

# Cultural Interest To Be Revived in Alumni College

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 ATHENS, Ohio (UPI)—Something new in education — an "Alumni college" — may become part of the summer program at universities across the country.

That's the belief of officials at Ohio university where an unusual experiment for alumni wanting to broaden their cultural knowledge proved an overwhelming success.

Graduates might want to brush up on some of the cultural courses they took or missed while in college, reasoned university President Vernon R. Alden. There are special refresher courses at universities for professional and technical people, Alden pointed out, but he felt there should be an opportunity for former students to spend a few days "with contemporary thought in the cultural field."

All classes at the recently completed weeklong program were "centered on the idea of renewing appreciation for many cultural interests that can be applied directly to happy family living," Alden said.

The success of the program, alumni secretary Jack Gilbert said, was shown by the fact that more than half of the 30 persons in the course said they would return next year.

Leach Lectures  
 The classes began at 9 a.m. with students meeting in an air-conditioned room at the student center to hear a 90-minute lecture by Dr. Frederick L. Leach on contemporary art and how

the average person could understand its meaning.

Following a coffee break, the students attended another 90-minute lecture, this one a discussion of contemporary literature by Prof. Hollis S. Summers.

Afternoons were free for rest and recreation, which gave the students time to get acquainted again with their alma mater, the oldest university west of the Allegheny mountains.

But in the evening, it was classwork again with lectures on such subjects as interior decorating, personal finance and communications media.

All the students seemed to find new interests and appreciation in matters they didn't have time for or for some reason did not find interesting when they

were undergraduates.

Arthur Charkoff, an engineer with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's rocket laboratory in Cleveland, said he didn't care much about contemporary art when he was in college.

"Now I'm fascinated with it," he said. "It's as interesting as anything I have ever done."

Mrs. Ralph Oger, a Pittsburgh housewife, said she decided during the program to try her hand

at painting. Her husband, an engineer, said that he now is able to "look at art with a good idea of what I am trying to get out of it."

Loyal Bemiller, a Mansfield, Ohio, attorney, said he felt the class enthusiasm stemmed from a hidden desire to continue interests ordinarily dropped at graduation.

"We think we will keep up on good literature and continue an interest in art," he said, "but

we never really take time to do it after we get involved with families and the business world. This has re-sparked an interest, and believe me, it makes you realize how important it is to continue paying attention to these things."

## Experts Seek To Seal Off Gas Leak

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UPI) — Oil field experts today attempted to seal off a massive underground natural gas leak that sent families fleeing and threatened a huge fire.

Workers tried to force a special kind of mud called bentonite down into two pipes through which gas began pouring Wednesday with a strong, egg-like odor and a deafening, geyser-like roar.

W. C. (Monk) Griffin, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Red Adair, Houston, Tex., known in oil fields the world over as specialists in sealing leaks, were called to the scene.

The natural gas was stored in the pores of a rock formation, more than a quarter of a mile underground. The gas leaked out of a two-inch hole above the storage facility under 600 pounds of pressure.

FRIEND OF BIRDS  
 REDONDO BEACH, Calif. (UPI)—City Councilman David K. Hayward was in with a request today for an ordinance requiring cats to wear bells as a warning to birds in the area.

RETIRE TEACHER DIES  
 GRESHAM (UPI) — Funeral was held Wednesday for Mrs. Mary Baen Thompson, 77, a retired school teacher, who died Monday at a nursing home.

## Court Records

MEDFORD MUNICIPAL  
 Benjamin Lewis Kingers, left turn on red light, \$10.  
 Arlene Florence Winters, disobeyed traffic signal, \$7.50.  
 Larry Edward Dolan, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
 William Morgan Peters, expired vehicle license, \$5.  
 Homer Hugo Ehart, improper left turn, \$10.  
 Leroy George Drace, violation of basic rule, \$25.  
 Billie Dale Sherman, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.  
 Thomas Leroy Shoop, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
 Hiram Vern Martin, disobeyed traffic signal, \$10.  
 Paul Judson Willingham, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
 Duane Lowell Mallams, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
 John Edwin Winningham, failure to obey driving restrictions on operator's license, \$10.  
 Kenneth Wayne Weaver, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.  
 Thomas Raymond McAvoy, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
 James Wallace Harrison, excessive noise (twice), disobeyed traffic signal, fines suspended, 13 hours work in parks.

Richard Lee Fahey, stop sign violation, \$15.  
 Robert Timothy Daily, expired vehicle license, \$5.  
 Harry Gene Webber, improper muffler, \$10.  
 Albert Aloysius Kelley, violation of basic rule, \$12.50.  
 Neil Russell Dusenberry, over-width load, \$15.  
 Wesley Dennis Knight, violation of basic rule, \$15.  
 Grover Gary Barnhart, violation of basic rule, \$25.  
 Joseph Etheridge Clevenger, truck speeding, \$10.  
 Ebel Sue Dyer, one headlight, \$10.  
 James Curtis Donahue, overload, \$10.  
 John Harold Greb, failure to yield right of way, \$15.  
 Larry Dean Clement, improper clearance lights, \$10.  
 Vernon Worth Dallas, stop sign violation, \$5.  
 William James Gitzen, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
 Arthur Larsen Hakkerup, improper passing, \$10.  
 Melvin Douglas Bowen, no muffler, \$5.  
 Gerald Ernest Spreal, disobeyed stop sign, \$10.  
 Donald Earl Massie, violation of basic rule, \$5.  
 Acel Carsons Beckworth, no headlights, \$25.  
 Arthur Jennings Miracle, stop sign violation, \$5.  
 Charles Fredrick Poythress, truck speeding, \$10.  
 Harold Lee Fitzsimmons, no vehicle license, \$5.

DISTRICT COURT  
 Vernon Larriest St. John, truck speeding, \$10.  
 Kenneth Leroy LeGrave, no operator's license, \$15.  
 Harry Ebert Hedgpeath, improper passing, \$20.  
 Leroy James McManamon, no safety chain, \$10.  
 Charles Robert Nunes, improper passing, \$20.  
 Jarold Arden Bachor, no stop light, \$10.  
 Russell Anthony Wade, stop sign violation, \$15.  
 Robert Gale Johnson, violation of basic rule, \$10.  
 Norman Richard Bruce, obstructed vision, \$10.  
 Lawrence Willard Faltert, violation of basic rule, \$25.  
 Donald Jean Penwell, improper signalling device, \$10.

CIRCUIT COURT  
 Robert Schipper vs. Lynn Louise Schipper, divorce decree.  
 Gladys R. Shultz vs. Wilbert M. Shultz, divorce decree.  
 Joseph A. McCalvy vs. Geraldine F. McCalvy, divorce decree.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS  
 Donald Frederick Best, 403 West Second at Medford, and Julean Carol Bush, 2253 Highway 99, Ashland.



WOOD SCULPTURE—Mrs. G. Kenner Bush of students, discuss a wood sculpture in "alumni Athens, O., (L), and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Chaney college" with Dr. Frederick Leach. (UPI) of Columbus, O., all former Ohio University



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