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Miss B. Joan Holdridge, Editor-in-Chief, Cleveland-Marshall Law Review

Holdridge Represents CM In Boulder Colorado

Proof of Cleveland-Marshall's ever increasing stature among law schools is evidenced by the invitation received from the University of Colorado Law School to attend the Annual National Convention of Law School Law Review Editors in Boulder, Colorado April 10, 11 and 12. Miss B. Joan Holdridge, Issue Editor of the Spring Edition of the Law Review was selected to represent Cleveland-Marshall.

The University of Colorado Law School is to host the three day convention in the large Harvest-House Hotel in Boulder. Representatives from approximately sixty law schools throughout the Country will be broken into four groups. The smaller groups of fifteen to twenty students will be together for the three days and will hold round-table discussions, exchanging ideas on all phases of the law-review business, sources of articles, composition, financing, makeup, selection of personnel, etc. These discussions, which are exclusively student-run, will be interrupted only during meals and in the early evening. At this time guest speakers will address the convention.

Review of Miss Holdridge's qualifications indicates that Cleveland-Marshall will be well represented. A Junior, she has been active with the Law Review for the past three years. She was appointed Editor-in-Chief this year after working as an Associate Editor during her sophomore year.

In addition to these duties, Joan is a Junior Class representative to the Student Congress. She maintains an excellent scholastic average, and has done considerable writing for the Gavel. Miss Holdridge has been employed as a law clerk by the law firm of Mendelsohn, Kostinger, and Lane since last September.

Cleveland - Marshall will be one of two Evening Law Schools represented. In addition to this rather unique position, Cleveland - Marshall is one of the few schools represented that has a student-run law review and is one of the very few schools where Students write lead articles.

However, it appears that the Cleveland - Marshall Review has not sacrificed quality. Miss Holdridge commented that at the Convention held a year ago at Western Reserve University, a good deal of favorable mention was made of the quality of the Marshall Review, particularly in the Medical-Legal work. The Review was cited for being a leader in the now recommended

and increasingly popular trend towards specialization.

Miss Holdridge is to leave early on the morning of the 8th on United Air Lines, and will return to Cleveland late in the evening on the 10th.

SYMPOSIUM APRIL 23

The Cleveland Bar Association announces a symposium on patents, trade marks and licenses, to be held at the Hotel Manger, April 23. There will be no admittance charge for Cleveland-Marshall students.

SHERMAN TO GO TO COLUMBUS

Russell A. Sherman, junior class representative to the Student Congress and Treasurer of the Student Congress will represent Cleveland - Marshall at the annual regional meeting of the American Law Student's Association in Columbus on April 21 and 22.

Delegates from Law Schools in this area will assemble for a two day session in the State Capitol to discuss Student Congress activities and to exchange views on student government.

The A.L.S.A. holds its annual national meeting in Florida during the month of August.

SIXTY-ONE WIVES CAME TO TEA

On Sunday, February 28, Sixty-one lovely ladies, each adorned with a red rose, met in a decorative student lounge for the inaugural of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Wive's Club.

Dean Stapleton welcomed the group with a brief but warm talk. The faculty was introduced by Professor Samore.

Mrs Judy Seuthe, the temporary chairman, conducted the meeting. The wives voted to establish a permanent organization. A constitution, nominating, social-organizing and telephone committees were formed. Jewel Hammond, Joan Holdridge, Shirley Shanafelt and Esther Weisman head these committees.

Mesdames Skeel, Oleck, Samore, Gardner, and Smith poured tea and served cakes. Everyone agreed that the afternoon was a complete success.

The committee heads met on March 19 for the initial planning and organizing.

The second meeting was held March 27 at 2:30. Tentative plans for a Spring Dance were discussed.

The committee wishes to extend a cordial invitation to the wives to attend the next meeting. The telephone lists have not been completed and although some wives have not been contacted they are urged to attend the next meeting.

PURPOSE, POLICY & PRINCIPLES

During the past year the stature of the Gavel has risen to an unprecedented height. It has risen because of the efforts of two men, Hal Holdridge and Al Oberst, both past editors. These men changed the Gavel from the virtual one-man mimeographed publication of past years to the present printed paper that reflects the quality of the solid editorial and business staff they so well organized.

Thus, we come at a fortunate time. However, there is a debt, a debt that can only be paid by our continually increasing the quality of the Gavel. We will try to do this.

In this, our first issue, we want to take the opportunity to explain our purpose, policy and principles.

The Gavel is not, and cannot be, in the strict sense of the term, a "newspaper." The opportunity for pure news, the "late - breaking story," the "scoop," are virtually non-existent.

However, the Gavel can be a primary source of information for students in matters pertinent to their activities and interests at the school. The Gavel is not a small monthly law review. It can be, however, a vehicle of expression and in this sense a teacher for those students with journalistic inclinations. The Gavel can be a combatant of apathy. It can be thought - provoking as well as entertaining. We will try to make it all of these things.

The pages of the Gavel are open to students and faculty alike. The Gavel, however, is not a tool of the administration, nor is it to be a weapon in the hands of a select few. We invite and sincerely welcome stories, columns and news.

We look forward to an increasing number of "letters to the Editor." Contrary to past policy, we ask that letters be signed. We will not, as a matter of policy, comment on these letters. The opinions of the writer will succeed or fail on their own merits.

The Gavel, by its essence is a non-partisan, non-secular publication. The only limits are those of editorial integrity, good taste and good journalism. As a matter of policy, we insist that columnists with opposing opinions do not pick each other apart, but rather state their different views in

an affirmative and positive manner.

Thus, the thoughts, philosophies, and opinions expressed in these columns will not necessarily be the opinion of the Editor - and in some cases will probably not be understood by the Editor.

We will strive to be non-sophomoric. We want no part of the "Ivory Tower." Our search is not for yet undiscovered truth. We vow "white" journalism. We intend not to be radical. But, because we are young we will not apologize for being controversial.

These are our principles, our purpose and our policy. We sincerely hope that the Gavel readers will find the Gavel to be a service, to be thought-provoking, to be entertaining and enjoyable.

T.M.S.

AB INITIO

by Albert Oberst

Eight years have passed since a certain gas chamber was to put an end to a convicted criminal. Stays of execution and reprieves, by legal and political entanglements, have been granted to the possible detriment of this convict. For while sympathy may grow, so grows a stern determination to rid mankind of such criminals.

The fate of this human being is unjustly juggled by an international mob of opportunists. These mortals with little regard for principles or ultimate consequences are in effect trying to control this man's fate.

There is no further need to discuss the statements generally made that this convict made a mockery of the law or the fact that the law has protected him. From the beginning (ab initio) the sentence was capital punishment. Either this law shall hold or an amendment should be devised. But, the authorities should do this aside from mob opinion and do it with the ultimate benefit to society as their purpose.

Whatever they decide should be done without emotion and their decision should be one that will end this and future unfortunate frolics.

Lexicon

by Pete Roper

"Introductory signals" are a literary and scholarly shorthand with which an attorney must be familiar, for, as the booklet, A Uniform System of Citation, says, "... a citation introduced by an incorrect signal is an unsound citation." Most handbooks describe the method of using the signals, but few attempt to define them. Here are definitions of some commonly used signals.

e.g. - Exempli Gratia, often abbreviated ex.gr. or e.g., meaning "for purpose of example," or "for instance."

viz - A contraction for videlicet, meaning "that is to say."

Supra - "Above" or "Upon" . . . in a book or paper it refers the reader to a previous part of the book.

Infra - "Below," "under," "beneath" - (the opposite of supra, referring the reader to something appearing later in the text.)

i.e. - id est, meaning "that is," or "that is to say."

ibid. - "ibidem" - "in the same place, book, or page."

sic - "thus," "so," "in such manner."

c.f. - from the Latin confer meaning "compare." It directs the reader's attention to a contrasting, analogous, or explanatory statement or view.

contra - "against," "confronting," "opposite to," "on the contrary," . . . presenting a contrary view or opinion.

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The World Waits

by Leonard F. Lybarger

Among the many imperfections characteristic of the United States is racial discrimination; more particularly discrimination against Negroes. Although this problem is not peculiar to the South alone, it has been focused there by reason of criminal injustice, social resistance to court orders, and political rebellion against measures to prohibit the Negro from exercising his moral and constitutional rights.

The latest example of criminal injustice perpetrated on the Negro is pinpointed by the recent incident in Houston, Texas. In that city a human being was branded with the ignominious initials "KKK" for no apparent reason other than that he was a Negro.

Equally as infamous was the Parker incident of a year ago. The World waited then for justice to be done, but in vain. Will it be sickened again by a repeat performance? Morality and justice demand that it should not!

So, too, expectant eyes have witnessed widespread refusal to obey federal court orders designed to hasten integration in public schools. Such refusal is seen in the complete disregard in many communities in the Deep South of court orders to integrate as soon as possible, and in mere "token" integration in others.

The intelligent, furthermore, watch with dismay the deliberate choice of hundreds of parents - that of sacrificing the quality of education their children receive in order that they will not have to have their children associate with Negro children in the same school.

The World waits to see how long the decent will tolerate such a travesty. The Negro has already begun to act. One only has to observe the current lunch counter sit-down strikes in the Southern cities.

The current antics of eight-teen Southern Senators are but another audacious affront to National and World conscience. They misuse the "filibuster," abusing the parliamentary procedures that were created to protect minority rights, to prevent the enactment of Civil Rights legislation which is intended to protect the minority rights.

However patient men may be, they eventually seek redress for wrongs inflicted upon them. Wise men, consequently, take heed to this truth. Will the South?

It is evident that the price of exercising racial discrimination has become extremely high. Unlike consumer goods, however, this price will rise for only so long. Then it falls out. The recession appears to have begun. False pride must and will give way to that which is right and just.

The Political Role

by Daniel O. Corrigan

Political aspirants have a number of motives for applying their talents in the political arena. Some men are sincerely dedicated to the principles upon which our Nation was founded. These men, while regarding politics as somewhat of a rotten little game, refuse to become completely cynical; instead they persevere in the belief that their high ideals and unstinting loyalty to their country will somehow overcome the scoundrels who dare to defile the honor of our Nation.

Men of great character are few on the political scene today. Men of modesty, co-operativeness, kindness, and sincerity do not find it necessary to enter politics for personal gain or recognition. Such men are capable of success in fields where these characteristics need not be compromised. Politics is too often more alluring, however, to the unsavory sort of individual.

Overbearing and pretentious men, unsocial and un-co-operative men, cruel and implacable men, and falsifying and hypocritical men tend to be highly successful politicians. They are unscrupulous in the use of a variety of political devices in their attempts to control the minds and lives of their constituents.

Praise, flattery, and rewards are all tendered the favored sheep so that they will bend their wills to the self-serving ends of such politicians. Gossip, ridicule and punishment effectively keep the opposition occupied so that our heroes' devious plans are not easily thwarted.

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FRAT NEWS

by John Vamis

Once again the pledging season has rolled around as Delta Theta Phi looks to the future growth and development of its organization by increasing the membership of the brotherhood. It has been said many times and the Fraternity is well aware of the old truism that an organization grows and develops or it decays. Through the years an awareness of this truth has led the Fraternity in the spirit of fellowship to extend the hand of invitation to membership twice a year. On this occasion, formal initiation will be on April 30, at the Cleveland Athletic Club. All applications for membership must be in by April 8.

In the consideration of initiation one may quite naturally contemplate the history and development of the Fraternity. The first law fraternity at Cleveland - Marshall was Delta Phi Delta which was founded in 1900. It was followed in 1902 by Alpha Kappa Phi and by Theta Lambda Phi in 1903. These three fraternities were consolidated in 1913 forming the National Senate of Delta Theta Phi. The Ranney Senate at Cleveland-Marshall is the Alpha Chapter and is the oldest in the country.

Today, Delta Theta Phi is the largest National Law Fraternity in the country with a membership of over 40,000. The Alumni Senate membership of about 1,000 of Cleveland is one of the largest in the country.

It is with justifiable pride that the fraternity includes in its membership such distinguished men as Frank J. Lausche, J. Edgar Hoover, Chief Justice Carl V. Weygant, and Appellate Judges, Joy Seth Hurd, Edward Kovachy, and Lee E. Skeel. The membership also includes judges in numerous jurisdictions in Ohio.

This past year, Ranney Senate held its first dinner dance. With its success the Fraternity hopes to make this an annual event.

Those students interested in membership who were unable to attend the Smoker held on March 25 at the Dokey Club are reminded that application must be in by April 8.

Figuring the Averages

by Esther Weisman

We usually think of our grade average in terms of credit-point averages. These are calculated by weighting the letter with four points for A's, three for B's, etc., and then multiplying by the number of semester credit hours allotted for the particular course. The point average is the total credit points divided by the total semester hours.

	Grade	Crdt Pts	x	Crdt Hrs	=	Tot Crd Pts
TRUSTS:	C	2	x	3	=	6
SALES:	A	4	x	2	=	8
WILLS:	B	3	x	3	=	9
				<u>8</u>		<u>23</u>

Then, 23 (total points) is divided by 8 (total credit hours) resulting in a point average of 2.86.

However the average that determines class standing and is used in computing the final four-year average is more precise.

It is an average computed by multiplying the numerical grade received in each course by the number of credit hours applicable to that course and then dividing by the total number of credit hours.

	Numerical grade	x	Crdt Hrs	=	Tot Numr grade
TRUSTS:	78%	x	3	=	225
SALES:	93%	x	2	=	186
WILLS:	87%	x	3	=	261
			<u>8</u>		<u>672</u>

The 672 divided by the eight total semester hours results in a grade average of 84%.

In the Comprehensives there are usually forty-two questions each worth ten points. The number of questions in each course is determined by the importance of that course. The resulting comprehensive grade is determined by dividing the total score by the final grade.

The final average, the position in the graduating class, and the minimum 75% necessary for Graduation is determined by multiplying the numerical average by two, adding the comprehensive average and dividing by three.

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Honest, learned, young men with a legal education are essential to the defeat of these parasites.

Lawyers are in the peculiar position of having the leadership, temperament, logic, and education necessary for taking a sincere and knowledgeable position on political issues of great importance. The increasing size of our Nation has created a great need for local, state, and national leaders.

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