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Name Cunz Dieter
(Please print your name in full) Last Name 1st Name 2nd Name

Home Address 141 E. New England Avenue
(Street and number)

Town Worthington, Ohio Telephone Tuxedo 5-7089

Present Position or Rank PROFESSOR & CHAIRMAN 1957

Department German

Date of Birth August 4, 1910

Place of Birth Hoechstebach, Germany
City County State

Father's Name in Full Paul Cunz

Mother's Maiden Name, in Full Hedwig Silbersiepe

Religious Affiliations Lutheran

Are You Married? no; Date

Wife's Maiden Name in Full
or

Husband's Name in Full

Children (please name) Give Dates of Birth

High School or Preparatory School Humanistic Gymnasium, Wiesbaden, Germany

List earned degrees, and honorary degrees, stating institutions and date:
College or University Degree Date
University of Frankfurt (Germany) Ph.D. 1934

Scholarships or Fellowships Held, with dates
Fellowship of the Carl Schurz Foundation, Philadelphia 1939-1942

Undergraduate Honors, Offices or Activities

Membership in Social Fraternity or Sorority

Honorary Fraternities and Societies (undergraduate)

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Positions and ranks at Ohio State University, with dates.

Professor and Chairman of the Department of German, 1957-

Positions and ranks at other colleges, with dates.

University of Maryland, College Park, Md. 1939-1957

Instructor 1939-42

Assist. Professor 1942-47

Associate Professor 1947-49

Professor of German 1949-57

Business or professional experience, other than at colleges, with dates.

Newspaper work in Switzerland (Basel), 1935-38

Military Service (dates, branch, rank, honors)

Memberships in service, civic, fraternal, church, trade, educational, scientific, professional organizations, with offices held and dates:

Modern Language Association
Am. Assoc. of Teachers of German
Am. Assoc. of Univ. Professors
(Secr. of Maryland Chapter, 1946/47;
Vicepresident, Maryland Chap. 1952/3)
Goethe Society of Washington, D.C.
(President 1953-56)
Society for the History of the Germans
in Maryland (Secr. 1944-1956)
(Honorary member since 1957)

Special field of research or teaching. Explain.

TEACHING: German Literature of the Eighteenth Century.
German Cultural History.

RESEARCH: History of German immigration into the United States.

Publications. One book, about 50 articles on German-American immigration history, contributed to cooperative volumes etc., published in U.S. and abroad (see list of publications in the office of the Dean of A & S).

One textbook "German for Beginners" (N.Y. 1958)

Other information (include honors received, inventions, etc.)

Do you accept outside speaking engagements? occasionally
On what subjects? German immigration history

Hobbies classical music

FROM: OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY BUREAU OF PUBLIC RELATIONS 6-18-58

FOR: CITY EDITOR

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Prof. Dieter Cunz, 134 Tulane Rd., of Ohio State University has been elected vice president for 1958-59 of the modern language section of the Ohio College Association. He is chairman of Ohio State's German department.

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CUNZ, DIETER, university professor, 141 East New England Avenue, Worthington. Born on August 4, 1910, in Hoechstebach, Germany, the son of Paul H. and Hedwig (Silbersiepe) Cunz, he is of German descent. He received the Ph.D. degree in 1934 from the University of Frankfurt, Germany. Dr. Cunz was associated with the University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland, from 1939 until 1957, as Professor of German; and since 1957, he has served as Professor and Chairman of the Department of German at the Ohio State University, Columbus. He served on the Advisory Board of the National Carl Schurz Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and is a member of the Advisory Board of the Wayne State University Junior Year in Germany. Dr. Cunz has been an Honorary Member, since 1958, of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, and served as Secretary from 1944 until 1956. He was elected to honorary membership of Phi Beta Kappa in 1965. Politically, he is Independent. He is the author of numerous books and articles on German-American immigration history.

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BIOGRAPHY OF

DIETER CUNZ

Dr. Dieter Cunz has been professor and chairman of the department of German at Ohio State University since 1957. Before coming to Ohio State, he taught for 18 years at the University of Maryland.

A native of Germany, Dr. Cunz won his doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Frankfurt in 1934. He was engaged in newspaper work in Basel, Switzerland, until his appointment at Maryland.

His field of specialization is 18th century German literature and German cultural history. He has also done a great deal of research on the history of German immigration into the United States. In 1948 the Princeton University Press published his book, "The Maryland Germans: A History."

The author of a textbook, "German for Beginners," Dr. Cunz has also written many articles dealing with American immigration history for professional journals. He received the 1961 Ohio State University Arts College Council's Good Teaching Award, presented each year for excellence in undergraduate teaching. In 1962 he was awarded the Officer's Cross of Merit, First Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany "in recognition of his efforts on behalf of German language instruction in the United States and his scholarly contributions in the field of German-American immigration history."

Dr. Cunz is a member of the Modern Languages Association, the American Association of Teachers of German, the Ohio Historical Society and the American Lessing Society. He is an honorary member of the

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Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, having served as secretary from 1944-1956. A member also of the Ohio College Association, he served as vice president of the modern language section of that organization during the 1958-59 academic year.

He is an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa (1965) and in 1964 he received Ohio State's Alfred J. Wright Award, given annually since 1964 to faculty members "who have given dedicated service to student activities and student organizations."

From 1961 until 1965 Dr. Cunz served on the board of directors of the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation in Philadelphia, an organization founded in 1930 to promote cultural relationships between the United States and German-speaking peoples. In 1963 Dr. Cunz edited Ricarda Huch's novel "Der letzte Sommer," published by W.W. Norton, New York. His own book, "They Came from Germany: The Story of Great German Americans," was published by Dodd, Mead and Co. in 1966. In 1968 he edited "Heinrich Stilling's Lebensgeschichte," published in Stuttgart, West Germany. The Stilling book is the first great autobiography in German literature, first published between 1777 and 1804. Dr. Cunz has written the introduction and annotations to the new edition.

He lives at 141 New England Dr., Worthington, O.

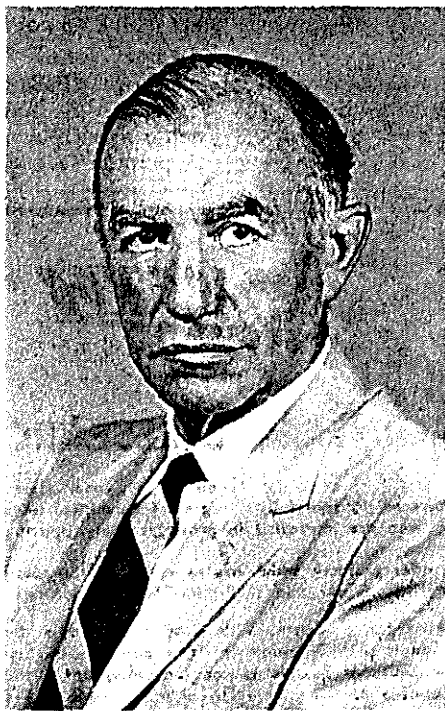
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German Dept. Head Dies, Taught at OSU 12 Years

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Dr. Dieter Cunz, 58, professor and chairman of the German Department at Ohio State since 1957, died in his sleep Monday morning of an apparent heart attack.

A native of Germany, Dr. Cunz received his Ph.D. degree at the University of Frankfurt in 1934. He worked on a



Dr. Dieter Cunz

newspaper in Basel, Switzerland until 1939 when he came to the United States to teach at the University of Maryland. He taught there for 18 years, and came to Ohio State in 1957 and assumed the department chairmanship.

In 1961 he received the Arts College Council's Good Teaching Award. In 1962 he was the recipient of the Knight's Cross of Merit, First Class, of the Federal Republic of Germany, "in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the German language instruction in the U.S. and his scholarly contributions in the field of German-American immigration history.

Dr. Cunz received the Alfred J. Wright Award in 1964, given annually to Ohio State faculty members "who have given dedicated service to student activities and student organizations."

He was a member of the Modern Languages Association, the American Association of Teachers in German, the Ohio Historical Society, the American Lessing Society and the Ohio College Association. He was vice president of the modern language section of the association during the 1958-59 academic year.

Cunz was an honorary member of the Society for History of Germans in Maryland, and was secretary of the organization from 1944 to 1956. He became an honorary member of Phi Beta Kappa in 1965.

He was on the board of directors of the

Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation in Philadelphia from 1961 to 1965.

Cunz specialized in 18th century German literature and German cultural history. In 1948 he wrote "The Maryland Germans: a History," a history of German immigration into the U.S.

Other books included "German for Beginners," "They Came From Germany: the Story of Great German Americans" and many articles published in professional journals.

"Dr. Cunz played a significant role in the pursuit of the excellence achieved," President Novice G. Fawcett said. "He was a distinguished member of the faculty and he will be sadly missed by all of us."

John E. Corbally, vice president for academic affairs and provost, said Ohio State has suffered a "great loss" and noted that Cunz was "an active participant in every effort to improve the quality of Ohio State."

Cunz, who lived at 141 E. New England Ave., Worthington, had no surviving relatives, and was never married.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Corbin-Rutherford Funeral Home, 517 N. High St. in Worthington. Calling hours are from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. The funeral service will be at 2:30 p.m. Thursday, followed by cremation. The Rev. Leopold W. Bernard is officiating.

Friends may contribute to the Dieter Cunz Scholarship Fund at Ohio State, in care of the German Department.

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COLUMBUS CITIZEN-JOURNAL

Dr. Cunz's Rites Set For Thursday

Services will be 2:30 p.m. Thursday for Dr. Dieter Cunz, 58, chairman of the Ohio State University German Department, and international figure in education.

Dr. Cunz, head of the department since 1957, died Monday of an apparent heart attack.

DR. CUNZ, who was single and had no surviving relatives, was honored in 1962 by the German Federal Republic with the Order of Merit First Class for his educational contributions to that nation.

He was a specialist in German literature of the 18th Century and German cultural history.

Dr. Cunz, 141 E. New England-av, Worthington, also was honored in 1961. He was presented the Good Teaching Award of the OSU Arts College Council.

HE ALSO received the Alfred J. Wright Award in 1964



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given each year to faculty members for service to student activities and organizations.

A native of Germany, he received his doctorate at the University of Frankfurt in 1934. He was employed by a newspaper in Switzerland until appointment to the faculty of the University of Maryland in 1939.

DR. CUNZ served 18 years there until appointment to the OSU chairmanship in 1957. He authored a number of textbooks and articles for professional journals.

His memberships included: Modern Languages Association, American Association of Teachers of German, American Association of University Professors, Goethe Society of Washington, D. C., which he served as president from 1953-56, and the Society for the History of Germans in Maryland.

HE ALSO SERVED as vice language society of the Ohio College Association in the 1958-59 academic year.

In 1961, he was elected to the board of directors of the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation in Philadelphia, an organization to promote cultural relations between the United States and German-speaking people.

Friends may call at Corbin-Rutherford funeral home, 517 N. High-st, Worthington, 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday. The funeral service at the home will be followed by cremation.

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Dr. Dieter Cunz, age 58, 141 E. New England Ave., Monday, Professor and chairman of German Dept. of OSU. Survived by close personal friend, Dr. Oskar Seidl, with whom he made his home. Member of numerous professional organizations, honorary member of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland. Member of Knights Cross 1st Class of the Federal Rep. of Germany. Funeral service, 2:30 p.m. Thursday in RUTHERFORD-CORBIN CHAPEL, 515 High St., Worthington, Rev. Leopold W. Bernard officiating. Cremation, Rutherford Crematory. Friends received at Rutherfords 7-9 p.m. Wednesday. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dr. Dieter Cunz Scholarship Fund in care of Dept. of German OSU.

Dieter Cunz

3-13-69

The Board of Trustees of The Ohio State University expresses its sorrow at the death on February 17, 1969, of Dieter Cunz, Professor and Chairman of the Department of German.

Dr. Cunz was born August 4, 1910, in Hoechstebach, Germany. He grew up and attended school in Wiesbaden. He studied at the Universities of Munich, Leipzig, Koenigsberg and Frankfurt. From Frankfurt he received his Ph. D. in 1934 in the fields of German Literature and History.

A dedicated opponent of Hitler and his regime, he left his native country in 1934 and lived in Switzerland as a free-lance writer and contributor to Swiss newspapers. In 1938 he emigrated to the United States. After a year in New York City, he moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he received a scholarship from the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation for work in the archives and the library of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland. In the same year he started his teaching career at the University of Maryland at College Park, Maryland, where he rose within nine years from the rank of assistant instructor to professor. He taught at this institution until 1957, when he joined the faculty at The Ohio State University as professor and chairman of its Department of German.

Dr. Cunz was a devoted teacher, who enjoyed the respect and love of his students. In 1961 the Arts College Student Council awarded him its Good Teaching Award, and in 1964 he received the Alfred J. Wright Award for "dedicated service to student activities and student organizations."

Dr. Cunz was a specialist in the field of 18th century German literature, but his most important and lasting contribution to scholarship was his work on the history of German immigration to the United States. His book The Maryland Germans, A History (The Princeton Press, 1948) established him as one of the two or three leading scholars in the field of immigration history both here and abroad. With the last of his many books he returned again to the field of German immigration history, a collection of literary portraits of famous German immigrants, They Came from Germany (Dodd, Mead & Co., New York, 1966). He contributed close to a hundred major articles and essays to periodicals and newspapers in this country as well as in Germany, Switzerland and France. He is also the author of German for Beginners, a textbook widely used in American and Canadian colleges and universities.

These scholarly activities earned him the highest recognition both here and abroad. He was on the board of directors of the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation (1961 to 1965) and an honorary member of the Society for the History of the Germans in Maryland, whose secretary he had been from 1944 to 1956 and whose Reports he had edited for many years. In 1959 the government of the Federal Republic of Germany bestowed upon him the Knight's Cross, First Class "in recognition of his efforts on behalf of the German language instruction in the United States and his scholarly contributions in the field of German American immigration history." In 1965 the Ohio State chapter of Phi Beta Kappa elected him to honorary membership.

Dr. Cunz was a member of the Modern Language Association of America, the American Association of Teachers of German, the Ohio Historical Society, the American Lessing Society and the Ohio College Association. He often held administrative positions in these organizations.

Faculty Files
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- Chapman, Janet
- ~~Clark, Susan~~
- Cocalis, Susan
- Cohn, Dorrit
- Cotter, Barry
- Crook, Ingrid
- Cunz, Dieter
- DeBeaugrande, Robert
- Demichiel, Linda
- Dyck, Joachim
- Evans, Tamara
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- Fiebach, Joachim
- Fleischhauer, Wolfgang
- Frolich, Margrit
- Gilman, Sander
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- Goodman, Glenn H
- Gray, Joseph
- Groenke, Ulrich
- Gundel, Edward
- Haas, Ursula
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- Halverson, Rachel J
- Hannah, Richard (2)
- Harris, Gary
- Hetrick, Suzanne E
- Hohendahl, Peter Uwe
- Holden, Anne
- Hosle, Vittorio
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- Johnson, Sheila
- Jones, Michael (b)