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330 Attend Annual Open House



Non-twisters drinking during the dancing at the Open House

Burgess and Seiple vie for Presidency

Richard H. Burgess and Adelbert H. Seiple were nominated last week by the Junior Class as candidates for the presidency of the Student Congress. All of the classes, with the exception of the out-going Senior Class, will vote for one of the nominees during election week, the week beginning January 22.

Adelbert H. Seiple (Junior Section A), a 1954 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with Cum Laude honors, has been employed by the National City Bank in Cleveland since 1957. He served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force from 1954 to 1957. He is married, the father of three children, and lives in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

Richard H. Burgess (Junior Section B), a 1959 graduate of North Carolina State College, is presently employed as a metallurgist with the TAPCO Corporation. Burgess has served in the capacity of class representative to the Student Congress for the past year and has had two articles published in the Law Review. He is married and lives with his wife and two children in Euclid, Ohio.

Class Representatives will be elected during the week of January 22.



Dick Burgess

Del Seiple

A group of three hundred and thirty, students, wives, dates and faculty members, attended the Annual Open House held here at Cleveland-Marshall on December 2 in the gayly decorated third-floor class rooms and student lounge.

Guests arrived between 8:00 and 9:00. The band played until the presentation of awards at 11:00 after which a buffet type supper was served and then more dancing and socializing until long after midnight.

The event was well planned and well attended. The only disappointment of the evening was the few Freshmen who attended.

The consensus of opinion is that Chairman Julian Allen and all of the members of the Student Council who worked on the Open House did a superb job in organizing and planning a successful and enjoyable evening.

The catering, which was immensely popular with the big eaters of which there were somewhere over three hundred, was done by the Nelson's Family Restaurant. Again this year, Senior George Joseph and his band provided the music. The decorations, which successfully turned the rather drab and austere classrooms into dimly lit dance floors and pleasant party rooms, were engineered by Junior Dick Dunn.

Seven get Awards

Acting Dean Howard Oleck and Judge Lee Skeel presented the awards.

Sophomore William Sprague won the \$150.00 Cleveland-Marshall Alumni Association award which goes to the student with the highest average at the completion of the first-year course. He also won the West Publishing Company award of advance sheets of the Northeastern Reporter.

The Alumni Association's award to the student with the highest cumulative average at the completion of the third year went to John E. Martindale.

Third-year student Eileen Kelley won the Judge David Meck Sr. Memorial Scholarship of \$100 for having the highest cumulative average at the completion of the second year of studies.

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Grading System Changed

Although we can hardly disguise the grade change story as news because of the almost exhaustive pre-publication coverage it has gotten, in all fairness to the record, we feel that we should at least mention it.

So . . . there has been a change in the grading system. Some students say it's confusing. Others say that it isn't fair. Still others say that it's both confusing and unfair. Due to our policy of completely objective reporting, we aren't going to say anything.

At the time of this printing the grading system was as follows: A—90 to 100%; B—80 to 89%; C Plus—75 to 79%; C—70 to 74%; D—60 to 69%; 59% or lower will result in an F. The numerical grade, however, will no longer be used.

The system will be retroactive to this extent. The numerical grades will be wiped from the records leaving only the letter grade. The numerical change outlined above will not affect the old letter grades except in the case of old numerical grades of 75 to 82% which under the old system were C's. They will now be C Plus.

The four-point system will remain intact. It is now necessary to have a three-point average to be exempt from the comprehensives and it is necessary to have a two-point average to graduate and take the comprehensives. In order to graduate it is necessary to complete 84 semester hours and compile 168 quality points.

Simple isn't it? So what the hell's all the complaining about?

Roper named PR Man

Peter P. Roper, a June, 1961 graduate of Cleveland-Marshall and former columnist with the GAVEL, was recently appointed the Director of Public Relations and Alumni Activities here at Cleveland-Marshall.

Roper, 37, was Publicity and Promotion Manager for Cleveland Radio Station WERE until his admission to the Ohio Bar last September.

A graduate of Cleveland College, Roper earned his M.A. degree at Western Reserve University in American History, and was awarded a teaching fellowship in American History at Cleveland College. While at Cleveland College, he was admitted to the Phi Society of Phi Beta Kappa.

by Leonard F. Lybarger

The exact date of its commencement doesn't seem to be known, but the debate has been going on for some time. One has only to read the article in the January 1962 issue of the Cleveland-Marshall Law Review, regarding full-time versus part-time legal education, to appreciate the earnestness of the debate. Apparently, the main point of contention is over the ability of any evening law school to impart the necessary requisites of legal education to law students.

We at Cleveland - Marshall view the subject objectively, for our presence here speaks louder of our stand than any excellence of debate could possibly persuade. The important thing is to make the student body aware of the importance of the issue.

All of you know of the recent raising of standards at Cleveland-Marshall, tougher entrance requirements, stiffer grading, modernization and expansion of library and administrative facilities, the hiring of a full-time librarian and of a public relations man, and the changes in the graduate program. These are all symptoms of the school's will to be not merely an adequate law school, but a superb law school.

It is clear that if we and other evening law schools are going to continue to offer high quality education for the legal profession, important changes will have to be made. Some changes are being made right now at Cleveland-Marshall. Many students have already felt the pressure and many more may grumble profusely. But the fact remains that as long as there exists any difference between the academic standards of the part-time schools and those of the better full-time schools there will be reason for criticism.

Consequently there must be constant striving for higher attainments. None but the better-than-average student can expect admission in the future. For those already enrolled more study and higher grades are the prescription.

All of us must dedicate ourselves to a faith in the importance of part-time legal education in our society. Unless we, the students, sell our product with positiveness and enthusiasm, instead of apologies for our choice of type of law schooling, we may bequeath misery to those who follow us.

Not only must we be able to

compete with the best, but we must show more than interest in the dollar sign as a reason for desiring to become lawyers.

It is this writer's belief that our school can survive and prosper. There is no question but that Cleveland-Marshall is a successful educational operation. It is up to the students to make the opportunity here, and to play up the advantages, not the disadvantages, of study at a fine evening law school.

Oleck is Acting Dean

Dean Wilson G. Stapleton has taken a three to six months leave of absence to undergo major surgery in an Eastern Hospital. During his absence, Assistant Dean Howard L. Oleck will be the Acting Dean.

Legal Opportunities

by Al Oberst

The article on legal opportunities in the last issue of THE GAVEL presented a rather bleak picture of the prospects of a successful legal career. Admittedly, these statistics, though certainly accurate, are not a true analysis of the many opportunities offered in the legal profession. In reality there are numerous golden opportunities for those who plan ahead for them.

The purpose of presenting the figures was to incite reflection.

We are interested in initiating a series of articles that will objectively survey the opportunity here in Cleveland. These articles will cover specific fields and the personal experiences of practicing attorneys in Cleveland.

We ask that the readers who are interested in a particular field notify us and we will attempt to research and solicit information in that field and follow with a report in this column.

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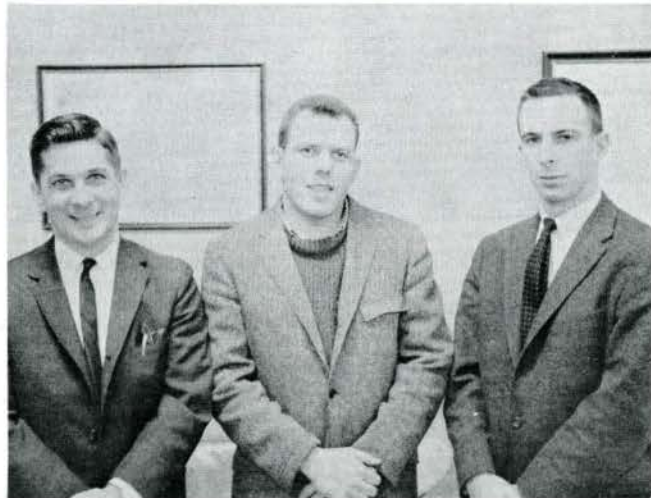
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The Election Forum

Under the election provisions in the revised Constitution adopted in 1960, annual nominations and elections for both the Presidency and the Student Class Representatives to the Student Congress will be held in January with the nominations made during the first full week of that month and the elections during the last full week of that month. This year, the GAVEL has opened its pages to the nominees and all of the nominees have been offered space to express their views on student government, to state their platform, and to make themselves known to the student body electorate. This is the election forum.



Del Seiple (Junior A), Dick Burgess (Junior B).



Freshmen Section B—James Dyson, Marshall Winer, Fred DeRocher.

Adelbert H. Seiple—Realizing and appreciating my responsibility of the office for which I am running, I pledge to the entire student body:

- (1) Representation and advancement of the interests of all members of the student body.
- (2) Respect for the views of all students and close cooperation in working with the Student Congress Representatives.
- (3) To work with the school administration in any feasible way; to promote the advancement of the school, and thereby promote the interests and welfare of the individual students.
- (4) To be the closest pos-

sible liaison between the students and school administration.

- (5) To provide fair hearing and full assistance to all students or groups presenting complaints, questions, or problems regarding the school or its operation.

My utmost objective shall be, in every endeavor, to preserve and advance the outstanding reputation earned and deserved by previous Student Congress administrations.

Richard H. Burgess—Evening law school students have little time for extracurricular af-

fairs, but we do have interests to be protected and advanced. I believe our Student Bar Association, through its council and its president, has certain responsibilities which must be fulfilled.

Recommendations and opinions stated by the Student Congress are paid close attention by the administration. The academic standards and reputation of Cleveland-Marshall are very important in our futures as attorneys, and we, as students, have an opportunity to actively participate in the school's development.

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Sophomore Section A—Leo DiEgidio, David DuVernay, Mike Thal, Ross Haffney, Dick Guttman.



Junior Section B—Stephen D. Doboze, Dale Brown.



Freshmen Section A—William Kaplan, Bess Marino, William James Rahuba, Allen L. Perry, Gary Gron, Howard H. Bankhurst.



Beryl Stewart (Sophomore Section B), Leonard F. Lybarger (Junior Section A).

RICHARD H. BURGESS . . .
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If elected, I will do all I can through hard work, by co-operation and action to advance the interests of the student body and of Cleveland-Marshall.

Dale F. Brown—I would like to take more of an active part in school and learn more of the policies that the school is making and intends to make.

I would do the best that I could by informing the class of what decisions were being made by the Student Council. I will endeavor to bring up and fully explain to the Student Congress problems particular to my class and state conclusions that might best remedy these problems.

Marshall Winer—It is my intention, if elected to the Cleveland-Marshall Student Congress, to better inform the student body of its activities. I feel that my previous experience will enable me to work on committees and to bring to these meetings the ideas of the student body. It is also my belief that Cleveland-Marshall is the finest night law school in the country, and I will do my utmost to uphold its standards and traditions.

Herman J. Strnisha—I am a graduate of East High School. I attended Bowling Green State University and obtained a B.S. degree in Engineering Administration from Case Institute of Technology. Since leaving Case I have been in the employ of the E. I. DuPont Company and I am presently a project Engineer with the Diamond Alkali Company.

Mike Thal—The most important function of a student representative is to maintain good faculty-student relations. If elected, I will endeavor to maintain the best relations possible.

Stephen D. Doboze—I attended John Carroll University and am a native of New York State.

If elected I will endeavor to serve my fellow students in their and the school's best interests.

Leonard F. Lybarger—I am a Junior in Section A. I graduated from Lakewood High School in 1955. I attended Denison Univ. and the University of Michigan and received my A.B. Degree from Michigan in 1959. I am presently employed as a deputy clerk for the Probate Court of Cuyahoga County.

David DuVernay—What more can I or anyone else say at this point than that I would endeavor to perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability?

I cannot promise to have Kennedy impeached, but I would present any other of your complaints or worthwhile suggestions to those whom I believe could best handle them. I cannot promise to have either tuition rates or grade requirements reduced, but I would explain any resolutions or practices undertaken by the school to you whom I would represent. If you believe that my best efforts would satisfy you, I will appreciate your vote.

Dick Guttman—I in the belief that a sincere desire to be of service to the student body is of primary import, I will make no inappropriate, all-incompassing promises as to future issues and action to be taken; instead, I pledge, if elected, to use my best judgment and maximum efforts to work with the students and their council to those ends which will further their needs and wishes.

Wilson to represent faculty

Professor Milton E. Wilson was named to succeed Professor William Samore as Faculty Representative to the Student Council.

Professor Wilson's term will start at the opening of the new Council after the January elections.

AWARDS . . .
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A \$50 award to the student with the second highest cumulative average at the completion of the second year went to Adelbert H. Seiple.

The \$50 awards for the highest grades in Real Property went to Frederick Waugh and James J. McGarry. The awards are offered annually by the Land Title Guarantee and Trust Company.

The Judge Lee E. Skeel Award went to John H. Carson for attaining the highest grade in Personal Property.

The Sindell Tort Competition prizes for the best and second best papers on a subject related to Torts or Evidence published in the Cleveland-Marshall Law Review were won by Paul Malina and John Vamis.

Wives Club

by Marilyn Collins

At our November 12 meeting, Mr. Anthony Fiorette was the guest speaker. His talk, dealing with his field of Domestic Relations, was both informative and entertaining. Our heartfelt thanks to Mr. Fiorette for a most enjoyable afternoon. At the meeting, Members-at-Large for the remainder of the school year were elected. They will represent the Lower Classmen on the Executive Board. They are: Shirley Gygli, LaVerne Reddy, and Marilyn Edelman.

A door prize, donated by Rosemarie Roda, was won by Joy Hudson. Rosemarie Roda won the first prize in the autumn raffle and Jo Kestner and Patty LaMont won second and third.

The Open House on December 2 saw a strong turnout from the Law Wives. The Wives donated two books as door prizes.

The Christmas Carnival was full of that old fashioned cheer that goes so well with that time of year. Carols were played, gifts exchanged, coffee and punch were served along with "taste samples" of all the recipes in our Christmas Cookie Book. Each wife was given a copy of the book.

Candy canes were passed to all of the girls as they left so the "What-did-you-bring-me" set waiting at home would share in the fun. Kissing rings, shell earrings, package tags, children's aprons, etc were on sale

at real bargain prices. Our make-and-take-home project consisted of two things: a miniature Christmas tree made of pine cones and a gay, red tulle apron decorated with assorted "gee-gaws."

Many thanks to Maryanne Hishay and Marilyn Leary and their committee of Chris Miller, Florence Tolt, Sue Gavin, Nacny Craven, Barbara Meier, and Shirley Gygli for working so hard at making this party a real happy Noel.

Tom Fields, a well known local television newscaster, was the guest speaker at the January 14 meeting. His talk was excellent and informative.

On January 27 the Wives Club is planning a theatre party — without hubby. Those interested are asked to call Rosemarie Roda at MO-2-3887.

On February 11 Christain Brothers will lecture to the Wives Club on wines.

In the department of keeping the rent paid . . . anyone who has not and wishes to pay their dues for the year may send it to Florence Tolt, 18213 Ponciana Avenue.

Along the more personal line . . . our best wishes to Marilyn Edelman and spouse on the new addition to the family and our regards to Marilyn Leary who has made a speedy recovery after being laid low for some time.

Fraternity News

by Thomas J. Scanlon

The annual elections were held last Friday and we are pleased to announce that the following Fraternity Brothers will be our officers for the coming year: Al Oberst, Dean; Hank Fischer, Vice Dean; Ed Manning, Clerk of the Rolls; Keith Craven, Clerk of the Exchequer; Bob Kapitan, Master of Ritual; Tom Scanlon, Tribune; and Ed Sabo, Bailiff.

On Saturday, December 9, twelve students were initiated into the Fraternity. Before the formal initiation, which was held in the Court of Appeals, the Brothers and new members attended a luncheon at the University Club. Judge J.V. Corrigan was the guest speaker and gave an inspiring talk on the importance of morality in the modern practice of law. The students who joined the Fraternal Brotherhood are Ralph Buss, Harry Cornish, Charles Delsantro, Vernon Dusenberry, Wallace Ervin, Felix Fedor, Vincent Gobozy, Gray Grom, Richard Gygli, Robert Haskins, William Murphy, and James Shakour. Among the distinguished guests attending the luncheon were Ed Myers, Master Alumnus; Andy Putka, State Supervisor of Ohio Savings and Loan Association; and Professor Jack Smith.

We wish to congratulate the Senior class officers on their election, and wish them a successful year. We are pleased to note that Brothers Gill, Karlovac, and Angelus are among the class officers.

On December 19, the Fraternity sponsored a Holiday luncheon at Chef Hectors. This was a pleasant gathering of student and Alumni Brothers. These luncheons are being held on a weekly basis, and we urge all of the Brothers to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to meet some prominent Fraternity Brothers on a personal and informal basis. We plan to continue these affairs every Tuesday at twelve o'clock noon; however, check the Fraternity bulletin board for the exact time and location. Brother Gill, the Chairman, may be contacted for additional information.

Senior officers elected

In a recent election the following Seniors were elected officers of the Senior class: John Gill, President; Lucian Karlovac, Vice President; Adam Angelus, Secretary; and Valentine Toth, Treasurer.



Judge Lee Skeel, Acting Dean Howard Oleck, and Student Congress President John Martindale present awards at the Open House.



George Joseph (Senior-front row second from left) was surprised by a bachelor party in November a week before his wedding. As usual, Bob Morris, Dick Lucey and John Martindale managed to be there and in the picture. The party was held at the Coast Guard Officers Club.

"Exam abuse" to be corrected

To correct what has apparently been an abuse in the examination system, the following directive has been adopted by the Faculty:

"Failing to take a scheduled examination results in a failure for the course, unless the student is excused by exceptional circumstances. If excused, the student must make up the examination within four weeks, or such time as the Committee on Admissions and Scholarship deems adequate.

"What are exceptional circumstances shall be determined by the Committee."

Alumni News Published

The first issue of the ALUMNI NEWS, a monthly newsletter for the Alumni of Cleveland-Marshall edited by Pete Roper, the newly-appointed Director of Public Relations and Alumni Activities, was available for distribution here last week.

The letter, printed on yellow legal-size stock, is mailed to all alumni. Although not dis-

tributed throughout the school, copies are available upon request at the office.

The January edition contained news of the Alumni, the Faculty and general news of coming activities and symposiums that are of interest to practicing attorneys.

Harris Runs Again

Junior Leodis Harris, the fiery and articulate Republican from the Sixteenth Ward who opposed the City Council President in the recent councilmanic election in that Ward, has taken out petitions seeking the nomination to the House in the Twenty-First Congressional District.

If successful in the May primary, Harris will oppose Congressman Charles Vanik in the November election.

Oleck Meets with Committee

Wright Patman, Texas Congressman and Chairman of the Select Committee on Small Business in the House of Representatives spotted an article in the May 1960 issue of the CM Law Review by Acting Dean Howard Oleck entitled "Foundations Used as Business Devices." Following correspondence between the two, Professor Oleck was invited and met with the Committee in Washington in December to review some of the more blatant cases in order that legislation could be proposed to curb the use of foundations used as business devices to secure competitive and tax advantages.

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