Editor’s Note

On behalf of The Gavel staff, I’d like to welcome all the first year students to Cleveland-Marshall and welcome back the rest of the student body, faculty and staff. Best of luck to everyone for a successful year.

Graduation! Ah, I live for that day. Strains of Pomp and Circumstance and visions of purple hoods dance in my head. I can see myself now, walking across the stage, shaking the Dean’s hand and receiving my diploma. But as I open the folder, instead of finding my hard-earned and long-awaited diploma, I find a note saying the diploma will be forthcoming.

How anti-climactic! After three and four long years of hard work and frustration, this is all there is? It makes commencement an empty event rather than a dignified ceremony congratulating and recognizing the graduates’ hard work. As it stands now, you go through the ceremony and don’t even know if you’ve really passed or not, so why even go?

I took an informal poll and most students received their diplomas on commencement day from their undergraduate school. So, why can’t we get ours on June 15th? They can be ordered ahead of time, and with the last day of final exams being May 14th, that gives professors almost a month to get their grades in. As to the argument of what happens if someone doesn’t pass, I doubt that happens very often, and if so, why should the rest of the class suffer to protect against this?

I invite and encourage a response from the administration and would gladly give them space in the next issue. All of us graduates-to-be have worked hard during our days at Cleveland-Marshall. I strongly urge the administration to make our commencement, our moment in the spotlight, more than the flick of a bic.

Mary DeGenaro

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Letters to the Editor

All letters to the editor must be neatly written or typed, double-spaced, and not exceed two pages. All letters must be signed and have author's year or position at Cleveland-Marshall.

To all students, staff and faculty of Cleveland-Marshall:

We received many compliments on last year's Gavel, and we thank you for them. This year's editors are working to keep improving the newsmagazine to make it even better. But we need your help!

This is your space, use it! Apathy has caused the decline of many institutions. Active student participation in The Gavel will assure its continued improvement and guard against its decline.

If you have a comment, good or bad, about The Gavel, a response to an article or previous letter, or comments about CSU, Marshall, or current events, submit it to The Gavel and get a discussion started.

There will be a poster up all year in the cafeteria with the date of our next deadline and a pocket to drop off your letter or article.

So exercise your First Amendment right to Free Speech!

Mary DeGenaro, 3rd year
Kassia Maslowski, 3rd year
Sandi Kowiako, 2nd year
Gavel Editors

Hello and Goodbye

by Kassia Maslowski

Cleveland-Marshall works hard to bring its students the best possible faculty and staff and this is proven once again this year as four new professors join the C-M family.

There are two new full-time faculty members. Professor Terrence Collingsworth is a visiting assistant professor of law. Professor Collingsworth was an associate of a law firm in Seattle, Washington where his practice was primarily in the litigation area. He will teach Criminal Law, Fair Employment Practice and the Fair Employment Practice Clinic.

Professor Jonathan Miller is the exchange professor from the Polytechnic of Central London. He visited Cleveland-Marshall during the 1979-80 school year when he taught Contracts and International Law and Human Rights, both of which he will teach again this year.

Two adjunct faculty members also join the staff. Professor Armand Grunberger is a tax attorney with the firm of Kohrman, Jackson and Krantz and will teach Taxation II this fall and Taxation I this spring.

Professor Robert McNew is counsel for trade regulation with Eaton Corporation. Prior to joining Eaton, he was a supervisory trial attorney in the Antitrust Division of the Justice Department in the New York Field Office and a trial attorney in the Cleveland office. He will teach Corporations in the spring.

Cleveland-Marshall will be represented in all parts of the world by four of our professors. Professor Jack Guttenberg is the exchange professor to the Polytechnic of Central London. Professor Barry Kellman has a Fulbright Fellowship to Fudan University in Shanghai, Peoples Republic of China where he will be teaching Corporation Law. Professor Jane Picker will teach this fall at the University of Melbourne in Australia. She will return to C-M in the spring. Professor Robin West is a visiting professor at Stanford Law School.

Professor David Forte will continue his appointment at the United Nations in New York.

Cleveland-Marshall lost two professors to retirement this past year. Professor Theodore Dyke retired in the spring and Professor LeRoy Murad, who partially retired last year, teaching one course per semester, is now fully retired.
By now, you have a few weeks under your belt, but at this time I'd like to welcome you to Cleveland-Marshall on behalf of all The Gavel staff, and wish you good luck during your first year.

What lies ahead is perhaps the most challenging and demanding year in your academic career. And if you're already having spells of doubt about your ability to measure up, remember, if you didn't have the ability to study law you wouldn't be here in the first place!

The first year is filled with apprehension, frustration and long hours of hard work. One minute you'll feel that you understand an issue but by the end of class you're twice as confused. But take heart, you're not alone. Your fellow classmates are going through the same thing.

One sure way to get through your first year is by getting to know the other people in your section. Lessons learned outside the class are as valuable as those learned within. By setting up formal study groups, or just batting ideas around over lunch, things like promissory estoppel and trespass start to sink in.

Your fellow students not only can be your teachers, but morale boosters as well. They understand what you're going through. Some days you may want to quit because you're so frustrated and confused, and it's nice to know that there's a sympathetic ear who'll listen and shore up your self-confidence.

Something that first year students are terrified to do is extremely valuable in clearing up confusion — ask questions in class!

Don't be afraid that your question is stupid — of course you don't understand. Professors don't expect brilliant questions, just valid ones based on good class preparation. And chances are pretty good that most of the class has the same question. Most professors don't object to class discussion (and some expect it!). Good discussion in class helps to make learning difficult material easier for everyone.

And don't worry if you don't understand right away. You are pursuing a very foreign and often ambiguous area of study. And to make matters worse, the socratic method of teaching is one you've never experienced before. You try to find a black letter law answer and can't seem to get it. The purpose of first year is not only to learn legal principles, but also how to think in a legal, logical way. There is light at the end of the tunnel. After a few months have gone by and you become more comfortable with the routine, things will start to fall into place.

Some other pointers. I'm sure you've begun to realize the importance of being prepared for class. If you're not, not only do you have to sweat out being called on, but you really don't get the full benefit of class when you aren't familiar with the topic of discussion. Along that line — don't get behind! Studying is very time consuming and you don't need the extra pressure of trying to catch up.

There are hornbooks, outlines and canned briefs available to you as study aids. Hornbooks are the most authoritative and informative, but very expensive. Solution — go to the library. They are available for reference and some can be taken out. Commercial outlines and nutshells give a concise but abbreviated statement of the law and are more affordable. Ask upper level students which study aids they used or check them out for yourself at the reference desk in the library. Canned briefs are helpful in a pinch or can help you while you're briefing, but shouldn't be used instead of briefing yourself. Briefing cases yourself is a great help in studying, and you're also more prepared for class.

Set a specific time aside for studying, but make sure to give yourself a break. You need to take a break every now and then to give yourself and your brain cells a rest. Studying when you're tired or confused doesn't do you any good and may confuse you more. Take a break or switch to another topic.

The first year is a lot of hard work and filled with ups and down. You're learning the law and how to think like a lawyer. But as the year goes by, the hills will be more frequent, and the valleys of frustration not so deep. You and your fellow classmates will help each other overcome your frustrations and come out of this first year successful!
The First Impression

by Darlene Amato

For the past four years, we law school hopefuls, have worked not only for undergraduate degrees, but more importantly, for acceptance into law school. Some of us plodded through our studies diligently, while others mastered the task of undergraduate work with ease. Upon completion of our primary goal, yet another greater goal awaits us: attending and graduating from law school.

Taking the LSAT was the first step in achieving our goal. This phase was followed by extreme anxiety. Had those years of laborious work paid off; would I be attending law school? Well, I guess I did alright! I received a letter of acceptance from Cleveland-Marshall Law School. This was followed by an orientation packet with a course schedule. My next step was to attend orientation night.

I found Thursday evening’s orientation very useful. I toured the building where I would be spending my next three years. Being the typical student, I naturally had to investigate the snack bar area. Yes, Cleveland—Marshall has a refrigerator and microwave! Besides these appliances, the school has a large array of vending machines right at our fingertips. No walking to another building in the middle of a snowstorm; we would have our necessities within our own walls!

After investigating the snack area, I found a wall-to-wall crowd surrounding an assignment board in the school’s basement. When I saw the crowd that night, I decided that I would return on Friday morning to avoid the battle ground. Friday morning I found myself, along with about fifty other non-aggressive students saying, “Excuse me please, I can’t see the board”. I decided to get a parking permit when I finished copying all of the important information for classes. It had been stressed that one needed a permit to avoid inevitable parking violations.

Finding the Cleveland State Police Office was not as easy as one might think. Directions from the staff at Fenn Towers were as follows: “Well honey, just take a left out of the building and walk down Chester Avenue, take a left on Chester and look for the Chester Building on the left.” So far so good, I thought. Once inside the building, my problems began. After walking throughout the entire building looking

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The purpose of this section is to inform all students, especially those who are new to Cleveland-Marshall, of the great variety of student organizations that the school has to offer. Hopefully, this will help you to find the areas where you can express your interests and talents.

**Moot Court**

The Moot Court program is designed to develop and to refine brief writing and oral advocacy skills through inter-scholastic competition. Students in the program are members of Moot Court teams and also serve on the Moot Court Board of Governors. A total of five (5) hours of course credit is earned through participation in the Moot Court program.

Moot Court teams travel to such cities as New York, Chicago, and San Diego to participate in national competitions. The competitions involve such diverse areas as Constitutional Law, Labor Law, Criminal Law and Tort Law. Our teams have won national acclaim in interscholastic competition. In competitions last year alone, Cleveland-Marshall teams placed first overall in two national competitions, received two first place brief awards and a second place brief award, and received an outstanding advocate award.

See for yourself what the Moot Court experience is all about. On Tuesday, October 29, 1985, members of the Nationals Moot Court teams will participate in Fall Moot Court Night. The teams will argue before a panel of distinguished judges which in past years have included members of the United States Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals, and state judges. A reception will be held afterwards for interested persons to meet with the judges and advocates. All are encouraged to attend.

For further information, contact Charles Hanna, Moot Court Chairman, in Room 17 of the Law Building, or call 687-2338.

**Law Review**

The Cleveland State Law Review is an internationally recognized scholarly journal of the legal profession. Now in its thirty-fourth volume, the Review publishes articles of both local and national significance four times each year. Past authors include Shirley Hufstedler, Archibald Cox, Irving Younger, Geoffrey Hazard and others. Authors to be published in forthcoming issues include Harry Wellington, Alan Stone, Paul Brest and Boris Bittker.

Students may be invited to join the Cleveland State Law Review at the end of their first year of legal studies either by virtue of ranking in the top ten percent of their class or by successfully competing in a writing contest during the summer following the first year.

During their first year of Law Review participation, Staff members take part in the editorial work of the Review and produce a comprehensive Note on a topic of their choice. The best of these Notes are published in the Review the following year.

Students who satisfactorily complete their Staff year attain the rank of Editor, assuming supervisory duties over the Staff and becoming more involved in both editorial and policy-making functions.

Membership on the Review offers the opportunity to refine one's skills as a writer, as a researcher and as an editor. Furthermore, over and above the "resume value" of working on the Review, participation in the work of the Review offers a chance to build strong friendships with fellow students as all the members work together in publishing a journal of the highest quality.

Any questions about the Cleveland State Law Review can be directed to the Editor-in-Chief, Patrick Sweeney, in Room 22 of the Law Building, 687-2336.

**Women's Law Caucus**

The Women's Law Caucus is an organization for all students. Everyone is a member merely by being a law student. The main purpose of the WLC is to help students in all phases of the law school experience. We present seminars that include: studying; preparation for Moot Court Competition; job hunting hints and visiting attorney panels. Discounted study aids are available through the Women's Law Caucus and are sold during office hours. Look on our door for scheduled hours.

**B.L.S.A.**

The purpose of The Black Law Student Association (BLSA) is to assist in the academic needs and professional goals of black law students and to instill in the black law student and attorney greater awareness and commitment to the needs of the black community. BLSA sponsors a variety of activities which focus on these particular areas. Membership is open to all students of the University.

1985-86 Officers:
Lawrence R. Floyd, President
Lori White, Secretary
Richard Crawford, Treasurer

Some of the activities for this school year include a first year student orientation program, academic performance programs, and our annual spring scholarship banquet.

**Fraternities**

Three professional legal fraternities are active at Cleveland-Marshall: Meck Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta; Ranney Senate of Delta Theta Phi and Delta Chapter of Tau Epsilon Rho. Each fraternity sponsors various events throughout the year for students and their alumni.
Cleveland-Marshall students and faculty last year witnessed the birth of a new scholarly periodical. Its proud parents, founding editors Karen E. Rubin and James Edward Powell, of ‘85, named the new baby the Cleveland-Marshall Journal of Law and Health. Together they co-ordinated the efforts of dedicated administration, faculty members, and students into an undaunted nucleus staff which carefully nurtured the fledgling Journal along through its first year. This month, that staff is proud to announce that the Journal of Law and Health has taken its first solo flight with the publication of its inaugural issue.

In the tradition of its fine sister publication, the Law Review, the Journal of Law and Health is a student-run periodical of learned discussion. However, the Journal has an identity all its own as an interdisciplinary publication drawing upon, and directed toward, the vast legal and medical communities so well represented in northern Ohio. The Journal has been conceived as a forum for a variety of written formats, including essays, commentaries, reviews, and debate, as well as the more traditional case comments and research pieces. Its focus is the rapid metamorphosis of medicine from the simple private sanctum of physician and patient of yesterday into the convoluted creature of a modern health care system beset by colliding legal, social, and moral issues.

Student members of the Journal staff are selected on the basis of academic achievement and writing skills upon completion of their first year of law school. In their second year of participation, as editors, students will engage in more complex and sophisticated editing, guidance of staff members, and participation in the day-to-day operation of the Journal. No medical background is required. Articles are selected from throughout the United States, judged for their quality, and manuscripts selected for publication by staff members, who also accept responsibility for originality, quality and accuracy of the material. In addition, all staff members are required to write their own research pieces of publishable merit from which a number are selected for publication in the Journal.

The current editorial staff consists of Michael J. Wolfe, Editor-in-Chief; Richard Popelmayor, Managing Editor; Howard S. Rabb, Business Editor; John T. Wallace, Research Editor; Ellen B. Krist, Issues Editor; and Julia E. Nolan, Articles Editor. The office of the Journal is located opposite Room 221, where copies of the current issue of the Journal of Law and Health are available.

The Journal of Law and Health

The Gavel

The award-winning Cleveland-Marshall College of Law student newsmagazine, published five times a year. It is a forum available to students, faculty, staff and the Cleveland legal community for dissemination of news and events as they occur within the school and in the legal world in general.

Student participation and interest is essential in order to make this newsmagazine an effective student forum. Therefore, it is the intention of the current editors and staff to actively solicit students, faculty, staff and Cleveland-area lawyers to participate.

Anyone may write an article for The Gavel. It must be submitted typed and double spaced with the exception of letters to the editor which may be neatly handwritten and double spaced. To be published, the article must be of sufficient quality and related to law or law school.

To become a staff member one must submit two articles for publication. If you are not interested in writing, there are staff positions available doing layout work and photography. Staff membership provides journalistic experience and is a prerequisite to be eligible for an editor's position.

To be a candidate for editorship one must be an active staff member for one year. Editors receive a tuition rebate for

The National Lawyers Guild

The National Lawyers Guild, (NGL) is a nationwide organization of lawyers and law students which was founded in 1937. As a national group the NLG has provided a variety of services within its goal to use the law as an effective political and social force in the service of the people. NLG lawyers and student members of various national chapters have participated in a variety of community projects, committees, and task forces which operate to serve people and effect social change. The national office for the Guild is based in New York and there are nearly 100 chapters throughout the U.S. in cities and on college campuses. Cleveland-Marshall College of Law has a local student chapter. The city of Cleveland also has a lawyers' group.

The NLG at Cleveland-Marshall has in the past attempted to provide students with information regarding social issues and the law through guest speakers, films, articles and other resources. This year the chapter hopes to organize activities which will give students an opportunity to combine what they learn about the law with their own interests in social issues.

The local NLG chapter is small and is always looking for students to participate. New participants are especially encouraged to join us now as we plan for this year. Your input can focus the group on your particular interests and ideas. The time restraints of law school are well understood by all members and therefore, any time that members can contribute to the group is appreciated.

Stop by the NLG office in Room 25 in the basement, or look on the Guild bulletin board outside room 12 for information.
S.B.A.

The Student Bar Association has been busy these past few weeks planning events for the up-and-coming year which we hope will enhance and stimulate your law school experience. In an effort to better coordinate information throughout the law school, the S.B.A. will be posting monthly lists of events in our glass case by the vending machines as well as on some bulletin boards. Please consult those lists and other flyers so that you may derive the maximum benefit from the activities available to you.

While in the process of sifting through numerous ideas for events this semester, proposals include a night out at The Cleveland Comedy Club with a happy hour send-off, a Halloween happy hour, and possibly a party, and a day out at a Browns game which includes a breakfast buffet. Other ideas with limited support include The Law Student Takes Frant to Lunch Program and the formation of a humor magazine, even if it is for only one issue. Interested parties should stop by the S.B.A. office.

The S.B.A. Special Projects Committee has created a speaker series for the benefit of all students. Approximately each month a speaker from a different legal field will address students in the staff lounge at 5:00 p.m. A larger room will be provided if necessary and students should feel free to walk in at any time between 5:00 and 6:00 p.m. Other student groups and the administration will also sponsor speakers and workshops. We strongly encourage your attendance so that our speakers are not embarrassed by our lack of participation. If you have any doubts about attending these events, please attend. Refreshments will be provided at most programs as a lure. Please make suggestions about specific speakers of interest.

The S.B.A. will also sponsor a Red Cross Bloodmobile and a Thanksgiving Food Drive. Also, if you have not already done so, I encourage each of you to join the ABA-Law Student Division. For a small fee of $10.00 a year you receive subscriptions to both the Student Lawyer and the ABA Journal as well as several other benefits. Depending upon our percentage of student membership to the ABA, our student groups can become eligible for matching grants of up to $2000.00 for any single law student initiated law school or community related project.

The first meeting of the S.B.A. Senate took place on September 8th at which time senators chose two S.B.A. committees and one faculty committee on which to work. If you have any specific concerns about the law school which fall under one of these committees, please contact the students involved. A list of committees can be found in our glass case.

I look forward to working with and for all of you this coming year. I hope the S.B.A. will help to make it a success as we strive to meet your concerns.

Jim Taven, President

ATLA Student Chapter — New at Cleveland-Marshall

The Association of Trial Lawyers of America (ATLA) has grown to become the largest trial bar in the world. Its membership includes over 15,000 law students, judges, legislators and law professors in addition to 45,000 active trial attorneys.

Beginning this semester, an ATLA student chapter will be organized at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law. Though the chapter does not yet have an office nor have they had their first executive committee meeting, the 15 member chapter expects to be in full swing by mid-semester.

The goal of the ATLA chapter is to provide its student members with a source of practical legal education outside of the classroom. By becoming a student member of ATLA, an individual will receive: TRIAL magazine, which contains monthly legal news features; ATLA LAW REPORTER, which is a monthly case digest; ATLA BAR NEWS, which is a bimonthly organization update. Student members are also admitted free or at reduced rates to educational sessions and conventions and they receive member discounts on books, tapes and cassettes.

Besides the benefits incurred from the national organization, the student chapter also expects to work closely with the Ohio Academy of Trial Lawyers to promote activities that will provide chapter members with increased professional contacts and sources of invaluable information. The chapter also invites any interested student to become active in organizing and promoting chapter activities and programs.

The cost to become a student member of ATLA is minimal. For a first year day student, a one-time $25.00 registration fee will entitle an individual to a membership for his/her three years of schooling plus one free year of membership upon graduation from law school. For night students or upper classmen, the one-time fee is prorated based on the number of years remaining before graduation.

If any day student is interested in receiving a free ATLA sample package or would like more information on ATLA, please contact Nancy Ille (day students) or Chris Holecck (night students) through their mailboxes.
Renting Their Wombs: Should Surrogate Moms Be Jeered or Cheered?

It a woman rents her womb to have the baby of a barren couple, is she to be condemned or congratulated? Opponents argue that surrogate motherhood sacrifices a woman’s dignity. Advocates say that forbidding surrogate motherhood is sexist, paternalistic and moralistic, an insult to the woman, and barely avoids accusing the woman of being immoral.

Joel J. Finer, a professor at Cleveland State University’s Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, has examined the legal and ethical attitudes toward the issue of surrogate motherhood. He said that some authorities consider surrogate motherhood to be no more than the buying and selling of children, which is similar to slavery. The law prohibits such practices by forbidding payment in connection with an adoption and by keeping unlicensed intermediaries from assisting in child placement.

“Ohio’s attorney general asserts that arranging surrogate motherhood agreements comes within this prohibition,” Finer said. But he said that “slavery” is an inappropriate term to use in connection with surrogate motherhood. “Children, having many legal rights, are neither slaves nor property,” he pointed out. “The payment is for caretaking and custody privileges, and for the responsibilities and the joys of parenting.”

Attitudes change, he noted. Even adoptions were considered “repugnant to the fundamental values of the law” in America and England until 1851, he said. “Moral distaste hardly justifies legally enforced disrespect for the beliefs and voluntary acts of others which do no harm” he asserted.

“Recently a Kentucky court suggested that applying existing laws to surrogacy contracts was “much like trying to fit a square peg in a round hole,” he said. “Surrogacy wasn’t even conceived of until very recently, let alone practiced,” said Finer. He questioned whether state legislatures intended to ban surrogate motherhood when they wrote laws governing adoption, paternity and parentage.

How will children born of surrogate mothers feel about their method of birth? Some think that the children will suffer emotionally from learning that they were surrendered for money by their birthmothers. Or the children may understand that their parents desperately wanted a child carrying the same genes, and so agreed to pay great sums of money to make that happen.

In 1983, after two years of study, the British Warnock Commission, a blue-ribbon panel of scientists, philosophers, physicians, theologians and laypersons, concluded that surrogate motherhood should be banned.

The group asserted that “it is inconsistent with human dignity that a woman should use her uterus for financial profit and treat it as an incubator for someone else’s child,” and that it is “commercial exploitation.”

Finer disagrees. “Banning surrogate motherhood smacks of unwarranted paternalism, sexism and intolerant and coercive moralism,” he said. “Isn’t it paternalistic to tell a woman that society is a better judge than she of what is good or bad for her?”

But how about the high fees that are being offered to prospective surrogates? Aren’t such fees exploitative? “Exploitation evokes a picture of underpaid and overworked sweatshop employees,” he said. “Is a surrogate mother more exploited when she is paid $30,000 than when she is paid $300?”

Opponents of surrogacy claim fees cheapen and commercialize it. Finer argues that the money can be used for educational, occupational, and recreational purposes. “It can open up new horizons, broaden one’s opportunities, show the way to a better life,” he said. “This is exploitation!”

Finer said a surrogate mother is not selling part of her body. “She is renting her uterus, for a gestation period. Thereafter her body is as substantially as before.”

Despite the costs — physical discomforts and inconveniences — most surrogate mothers enjoy the pregnancy experience, even though they may grieve about surrendering the child.

“There is no exploitation since there is no reason, and no moral right to presume that the surrogate mother is receiving less than she is giving,” said Finer.

“Surrogate motherhood may not be the most vital social issue of the day. But it is a test case — ultimately revealing whether we will allow the subjective morality of some, or even a majority, to impose itself by law on substantially harmless conduct, thereby perverting the real meaning of democracy.”
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for room 1103, I decided to find some help. A clerk on the first floor pointed me out into the hall and said, “Just keep following the hall, you will see a yellow door, just go through it and continue on that path until you reach the Parking Office.” Well, she forgot to inform me which yellow door to go through and there were three yellow doors at the end of the hallway. I took a chance and picked one. As it turned out, I had chosen the right route.

When I reached my destination, I began to fill out my registration for a parking permit. All was going smoothly until I reached the line which asked for my license plate number. My mind was a blank! What was my number? Knowingl y, the girl behind the counter told me that I could take the card and return it the following day. No way would I ever be able to retrace my steps to this secluded office, I thought. I asked for the location of the nearest phone and set off to find it. I could just call home, they would know the plate number. After filling in the last blank, I thought I was all set to get a parking permit. No, nothing is quite that simple at a university. The parking files were checked and the clerk said a ticket was outstanding at my home address. I never had been to Cleveland State before in my life. I had carelessly neglected to consider that my “brilliant brother” had taken classes the previous quarter. Yes, of course he could not be smart enough to purchase a dollar permit in order to avoid a five dollar fine. I explained that the ticket was registered to him and it was not my responsibility. Miraculously enough I could get my permit that day!

Prior to orientation week, I knew that school would be nerve-racking and hectic. My nights would no longer be all fun and games. I now would have work to be done and briefs to write. But hopefully all this work would lead to the final end: passing the bar and joining a firm based in the Cleveland area.

I am presently an associate in a small practice firm which has a heavy concentration in providing insurance defense to municipalities and public officials throughout northern Ohio. While the majority of the claims involve the defense of civil actions which arise from the arrest and prosecution of individuals, typically under 42 U.S.C. Section 1983, other claims involve declaratory judgement actions regarding insurance coverage, Title VII discrimination actions and suits for wrongful discharge.

The usual defense strategy entails extensive motion practice which is designed to either eliminate the action in full or, at a minimum, narrow the issues for trial. Therefore, a suggested curriculum for an individual interested in this type of practice would include both federal jurisdiction and constitutional law as well as courses in motion practice and insurance law.

Mr. Yanick, a 1982 Cleveland-Marshall graduate, is an associate with the law firm of Leo R. Ward and Associates, located in downtown Cleveland.

Alumni Advice is a new series to The Gavel. Its purpose is to provide students with information about the various fields of law. Graduates of Cleveland-Marshall will describe their area of specialty and give suggestions to those interested in pursuing that area upon graduation.

All interested students are encouraged to become involved, including first year students. The Gavel office is located in room 23, near classroom 12. Stop by, someone is usually in the office. Or put a note in the envelope on the door. We'll get in touch with you.
UPDATE: CSU Parking

by Sandi Kowiako

On September 30th, Cleveland-Marshall commuters' complaints about the campus parking situation will once again resound inside and around the Law Building. Cleveland-Marshall students have the campus and its parking lots to themselves for the first five weeks of fall semester, after which time the full university goes into session. When the main part of CSU reopens this fall, students who drive will find it best to arrive on campus before 8:30 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and by 9:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, and Thursdays.

Students have been complaining about the parking situation for quite some time and their best argument is that, because CSU is primarily a commuter school, adequate parking facilities should be provided. The university is aware of this problem and is working to improve the situation but certain plans take time and money to realize.

With over 16,000 vehicles registered with CSU parking and only 3213 spots now available, (with additional lots to open by mid-October, making the total number of available parking spaces 3400) it is plain to see that complaining about the situation does as little good as trying to put out a forest fire with a garden hose. It shows interest and effort but does not produce substantial results.

The best thing to do right now is to arrive on campus early in the day and bear with the situation. The Parking Department has opened lots M, N, and Z this year, adding 195 new spaces. Lot M is located on Payne between E. 22nd and E. 23rd Streets; Lot N is located off E. 24th Street, north of Chester; and lot Z is found at E. 19th Street and Prospect.

Three other lots are scheduled to open by mid-October. Lot W, accessed from E. 21st Street and Lot X, accessed from E. 23rd Street, will provide 31 and 16 new spaces respectively and Lot P, located at E. 21st Street and Chester, will be expanding from 63 to 182 spots.

Additionally, three new lots will be opening later in the school year. Opening south of campus will be Lot K on E. 19th Street, and Lot AA at Prospect. Finally, the Parking Department plans to open Lot Y, located north of campus at E. 24th Street and Payne. The exact dates of the availability of these new lots will be announced in a later issue of The Gavel.

The university has a number of proposed expansion plans which will affect parking but none are scheduled for the near future. Areas north of Chester will be converted to athletic fields and the area south of Prospect will become the site of the new Convocation Center. When the proposed building plans take effect, additional parking will be available, as both the athletic fields and Convocation Center will require their own lots which will in turn provide additional student parking. The Convocation Center lot should provide room for as many as 3000 vehicles.

A Music-Communications building is scheduled to be built along Euclid Avenue and surface Lot H, located just outside the Law Building. Students need not concern themselves with losing a prime parking area this school year as construction on the new building will not begin until next summer.

This is the sixth consecutive year that the price of parking has been held at 75¢ per day. This price will be maintained until next year (1986-1987) when the cost will increase to $1.00 per day. The university will continue to require the same method of payment, (purchasing daily tickets and displaying them in the front dash windows) as the Parking Department has found this method to have caused very few administrative problems.

As for the possibility of instituting permitt parking, Parking Director Wilbur Waterson says that the permit method will not be feasible until more parking spaces are made available to students, staff, and faculty.
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Public Interest Conference

Ramsey Clark, former U.S. Attorney General and now with the firm of Clark, Wulf, Levine and Peratis will be the keynote speaker at the first annual Midwest Regional Public Interest Conference to be held at Cleveland-Marshall on October 11-12, 1985. Co-sponsored by Cleveland-Marshall and The Housing Advocates, the conference will focus on the responsibility the private bar interest groups and the judiciary have to the practice of public interest law.

Among the panel discussions will be a day-long session devoted to the issue of statutory attorneys fees that permit lawyers to accept cases from clients with little or no resources. Other sessions will feature discussion of recent developments in substantive law, including subjects such as affirmative action, products litigation, fair housing and Section 1983 Tort Actions.

Other speakers include Alexander Polikoff, executive director of the Business and Professional People for the Public Interest and Nan Aron, executive director of the Alliance for Justice, a national coalition of public interest law firms. Aron will discuss current efforts to insure the quality of the federal judiciary and the legislative status of the Equal Access to Justice Act which provides for attorneys' fees to successful litigants against the federal government.

The Conference will also offer area law students the opportunity to learn more about career options within the field of public interest law. Participating firms and agencies may elect to interview interested Cleveland-Marshall students.

A workbook summarizing the conference and containing a bibliography of sources of recent developments in public interest issues will be published. The workbook is free to conferees and available to others at $20 per copy.

Cleveland-Marshall Law Students are invited to attend the conference free of charge. If you wish to attend, please fill out a registration form in the Office of Career Planning, LB 120.

S.B.A. Seminars

The Student Bar Association will be sponsoring monthly seminars presented by attorneys in various fields of law. All students are invited to attend these informal discussions where each lawyer will describe a typical day and the pros and cons of their practice. The schedule is as follows:

- Criminal: September 11, 1985
- Domestic Relations: October 2, 1985
- Personal Injury: October 10, 1985
- Tax: January 29, 1986
- Real Estate: February 19, 1986
- Sole Practitioner: March 12, 1986
- Immigration: April 2, 1986

All seminars will be held at 5:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge.

Halle Scholar Lecture

The first Halle Scholar in Residence Lecture will take place on October 3, 1985 at 12:00 noon in the Moot Court Room. The guest lecturer is Herbert Wechsler who is a Harlan Fiske Stone Professor of Constitutional Law Emeritus at Columbia University Law School and Director Emeritus of the American Law Institute. Mr. Wechsler will speak on "Press Freedom and the Protection of Reputation." All students and faculty are encouraged to attend.

Tax Seminar

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association invites all students to attend the Tax Seminar "Tax Controversies A-Z" on Thursday, October 24, 1985 in the Moot Court Room. The all-day seminar, beginning at 8:45 a.m., will feature David Margolis, Chief of the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section, Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice, as the keynote luncheon speaker.