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Seiple Wins - New Congress Convenes



New Student Congress Officers—President, Del Seiple; Treasurer, Beryl Stewart; Vice-President, Ross Haffney; Secretary, Bessie Marino.

When the ballots were counted, after a hard-fought campaign that took the candidates to every classroom, Adelbert H. Seiple, Junior, Section A, was on top by a small plurality.

Seiple, a 1954 graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University with Cum Laude Honors, is presently employed by the National City Bank in Cleveland. He served in the U.S. Air Force for four years, is now married and lives with his wife and three children in Lyndhurst, Ohio.

At the first session of the new Congress in February the other Executive officers were elected. They are: Ross Haffey, Vice-President; Beryl Stewart, Treasurer; and Bessie Marino, Secretary.

At the first session in February, Acting Dean Oleck attended the meeting and answered questions concerning the Summer Seminars and the curriculum in general.

At the second session, several weeks later, as a result of legislation introduced by Leo DiEgidio, a letter was drafted to the administration expressing concern over the proposed tuition increase for the next school year.

The letter read in part: "We are fully aware of the Administration's discretion in such matters. But, as representatives of the students to

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Wives' Boutonniere Ball April 28

The third annual Law Wives Club Spring Dance, this year not inaptly named "The Boutonniere Ball," will be held Saturday evening, April 28, in the ballroom of the Greenbriar Restaurant at 6301 Pearl Road, Parma Heights, Ohio.

The evening will start with cocktails at seven. A full-course chicken dinner will be served at eight, and will be followed by dancing from 9:30 to 1:30.

Dress is informal. A favor Boutonniere will be presented to each guest. Among the many door prizes to be given away are two "Steak dinners for two" at the Brown Derby Restaurant and a fifty-piece set of William Rogers Silverplate Flatware.

Reservations, which must be made in advance, are \$10. per couple and can be made by contacting Mrs. Lester Tolt at 18213 Ponciana Avenue, Cleveland 35, Ohio.

Although the dinner is included in the cost of the reservations, cocktails and mixed drinks served before and after the dinner are not. Tables will be set up to accommodate five couples. The Greenbriar's seating capacity is only 400 so there will be only 200 reservations available.

The Law Wives cordially invite faculty, students, alumni and their friends to attend this Spring Dance that they hope will be another in the fine tradition of Law Wives Club events.

DiEgidio Running for State Rep

Sophomore Leo DiEgidio, 28, a second-term Class Representative to the Student Congress and the acknowledged leader of the left-wing liberals in the Congress will seek the Democratic nomination for State Representative in the May 8 Primary.

Not a new-comer to politics, DiEgidio was co-chairman of the South East Citizens for Johnson in 1960. In the current campaign he has the indorsement of the Italian American Democratic League and the Young Democrats of Cuyahoga County, Inc.

He is being sponsored by A. H. Dudnik, John M. Lewandowski and Sil Monday. A graduate of Hiram College in 1958 with a major in History and Political Science, he is currently with William H. Brown Real Estate. He was with the Parma, Ohio Board of Education for four years and taught in the Junior High in that city.

DiEgidio's platform is primarily concerned with disposing of the County unit rule which gives disproportionate power to rural areas.



Leo DiEgidio

Di Egidio lives with his wife, Sally, a son and a daughter on Grand Blvd. in Bedford.

Legal Opportunities

by Al Oberst

As promised in the past issue, this space is being devoted to "Legal Opportunities" as seen and experienced by practicing attorneys. The first in the series is a two-part study by Gerald K. Carlisle (1960) entitled, "Trials of the Neophyte Lawyer."

TRIALS OF THE NEOPHYTE LAWYER

by Gerald K. Carlisle

"Just tell us what your feelings are after the first eighteen months of practice" was the request.

My first feeling was one of elation over having seen the last of comprehensives and the Bar exam. A feeling of great physical and mental relief overcame all of us who had just been sworn in after months of sacrifice had at last ended. And we felt so smart too! Hadn't we just entered the select profession? Now

Dad could proudly say, "My son the Lawyer." We were now "leaders in the community" and "officers of the Court." From there on it would surely be a sweet ride on a soft pillow. I viewed the practice of law at that time so much like I view my golf game on a snowy March day played from my easy chair in the den. What a snap the game is!

I soon realized that the law game is far from being a snap and is indeed a very tough and competitive vocation. Many times I have wished I were back in Professor Oleck's class taking the mild grilling that seemed so harsh in student days. One cannot fail to realize almost at once that though the profession may be tough and competitive, it is also rewarding. The sense of accomplishment is tremendous! For each pleading, brief, memorandum or trial there is so much that has to be learned. And after all the physical effort and brain-racking one cannot help but feel elated, especially when the decision goes the "right way."

This is a rough profession to break into. The success in accomplishment and in very adequate income does not come easily, though the young lawyer receives much assistance toward these ends. Some of the most notable aids are outlined below.

Ohio State Bar Association—\$5.00 per year for new admittees. This includes annual subscription to the weekly OHIO BAR which contains all current Supreme Court Opinions together with many opinions from all other courts throughout Ohio. The OHIO BAR is the best single source the Ohio Lawyer has for continuing legal education. It is also one of

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The Dean is back

After an absence of nearly five months, the majority of which was spent in an Eastern Hospital, Dean Wilson G. Stapleton, in good health and in high spirits, returned to Cleveland-Marshall the middle of last month.

The Dean said that he hasn't felt better in years and expressed a great deal of enthusiasm for the future of Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

From the tremendous student applause that greeted the Dean as he made the rounds of the classrooms on his first night back there was little doubt that the students were as happy to have the Dean back as he was to be back. We would like to echo that sentiment and say, "Dean it's good to have you back!"

Books for Barristers

by David Lake

Every profession has certain books which are classics in the field, and as such, are must reading for new or future practitioners. Not because they furnish specific knowledge or skills to the reader but because they are a part of the broadening process to complete professional understanding and competence.

The professors of Cleveland-Marshall were individually surveyed for their choice of ten books which, in their opinion, every student should read. As a group there was only agreement on "The Bramble Bush." Hence we have a list of about sixty.

In each issue of the GAVEL as space permits, we will list about ten of these books until the entire list is complete.

Llewellyn	"The Bramble Bush"
Holmes	"The Common Law"
Wigmore	"Panorama of the World's Legal Systems"
Mason	"Brandeis: A Free Man's Life"
Betin	"Trial Judge"
Stryker	"Art of Advocacy"
Davenport	"Voices in Court"
Hugo	"Les Miserables"
Dickens	"Pickwick Papers"
Maine	"Ancient Law"

Book Review

Louis Nizer—"My Life in Court"

by David Lake

Nizer gives us a synopsis of his life in court—by the case method. Each chapter—Reputation, Divorce, Talent, Honor, Life and Limb, and Proxy Battle—details one of Nizer's famous cases and gives the reader a front row seat at all of the events.

The book is written very well and the action is believable although a few times the image of the public defender gets a little heavy.

I recommend it for those who feel that they don't have time for anything but legal type materials yet would like some light reading. This is both.

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New Staff—In September 1962 a new staff will take over the operation of the GAVEL. New Staff Members, from left to right: Bessie Marino, Andrew Fiorenzo, David Lake and Allen L. Perry. David Lake will be the new editor.

Fraternity News

(Editor's Note—Ed Manning, recently elected by the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity as Clerk of the Rolls, will replace Thomas J. Scanlon as editor of the Delta Theta Phi News. We wish to thank Tom Scanlon for his most excellent coverage during the past year and wish him good luck in his new position as Tribune of Delta Theta Phi.)

by Ed Manning

On January 27 the Alumni Chapter held their annual Tom and Jerry Party at the Statler Hilton Hotel. Highlighting this year's event was the presentation of the diamond pin award to Chief Justice Carl Weygandt of the Ohio Supreme Court. Alumni Dean Andy Putka made the award in behalf of Delta Theta Phi in recognition of the Chief Justice's great contributions to the legal field.

During February, the big event was the annual Fraternity dance. It was held this year at the Wade Park Manor and Hal Lynn's Orchestra provided the music. Dean Al Oberst interrupted the twisters long enough to present scholarship certificates to Brothers Martindale, Murray and Sherman. Brothers Brown, Gill, Lick and Sanislo received recognition plaques.

Ed Sabo really had his hands full figuring out the refreshment schedule for the March Social meeting. Faced with Lent and an undetermined amount of prospective members, Ed still managed to come up with the right figures. The Social was held at the Lawyer's Club on March 9. Many prospective members showed up to listen to E. F. Meyers, Vice President of the Union Commerce Bank, speak on Trusts.

Hank Fischer is in charge of the membership committee and from the turnout at the Social, it looks like many new members will be admitted at the next initiation in May.

During the last week, the School posted a list of those Seniors who need not take the Comprehensive Examinations. Of the fourteen names posted, eight were Brother Deltas. Congratulations to Art Fitzgerald, Gordon Harrell, John Hickey, Jim Kilcoyne, Tom Lang, John Martindale, Carl Miller and Stan Surma.

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the best single aids for Bar Exam preparation. Also provided by this Association is a very helpful step by step practice and procedure loose leaf note book of check lists and practice aids in all fields of law. Any lawyer who does not immediately upon admission become a part of the Ohio Bar Association is failing to keep abreast of legal progress as well as missing out on valuable assistance in practice. This does not pertain only to those in the full-time practice. For the part-timers it is not only necessary that he stay abreast of new developments, but he must continuously refresh his recol-

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Professor Howard Oleck, Acting Dean during the absence of Dean Stapleton, addressing the new Student Congress at their first session in February. Professor Milton E. Wilson, left, the Student Congress Moderator and Student Congress President, Del Seiple, right, look on.

Wives Club

by Marilyn Collins

Our February 11 meeting was a minor disaster. Our Christain Brothers speaker canceled at the last minute and our policewoman was unable to attend. However, the refreshments, provided by Marilyn Leary, Sally Kriener and Florence Tolt, made the meeting at least a minor success. Discussion for the most part was centered around our Charity Project and the BOUTONNIERE BALL, both of which will take place in April. A door prize, donated by Agnes Kermode, was won by Rosemarie Roda. It was a nylon bag and a pair of nylons.

Dr. Jane Kessler was our guest speaker for the March 11 meeting. Dr. Kessler, a child psychologist from Western Reserve University, is at present working with Dr. Benjamin Spock, teaching a course in child management. Her talk was entitled, "Fears and Anxieties of Parents." Refreshments were donated by Mary Heaslip and Polly Burns. A door prize was won by Florence Tolt. It was a kitchen gift of terry towels and an apron. A date was set for our May Dinner Meeting. It will be held at Stouffers Restaurant, 1365 Euclid Avenue, on May 17. Dawn Reilly will give a travel talk with color slides to complete the program.

As proof positive that Spring has really "sprung" the Law Wives are asking all interested parties to dust off their best spring frocks, take hubby by the hand and join the merry-

makers May 28 at the "Boutonniere Ball."

So you won't miss the welcome to Spring, mail your check prior to April 21 to Florence Tolt, 18213 Ponciana Avenue, Cleveland 35, Ohio. To make this the biggest and best we enlisted the help of the following girls: Polly Burns, Marilyn Collins, Nancy Craven, Donna Dunn, Shirley Gagli, Mary Ann Hisnay, Mary Heaslip, Joy Hudson, Agnes Kermode, Sally Kriener, LaVerne Roddy, Rhoda Shapiro, and Jean York. Since the date for the dance is after the comprehensive exams the reasons to celebrate are twofold. The Ballroom capacity is 400, so only 200 tickets will be on sale.

Last but certainly not least is our Charity project. This year we are turning our attention to the "Golden Agers" and to bring the ambulatory aged at Jennings Hall a little Easter cheer, we are making small candy baskets as tray favors and cookies. These oldsters sincerely appreciate any small token, so to see that they have a nice holiday, you are invited to attend our April 8 meeting and help assemble baskets. Any volunteers to bake or who would like added information may call Marilyn Edelman at SK-1-1310. The usual enticements of refreshments and a door prize will fill the program. Your attendance will bring a great deal of pleasure to a thankful few.



Right next to the School, Lenard's Restaurant is as much a part of Cleveland-Marshall as the library. First-timers, Dick Lucey and Bob Morris, center, usually to be found in the library on Friday nights, came in for the pictures. Frank Lenard has been a regular and loyal sponsor of the GAVEL and a source of inspiration for the Staff. Thanks Frank!

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lection of the law. Unlike the full time practitioner the part-timer works with the law only periodically and has more of an opportunity to forget or become rusty on the principles.

Cleveland Bar Association and Cuyahoga County Bar Association—These local associations also offer invaluable assistance to the new lawyer.

STUDENT CONGRESS

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whom the proposed increase will have a very grave effect, we feel that our duty directs that we express the student opinion on this matter."

At the following meeting, on Friday evening, April 6, Dean Stapleton explained the necessity of the increase at this time and answered other general questions concerning administration policy.

Phi Alpha Delta To Get Charter

A group headed by Chairman Marvin D. Silver, and including forty-one students, several graduates, and Professors Oleck, Ripner and Wilson, recently petitioned the National Law Fraternity, Phi Alpha Delta, for a charter for Cleveland-Marshall. The charter is expected to be granted by the end of this month.

Chairman Silver, commenting on the long-awaited second fraternity here at Cleveland-Marshall, said, "Two fraternities will afford every student at Cleveland-Marshall the opportunity to participate in professional fraternity activity."

Silver promises monthly activities that will be on a professional level.

Moot Court Convenes

Thirty-two Juniors, comprising sixteen teams, will argue the merits of eight different cases in a moot appellate hearing later this month.

The appellants' briefs were filed the last day of March. The appellees have twenty days in which to answer.

The oral arguments will be given in the Court of Appeals in the Cuyahoga County Court House.

Professor Jack Smith is the Instructor and Moderator of the Moot Court. This is the second year of Moot Court here at Cleveland-Marshall.

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