorabilia. Once the wall is erected, our current Archives can move from its cramped location within Special Collections, freeing space there for the rapid expansion those collections have experienced over the past few years.

With your help, we can begin this construction very soon. The Library will be able to draw from a special reserve fund to match all gifts received, up to $5,000. Additionally, we will create opportunities to recognize all who contribute to this construction or to the purchase of display furniture. A gift in the memory of Fenn graduates, faculty, or staff would be another great way to honor Fenn’s history.

I look forward to hearing from you and hope that you can help us in this endeavor. All gifts towards this worthy project would be greatly appreciated!

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- Establishing a new Library endowment
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- Digitizing cultural resources for instruction
- Building the endowment for materials in Great Lakes Industrial History
- Purchasing additional furnishings and equipment for the Library

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For information about additional ways you can support the University Library, or to discuss special projects that you would like to develop with us please call Barbara Florjancic, PR & Fundraising Coordinator at 216.875.9734 or Deborah Miller, Major Gifts Officer, at 216.687.5513.
Library Hosts High School Science Fairs

The University Library served as the host for science fairs from two local high schools this winter. John Hay High School held its competition for juniors and seniors in January at the east end of the 4th floor utilizing study carrels for the students’ tri-fold project. Sixty students competed for the finalist spots representing John Hay at the area-wide competition, which was held in March of this year.

The Cleveland School District’s Early College Program held its first annual science fair in March. This program, housed in CSU’s Corlett Building, is made up of freshmen and sophomores from schools across the district. The fair consisted of two parts. The first round of the science fair took place at Early College High School on March 15 with 160 participants. The second part of the fair was held on March 18 in the University Library. Twenty-five ninth graders and fifteen tenth graders were selected from the in-house science fair to participate in the finals. First, second, and third place awards were presented to the winning students in Early College Program’s inaugural science fair.

Next year it is hoped that both events can be held in January so that the Early College Program’s winners may also move on to the area-wide science fair competition.

— Bob Cieslik, Coordinator of Facilities/High School Liaison Librarian

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