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This special election edition of The Gavel is offered to provide all of the SBA officer candidates with an equal opportunity to explain their platforms and develop visibility within the law school. The positioning of the candidate statements on these pages has been determined by random lot drawings. The Gavel has not proffered an endorsement because the staff is confident that the students can and will choose the best candidates. However, we hope that the candidates who are chosen will be able to avoid some of the mistakes of past administrations. Suggestions: the candidates one chooses should be people who will strive to end divisiveness without stifling dissent; their administration should be an open one—capable of working with both the SBA Senate and the student organizations (derisively called "special interest groups" by some); they should aggressively advocate student rights and interests; and they should serve the majority without ignoring the unique problems of minority groups. May the best candidates win.

The parking situation around campus has - and may always be - impossible. If law students are not allowed to park in the campus lots adjoining the law school, then measures must be taken to reduce the danger to students on campus after dusk. The willingness of students to escort women students to cars is commendable, but the responsibility for providing for student safety falls upon the institution. It is commonplace on many Ohio campuses for Security to escort students to parking facilities. This certainly is reasonable in consideration of the isolated nature of the new facility.

These are representative areas which I feel must be pursued. In addition to actively voicing student concerns, I would assist the president by assuming many of the administrative tasks so that s/he and the officers as a whole may function more effectively.

**Jackie Fitzpatrick**

The office of secretary has not traditionally been known for attracting candidates who are interested in actively pursuing concerns of students. I am not interested in merely taking meeting notes and typing letters. I want to be an active voice for students and to work toward making the everyday aggravations of being a student more tolerable.

We will move into our new facility fall term. Once again we have been provided with an inadequate number of lockers for students. This may seem a nominal problem; however, the resulting inconvenience to students is inexcusable and the situation should be remedied by fall.

**Bruce W. Marks**

Definite commitment to helping the Law School:

1) SBA Senator 1st and 2nd year.
2) Member of the Admissions Committee
3) Negotiated a deal with the donut shoppe and personally delivered the donuts for the Coffee Hour last quarter in the student lounge.

Statement of Policy:

As Vice-President I would have two main goals -

1) to improve the image of the
GEORGE KUHLMAN

Three burdens fall upon the President of the SBA. First, he must lead in representing the students’ interests as they “legislate” among themselves. Second, he must represent the students to faculty and administration. Third, he must represent the law school to the legal community.

Leading the SBA presumes fairness in encouraging Senators to actively seek the opinions and wants of organized student groups and the non-affiliated students at large. Important and viable as are the interests of the student groups, each individual must be encouraged to register his demands, and this is not the least important when it comes to distribution of the monies he pays each quarter, per force, into the SBA budget. To avoid the debacle of this year’s budget controversy in future years, I propose that the SBA appoint a committee consisting of one representative from each of the groups, and an equal number of non-aligned, independent students, denominated the Budget Committee, to spend the late summer and early fall designing and proposing the year’s budget. This proposed budget would be made public prior to the SBA budget meeting, and it would be obligatory that the Senators use every means of communication possible to secure the students’ opinions relative to it.

Representing the students to faculty and administration must entail civility, proof that our arguments are reasonably founded, and persistence.

For Example: rather than referring sarcastically to job placement difficulties, I would respectfully propose to the administration that a

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TERRY BRENAN

I am running for SBA President because I can provide the necessary leadership our student government sorely needs.

The necessity of leadership is painfully apparent. Students have literally "been at each other's throats" this past year. This is a law school, not Chicago. The time of power politics has come and gone. I believe I can bring a new leadership to SBA that tied to the mistakes of the past.

As to my platform, I decided to post it around the law school early to allow you sufficient time to comment upon it. Some additional points, however, should be made.

1) Although some have questioned my ability to improve the school's placement program, I believe my experience is well suited for this role. As chairman of the SBA PLACEMENT Committee:
   a) I helped in successfully petitioning the Alumni for the creation of an Alumni Committee to assist students in finding jobs with the added stipulation that both women and black alumni be given a place on the new committee;
   b) Pressured the Placement Office into increasing its mailings and phone calls to Cleveland and other Ohio law firms;
   c) Served as one of the first student representatives ever in the Greater Cleveland Bar Association, Young Lawyers Section, to solicit assistance from the Bar Association in finding jobs for law students.

2) I have also taken a firm stand in support of the "Committee of 1000" form of government, and would recommend a constitutional amendment permanently establishing such.

3) Night students must begin to assert the authority which is rightfully theirs. This necessitates the creation of an organization which would plan activities, and receive funds in the same manner as other groups. Without such a permanent organization, night students would be forever doomed to accepting token handouts.

   With your support and assistance, I believe we can create a better, more representative and responsive leadership in SBA.

CHARLES E. NATKINS

Currently working as a public accountant while awaiting certification

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There are several steps the SBA must take within the next year in order to insure better representation of the student body. As president, my first step would be to expand placement opportunities. I intend to establish a job information center which will be an effective means of providing advance notice to students when job opportunities become available. There is no justification for the fact that most people were unaware that the Federal Government hires hundreds of law students as summer interns at the different Federal agencies. The job information center will alleviate these problems and hopefully make it easier to find employment.

The second step I will take as SBA president is to totally represent the student viewpoint to the faculty. I will ensure that situations like the two week exam schedule will not occur again. A spring break is important to us all so wmay be able to face the next quarter of school.

I also propose to promote the viability of the SBA within the law school and the legal community. This problem can be approached by setting up programs within the university and the city which would build our reputation and our morale. An important part of this program would be getting speakers here who would be interesting to both the students at Cleveland-Marshall and the legal community of Cleveland. Ideas for these speakers would come directly from the students.

I also propose to end the schism between the different groups within the law school by promoting good will through utilization of such devices as frequent happy hours, tournaments, law school trips to plays and sports events, and intramural sports teams. A student bar association should be responsive to the needs of the student body and not merely a governmental concern.

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Cleveland-Marshall College of Law with the legal community in Cleveland.
The way to do this is to involve the attorneys in Cleveland in the activities
of this Law School. One way to involve these lawyers is through the Speakers
Program. If we could send out invitations to all the law firms in Cleveland we have prominent, big
name speakers, I am sure that many Cleveland attorneys would attend.

Moreover, if the speakers would always be scheduled at 5:00 p.m., this would
afford both the night students and the practicing attorneys a reasonable time slot.

2) to improve the library situation. I would make a concerted effort to have
more money spent for library books and to expand the library hours. In
addition, I would set up a committee that would attempt to enforce the no
talking provision.

JAMES PATNODE

The purpose of student government is to make life bearable during the three
years we have to serve here. This means, among other things, holding happy
hours, securing decent job placement, orienting first-year students, and
providing much needed services to a thousand people. The student body
entrusts to its officers the day-to-day administration of its affairs. Much of
that job is to mobilize and organize the time, talent and energy of significant
numbers of students.

Until now, the SBA has been a body that publishes a student directory and invites a few speakers. It should do
more. With spirited and capable leadership, it can do more.

The leadership of the SBA has a dual purpose:

To effectively motivate and organize students to carry out student activities, such as happy hours, coffee hours,
speakers, workshops, directory and housing information, etc.: To encourage creativity and participation.

To intercede with the school administration on our behalf. The new leadership must maintain a good
working rapport with the new dean. This does not have to be an adversary relationship, but when our interests do
conflict, we must not surrender our interests in the name of expediency.

Only a fair, capable, enthusiastic team can best accomplish this dual purpose of balancing the interests of student
groups against each other, and of representing the interests of all students toward the faculty.

Such a team is the PATNODE-SCHNEIDER team, an optimal combination of serious reflection and
and can-do enthusiasm, of intelligence and talent. Therefore, I intend to serve my colleagues well as president of the SBA
and I heartily recommend my very able and talented colleague, Mr. Schneider, to be my Vice-President.

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MARTIN B. SCHNEIDER

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5) The color TV. (not responsible for the fact it doesn't work).
6) Member of university's Student Affairs Committee and Publications Board.
7) Publisher of OFF THE WALL
8) Deployed soldiers on the new building.
9) TRO; court enjoins Gavel election (See Cleveland Press 3/19/76)
10) Presently employed with the United States Attorney.

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