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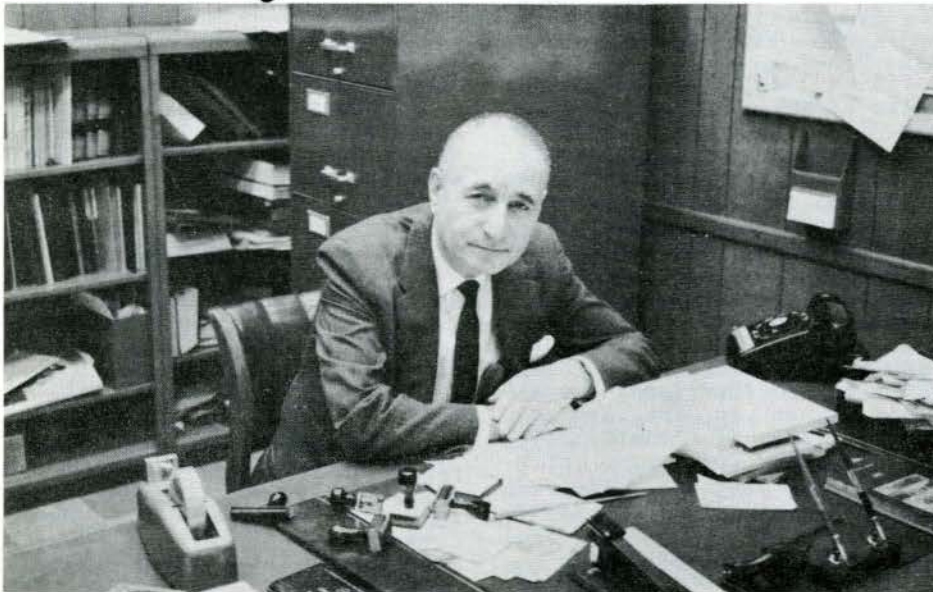
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Library and Offices Get New Look



Librarian Rudolph H. Heimanson in new remodeled library office.

A dream of many years finally became a reality here at Cleveland-Marshall this September. The entire second floor of the school, the old cramped offices, the ungainly administrative quarters and the antiquated library were completely renovated and replaced by a modern plant that is not only quite handsome, but one that promises many times the efficiency.

As far as the student is concerned probably the most notable and important change was the remodeling of the school library. With the new library came a new librarian.

Professor Rudolph H. Heimanson, a new-comer to Cleveland and to Cleveland-Marshall, was appointed head librarian in September 1961.

Professor Heimanson received an LLB from the University of Berlin in 1928 and in 1933 was awarded a Doctorate of Law from the University of Wuerzburg. In 1953 he received his MLS (Master of Library Science) from Pratt Institute in New York.

From 1951 to 1953 he served as the Circulation Librarian at Columbia University and from 1953, until accepting the present assignment here at Cleveland-Marshall, he served as the librarian at New York Law School.

Professor Heimanson is a regular contributor to the LIBRARY JOURNAL, a monthly library trade journal. His immediate aim here at Cleveland-Marshall is to build a card catalogue that will reflect all of the holdings in the library.

At the present time there are approximately 35,000 volumes in the library. A Reserve room has been implemented to control such material as the advance sheets, unbound periodicals, Horn Books, practice manuals and form books.

Although Identification cards are not necessary for students to gain access to the main reading room in the library the Student Library card is necessary in order to take any volume from the Reserve room.

Sophomores George Liviola and Richard Osborne, Junior Thomas Scanlon and Senior John Vamis assist Professor Heimanson in the operation of the library on a part time basis.

Harvard Grad Teaches Jurisprudence

Wilton S. Sogg, 26, Cleveland-Marshall's newest and youngest Professor, recently completed his first teaching assignment here at Cleveland-Marshall, the two-hour Junior course in Jurisprudence.

Mr. Sogg, who feels that the study of Jurisprudence provides material that is the basis of legal education, has a very impressive scholastic background himself.

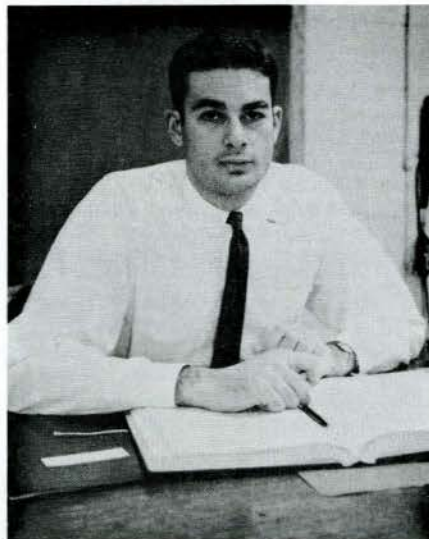
He graduated from Cleveland Heights High in 1952 and graduated as a member of the Phi Beta Kappa from Dartmouth College in 1956. In 1959 he received an L.L.B. degree with cum laude honors from Harvard Law School.

While at Harvard he was a member of the Law Review and in his Senior year he taught a course in Federal taxation.

After graduating he spent a year at the University of London on a Fullbright Scholarship and then a year ago joined the law firm of Gottfried, Ginsberg, Guren and Merrit.

Mr. Sogg is single and lives with his family in Shaker Heights. In addition to law, which appears to be an avocation as well as a vocation, he professes an interest in photography, swimming, sailing and horseback riding.

Professor Sogg summed up the study of Jurisprudence as, "A course, the subject matter of which will not be repealed or overruled."



Wilton S. Sogg—"The basis of a legal education."

Open the Open House

No one has disagreed, during past years, that the annual Open House was anything but a very pleasant social affair.

There has been, however, some concern about whether or not the Open House, which was intended to acquaint outsiders with the school, has actually fulfilled that intent.

As far back as we can remember the Open House activity has been confined to the third floor class rooms and these rooms, robbed of any academic appearance by the removal of the desks, surely have not given the visitor a very accurate picture of Cleveland-Marshall.

Now that the library and the second floor offices have been remodeled, now that we have a physical plant that we can be proud of, we hope that during this year's Open House arrangements can be made to show the visitors the entire school.

Legal Opportunities

by Al Oberst

Ask yourself why? For what ultimate purpose do we as law students struggle through four years of law school? What basically are we trying to accomplish?

No doubt there are about as many answers to these questions as there are students. Freshmen answers will differ little from those of the upper classmen. In fact many of the graduates who just passed the bar have not made up their minds.

Before you become too certain about your decision let's look at some figures involving the profession you long to join. One-half of the non-salaried lawyers in the nation earn less than \$7,400.00 per year. One-third of the same group earns less than \$5,400.00 per year. Further, between 1949 and 1957 the average legal income has increased less than one-third as rapidly as the average income in all other self-employed fields.

These figures are not favorable if you think you will gain financial benefits by the LLB and passing the bar. Especially when you hope to practice in a county which has about one listed lawyer for every 468 residents.

As to what the laymen think of the legal profession, just read the Cleveland Press or the comic strips, "Dick Tracy" or "Little Orphan Annie" and for sure you will know the legal profession is not prestige laden.

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The Alternative to Communism

by Leonard F. Lybarger

The past decade has forced us to awaken to our world responsibilities. As a result much confusion clouds the thinking of many Americans. In dealing with the problem of our Communist competitor we have emulated the strategy of our adversary. This strategy has taken the form which the recent and present administration is still grappling with — that of selling Americanism as the only alternative to Communism for achieving world peace.

To our surprise the emerging nations of Asia and Africa have not swallowed this two-sided pill. Our naivete no longer will nor can excuse the continued employment of Americanism as the only hope of mankind.

At the heart of the failure of our foreign policy is our refusal to analyze the product we are selling or, rather, trying to sell. Not one person could adequately define what is meant by Americanism.

The reason for this is that it is a generality which purports to describe a way of life common to all Americans. Necessarily fused in the idea are three beliefs — Christianity, Capitalism and Democracy. When combined and the term "freedom" is used to describe their loose partnership, the resultant confusion is easily understood.

To say that no one can truly enjoy freedom unless he adopts our Americanism is to say that the Swedes and Australians are not free.

For the East to reject Christianity is to be expected; for Africans to choose a polity other than democracy should surprise no one; and for India to suspect the wisdom of capitalism is at least prudent.

What then of Communism? As a form of economy it possibly could beat capitalism at its own game. Until we produce more plowshares for mankind than television sets for ourselves, no one can honestly bet on one as opposed to the other.

As for Christianity, most of us might agree that it offers the best approach toward ultimate truth, but we hardly could deny that there are other avenues toward the goal.

And lastly, we may believe that Democracy is the best form of government yet devised by man, but only the unsophisticated would argue that it is the only method by which man can enjoy the fruits of freedom.

When we realize that Communism offers answers to all three of our beliefs, the significance of our approach becomes apparent. There is but one aspect of Communism that really need concern us and the world; and that is that it is a philosophy which denies man's spiritual nature and glorifies scientific materialism as a n

end in itself. This, and only this, will we have to attack if future generations are to have the opportunity to achieve a more full self-realization.

If the spirit be our weapon, it only can be forged upon the anvil of the application of spiritual beliefs to one's everyday life.

Fraternity News

by Thomas J. Scanlon

In the latter part of August the Delta Theta Phi held its semi-annual national convention in Atlanta, Georgia. Brother John Gill represented the Cleveland-Marshall Senate and reported that many different types of programs were discussed.

The Fraternity held its first business meeting on Friday, September 29.

On Friday, October 13, the Fraternity sponsored a bar examination forum. Two Cleveland-Marshall alumni, Brothers Fred Lick and Russ Sherman, who took and passed the July Bar Examination, were the speakers.

The Fraternity wishes to thank Brothers Lick and Sherman for taking an evening to give their impressions, suggestions and opinions of the last Bar Examination. Approximately fifty-five Fraternity Brothers and Students attended this forum. We are sure that those who were present gained some valuable information which will help them prepare for the Bar Examination.

Brothers who did not receive a letter from Dean Dale Brown should contact one of the Officers to have their names included on our current mailing list.

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Fraternity holds bar forum

On Friday evening, October 13, the Delta Theta Phi, under the direction of Vice Dean Al Oberst, inaugurated a bar examination forum here at Cleveland-Marshall.

The forum, held after the evening classes, lasted about two hours and was attended by more than fifty students. The program was divided into two parts, discussion by the two speakers and a question and answer period.

This year's speakers, Fred Lick and Russ Sherman, both graduated in June and both took and passed the July bar. Their discussion covered preparation for the bar, the comprehensives, and the examination itself.

While both agreed that a specific study schedule was necessary to successfully prepare for the bar, they disagreed as to the better method of study.

Russ Sherman told the group that he felt that he achieved the best results by studying alone. He said that he had started in February and had allotted a certain number of days and hours for review of each subject.

Fred Lick told the group that he preferred the study group approach and said that his study group had done the same as Sherman in allotting so many hours to each subject.

Lick stressed the advantages of the group writing out practice questions and then comparing the answers.

Both men are excellent speakers and both were well prepared in their subject. The entire discussion was taped and will be available on request.

(EDITOR'S NOTE—We are pleased to welcome Marilyn Collins as a member of the GAVEL Staff. Mrs. Collins, wife of Senior John B. Collins, was recently elected Public Relations Chairman of the Wives Club, and will be writing a monthly column for the GAVEL.

We also take this occasion to thank Mary Ann Hisnay for her excellent reporting during the past year and wish her good luck in her new job as Vice-President of the Wives Club.)

by Marilyn Collins

The Wives Club elected new officers for the 1961-62 school year at the June meeting. They are: Rosemarie Roda, President; Mary Ann Hisnay, Vice President; Mary Heaslip, Recording Secretary; Agnes Kermod, Corresponding Secretary; Florence Tolt, Treasurer; Marilyn Collins, Public Relations Chairman; Marilyn Leary, Social Chairman; and Joyce Balazs, Parliamentarian.

The Membership Committee, a new committee this year, will be headed by Patty LaMont. Anyone interested in the Law Wives may contact Patty at SK-2-3097.

As in previous years the Law Wives will meet on the second Sunday of the month in the Student Lounge. There will be refreshments unless the prize bakers lose their "white thumbs." Guests and prospective members are always welcome.

The first meeting was held on September 10. Mrs. Leo Belz, a hair stylist and owner of the Hair and Face Salon on West 168 Street, was the guest speaker. Polly Burns, a new member this year, won the door prize, a

Wives Club

leather clutch purse. Marilyn Leary demonstrated a novel way to fashion flowers out of facial tissue and with the help of some of the other girls made these flowers as favors for the ladies that attended the tea.

The annual Tea and Fashion Show was held on October 8 in the Lounge. The guest speakers were Dean Wilson G. Stapleton, Assistant Dean Howard Oleck and Professor Jack Smith. Mesdames Oleck, Skeel and Samore poured and Mrs. Stapleton acted as commentator for the fashion show. Fashions were provided by the Mary's Style Shop and members of the Wives Club did the modeling.

Marilyn Leary, Chairman of the Tea and all of the girls who provided the high calories that graced the tables are congratulated for making the Tea a lovely affair.

Professor Anthony R. Fiorette will be the guest speaker at the November 12 meeting. Mr. Fiorette, who teaches Domestic Relations, will speak on Domestic Relations, highlighting some of his most unusual and outstanding cases.

The Autumn raffle will be held at the November meeting. Prizes include a fifty piece set of silverware, a Chatam blanket and Fieldcrest "Dream Garland" sheets and pillowcases, and a Dormeyer portable mixer.

The tickets (10 cents apiece, or 3 for a quarter or 12 for \$1.00) will be on sale until the drawing. Mary Ann Hisnay has charge of the raffle and can be contacted at VI-3-8844.

Wives Club plans for December center around the Christmas Carnival. To make this project is successful we would appreciate having your old Christmas cards and any taste-pleasing recipes for Christmas cookies.

Sue Gavin (WI-1-5586) is in charge of cards and Christine Miller (IV-1-1449) is handling the cookie recipes. A display of handmade Christmas gifts will be shown at the November meeting.

LEGAL OPPORTUNITIES . . . (Continued from Page Two)

Currently, the lawyer is essentially the person to see only when there is trouble.

With the premise that a man's judgment is as good as his information, these bits of information are provided. In future columns I will cover more about the legal profession with the intent of giving information as to where the opportunities lie.



Fred Lick and Russ Sherman—"A specific study schedule . . ."



Student Council Representatives prepare Student Directory.

Open House December 2

The annual Open House will be held Saturday evening, December 2 between the hours of eight and twelve o'clock in the third floor class rooms.

Dance music will be provided throughout the evening by Senior George Joseph and his band. Dean Stapleton will be the master of ceremonies and will present the academic awards. A buffet type supper will be served during the evening.

This year's chairman, Julian Allen, announced that as in past years Freshmen will be admitted free. Tickets for the upper classes will be available either at the door or from the class representatives.

Dunn Elected to Council

Last Friday evening, Junior Section A elected Richard Dunn to fill the unexpired term of student council representative vacated by Jim Johnstone in September.

Dunn, an insurance adjuster with the American Casualty Company, in a brief acceptance speech, pledged to serve Section A with integrity and honor.

Johnstone, elected by Section A in January 1961, was transferred out of town by his employer and was forced to drop out of school in September.

Frat Smoker draws 80

On Friday evening, October 27, Ranney Senate of the Delta Theta Phi held its Fall Smoker at Lenard's Restaurant.

Approximately eighty men attended the annual affair that is intended as a welcome for prospective members.

After Dean Dale Brown extended a fraternal welcome, Brothers Fred Lick and Andy Putka were introduced and both gave short talks in which they stressed the benefits of fraternity membership.

Both Lick and Putka are past Delt officers and both are currently active alumni. Their comments were interesting and humorous.

The Smoker provided the prospective members with the opportunity to become acquainted with the Delta Theta Phi.

Another Smoker is planned for later in the school year.

145 Freshmen Register Mortality Rate High

145 Freshmen, a drop of 23 from last year's 168 registered for the fall session here at Cleveland-Marshall.

A total of 433 registered, a drop of 72 from last year's 505.

The current registration includes 84 Seniors, 98 Juniors, 106 Sophomores and the 145 Freshmen.

In September 1960 there were 90 Seniors, 102 Juniors, 145 Sophomores and 168 Freshmen registered.

The mortality rate or drop-outs at this time from last year's Freshman class number 62; Sophomore class, 47; and Junior class, 18.

Of the 90 Seniors who were enrolled in September 1960, 85 graduated.

69 Grads Pass Bar

Eighty-three 1961 Cleveland-Marshall graduates took the July Bar Examination. Sixty-nine or 83% passed.

Although the State-wide average was slightly higher, (87.3%) our percentage is quite commendable in view of the fact that we had, by a substantial number, the greater number of men taking the examination.

The twenty-five graduates who were exempt from the comprehensives last year by virtue of the fact that their over-all average exceeded 83%, all passed the Bar Examination.

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