OPEN HOUSE - NOVEMBER 21ST

The Open House this year, sponsored by the Student Council, will be held at the Cleveland-Marshall Law School, Saturday Evening, November 21. Here is a chance to show off your law school to your relatives and friends. This is the big social event of the year, and the Student Council urges each student, especially the Freshmen, to plan to attend. There will be wine, women, and song. (You bring the wine and the women, the Student Council will provide the song in the form of a professional dance band.)

There is some talk about additional entertainment being provided by the students, and that a dragnet has been thrown out in search for local talent. If you know of someone who fits the description, please contact your student council representative.

The tariff for the occasion has not yet been determined, but this applies only to upper classmen as freshmen are admitted free.

Scholastic awards for the outstanding students and door prizes for the lucky ones will be featured along with refreshments for everyone.

There will be more details about the Open House in the next issue of The Gavel, but in the meantime, remember to set aside November 21st for the Open House Party. It is the one night all year that you are officially invited to attend law school for fun.

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FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS AVAILABLE

Due to the perspicacity of our Dean Stapleton, Cleveland-Marshall Law School has been granted funds for loans to students under the National Defense Student Loan Program. In order to obtain this grant, the school has matched these funds and they are now available for student aid.

The requirements for obtaining a loan under this program are very strict:
1. Need -- The student must be able to show an actual need before a loan can be granted.
2. Scholastic ability -- Such ability is measured from high school and college grades, aptitude examination, etc.
3. Full-time student -- No one carrying less than the full program as prescribed by the office is eligible.
4. Good standing -- This means only students in good standing and in no danger of going on probation.
5. Non-Communist oath and affidavit -- Everyone applying for this loan must be willing to take such an oath and sign this affidavit.

The law is quite explicit in stating that funds are to be advanced only for the current educational requirements of the student.

The student must sign a promissory note evidencing this indebtedness. One full year after graduation or leaving school, this note will begin bearing simple interest at the rate of 3% per year. However, the student is given a ten-year period in which to repay the loan after graduation and there is even some latitude in choosing the schedule of repayment. The note also provides that the debt it represents is cancelled if the student should die before it is fully paid.

Anyone who feels that he can meet these requirements may make an appointment to see Dean Stapleton. However, it is suggested that any student considering asking for a loan under this program contact their student council representative.

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"Logic is logic. That's all I say."
was a brief observation of Oliver Wendell Holmes. However, Miss Marcella M. Matejka with a Masters in Library Science, had a different and more pragmatic use for the word logic when she and Jack F. Smith, the librarian, planned the fine new system of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Library.

Jointly they have devised a logical arrangement of nearly 30,000 volumes to make the student and faculty research problems as easy as possible.

Their system can be favorably compared with the Columbia, Yale and Harvard Libraries; yet, specifically equipped to meet the exigencies of the fast moving evening law student. A few items which compose the nucleus of this system are the up-to-date coded catalogs, the "General Library Directory" and the Library of Congress Card Catalog. Of particular note in these items is the "General Library Directory" which lists the more important volumes in the library by room and in some cases by the shelf numbers.

Continuing in this system to the first room of the library, which incidentally until recently was the only room of the old library, we find the pithy legal materials. These, of course, include the legal digest systems, Words and Phrases, The American Law Reports, The National Reporter System, and the essential Ohio reports, codes and statutes.

Highlights of the second room are state and foreign law references in addition to general legal treatises and dissertations on important legal subjects. It is in this room that the various state codes are located. Among other countries, the English reports are kept as useful references to earlier common law that provide the basis of precedent and persuasive authority.

The foundation of the legal strength of our great nation is retained in the third room in the form of the Federal Court Reports, Statutes, Codes and the various administrative agency legislation supplemented with the loose leaf services. This brings the Federal Law within the quick grasp of its searchers. Also, in the third room, are duplicate copies of those frequently used codes found in the first room.

For the research minded the fourth room was established with those priceless in-

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"The time has come the walrus said
To talk of many things:
Of shoes and ships and sealing wax,
Of cabbages and kings
And why the water is boiling hot
And whether pigs have wings."

Once again a new crop of bright and shining faces has been turned upward to woo the muses. Perhaps a larger group than usual, but this may be explained in part by the new rule which goes into effect in 1960 - an undergraduate degree becomes a prerequisite for admission to accredited law school.

To those Freshmen who may be slightly dismayed at the size of some of their classes, Wally says take heart. Soon you will be able to witness the wonderful Rule of Attrition: no studying = 0 = flunk = out = more space for those remaining.

At this point a short message to our Seniors would seem to be in order. We would not recommend that too many of you take the advice espoused by this year's top man in the bar. This gentleman claims he did not study too hard, but for most of us, such an approach would only be an invitation to suicide. However, his point of not deliberately trying for top honors is well taken. There are enough fears and tensions associated with the Bar without consciously striving to also get the highest grade. We sometimes wonder if there is not some merit in getting swacked the night before the Bar. The short message seems to be rambling, but in summation, work as hard as you possibly can and relax. Those who have earned the right to pass will pass - those who think they can cram it all in the month before will be unpleasantly surprised.

To our lovers of aesthetic beauty, Wally is happy to pass on the news that our fine edifice is about to receive a face lifting. Plans are now under way to place an aluminum front which will extend to the second floor. The rest of the building is also due for some art work. Couple this with our new entrance-way and slowly but surely 1240 Ontario is becoming a building we can point to with pride rather than trying to deny its existence. May we suggest that the next money spent on improvements go into further work on the stairwells and/or the second floor reception area.

Elections are coming up shortly and Wally cannot miss this opportunity to urge everyone to vote. At the risk of being overly dramatic, Wally feels that the fate of the Greater Cleveland area could well hinge on this election -- we are referring, of course, to the County Charter Plan. No matter how you feel about this particular plan, some plan of this nature is desperately needed. A copy of the proposed plan has been sent to every registered voter; read it, form your opinion, and vote! The day of the exclusive, small suburbs taking all of the good that the large metropolis has to offer and sharing in none of the burdens must end. The inefficiencies and duplication of efforts of a multitude of small towns must breathe their last in the birth of a new, large, and efficient metropolis - a community of all the people.

Wally's Question of the Month: Have you been checked out on the new bank of dispensing machines in the student lounge?

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FRATERNITY NEWS

by Donald Harrington

The date of our next social is set for October 19, at which time our guest speaker will be Lew Groza, place-kicking specialist for the Cleveland Browns. This meeting will be closed to guests, and only fraternity members and alumni will be admitted. The social will be held in the main meeting room of Little Ted's Lounge, St. Clair and West 3rd Street, at 9:10 Monday evening. The meeting has been set for Monday instead of Friday because of the Cleveland Browns' training rules. Sandwiches and refreshments will be served after the meeting. Come and meet some of the alumni members.

The first fraternity smoker has been tentatively set for November 6th. All Freshmen and Sophomores who would like to become members of the fraternity (continued page 4, column 1)
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The cause of the students when we feel that the personal welfare of the students is at stake. These efforts cannot be successful without the support of the student body. Primarily, what is sought from the Student body itself is an interest in the activities of the Student Congress. Each class should have an interest in the contribution which its own student council representatives make at the Student Council meetings. From time to time the minutes of the Student Council meetings will be posted on the bulletin board. If you happen to note that one of your representatives was missing from the meeting, please feel free to inquire as to the reason for this absence.

The importance of the Student Congress has been growing over the past few years. Last year's Student Congress did much to enhance the position of this year's Congress. Certain activities were undertaken last year such as the student directory, which must be continued this year. Perhaps the largest single task was the holding of the Open House. In my future columns I will speak at greater length about some of the projects which we intend to complete, in the hope that the students by reading of them in this column and elsewhere will support our efforts. I myself feel that perhaps there should be greater communication between the various classes, instead of each class being a single, solitary unit which passes through this school. I feel that the Freshmen should be allowed to benefit from experience gained by the upper classmen in their endeavors to successfully pass through law school. At this point I would suggest to the various freshmen the feasibility of study groups, which certain of the upper classmen have found to be of great benefit in their study efforts.

Any questions by any individual or group from any class should best be directed to their own student council representative, and if the problem is of such a nature that Student Congress discussion and action is required, it will be so done. If the problem is of a lesser nature, it will be taken care of either by your student representative or your president.

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STUDENT COUNCIL REPORT
by Karl Seuthe, President

The President would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Student Congress for electing him to head the Cleveland-Marshall Student Congress for the year. I fully realize that this is a position which is of great importance, and I hope to do everything in my power to enhance the position of the student body and the school.

At no time does the Student Congress intend to interfere with the management of the school, for this is an area which is exclusively the function of the school administration, but there are certain areas, where we will attempt to foster (continued next column)
WHO'S NEXT?

The "Rule of Attrition" discussed by Wally in this issue becomes very real when we see the pertinent statistics.

Attending this year (1959/60):

1st year. . . . . . . . . 192
2nd year. . . . . . . . . 117
3rd year. . . . . . . . . 103
4th year. . . . . . . . . 83

Withdrawn during 1958/59:

1st year. . . . . . . . . 34
2nd year. . . . . . . . . 4
3rd year. . . . . . . . . 3
4th year. . . . . . . . . 0

Dismissed at end of 1958/59:

1st year. . . . . . . . . 4
2nd year. . . . . . . . . 6
3rd year. . . . . . . . . 2
4th year. . . . . . . . . 0

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program should re-examine the requirements set out above and not waste the Dean's time or his own by applying when there is no possibility of obtaining the loan.

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HELP WANTED

Anyone interested in contributing a portion of his expendable effort toward making The Gavel a better publication is hereby invited by the editors and staff to step forward and make himself known. You may help as much or as little as you like, depending on the time you have available.

If you cannot locate a staff member, Professor Samore will gladly take your name and we will contact you. We need your articles, your ideas, your constructive criticism, and your two hands once each month to help assemble the pages after they have been mimeographed.

This is your paper. Let us know what you like as well as what you don't like, and we will adjust the publication accordingly.

Remember the suggestion box on the third floor, also. The more you use it the better we'll like it.

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WHO SAID THAT?

We hear that if members of a partnership disagree on company policy, the best solution is to dissolve themselves.

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