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Arter & Hadden praised in aftermath

By Michael Luby

Over the summer, one of Cleveland’s oldest and most notable law firms was forced into dissolution. Less than five years after reaching its employment peak, the rapidly expanding law firm of Arter & Hadden was forced to close its doors leaving some C-M students caught in the middle. The dissolution was attributed to a loss of revenues caused in part to a rapid decline in staffing along with abundant office space across the United States. In mid July, it was determined the firm would cease operations.

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By Chris Friedenberg

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The increase in class size is attributed, in part, to a larger number of applicants committed to pursuing a law degree at C-M. The number of applications to C-M rose to 1608, up from 1410 the previous year, according to Associate Dean Jack Guttenberg.

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While the number and quality of incoming students at C-M continues to rise, many things remain the same. The average age of a 1L is 26; no change from last year, according to Stewart.

The mix of resident and non-resident students, 224 to 54 is comparable to last year’s ratio of 212 Ohioans to 52 students from out-of-state. The male-female ratio is nearly a 50-50 split, 141 men, 137 women, a few more men than last year.

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Student services cut amidst financial woes

By Colin Moeller

Students returned to Cleveland-Marshall College of Law this fall to find noticeable cut-backs in student services, primarily involving library hours and food service.

Triggered by a hiring freeze, which went into effect campus-wide last spring and the resignation of a library circulation staff member, the library staff was forced to cut seven hours of service on the weekends.

“I think we have done remarkably well with the limited resources of people and money that we have,” said Victoria Plata, director of college budget and administration.

“You can only stretch your people to a certain limit before they begin to leave.”

“[T]here was no reasonable way we could make up all of the loss of 40 hours of staff time,” said Michael Luby, “I truly regret the inconvenience this schedule may have on students who wish to use the Law Library during the seven hours which have been reduced, but we must face the reality that we have to do with the resources that the University provides us with.”

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Dean highlights upcoming events

By Steven H. Steinglass

To all of our beginning and returning law students, I welcome you to the opening of C-M's 108th school year. As our new students will soon discover, there is another world of opportunity beyond the classroom—a room to learn the law at C-M. As Cleveland's only public law school, we aspire to be an open community forum of teaching and learning.

This fall, we have already scheduled more than 30 lectures and conferences, and I suspect our student groups will surprise us with a roster of presentations as well. These worthwhile events offer a curriculum free of papers, exams, and worry about grades. And yet, the rewards are plentiful. You will hear and meet some of the country's finest legal scholars, criminologists and historians. You will also have an opportunity to meet a best-selling novelist/writer, Scott Turow, and participate in a conference that features internationally renowned Continental philosophers.

On the 16th of September, New York University Prof. of Law Stephen J. Schulhofer presented present the year's first lecture in the Criminal Justice Forum series, "Rape, Sexual Assault, and the Twilight Zone," a discussion of a failing in the legal definition of rape that in many states allows rapists to go free.

Two days later, legal historian Prof. James F. Simon, New York Law School's Martin Prof. of Law, will present the second lecture in our continuing series commemorating the bicentennial of Marbury v. Madison. Professor Simon's lecture is also the title of his recent book, "What Kind of Nation: Thomas Jefferson, John Marshall and the Epic Struggle to Create a United States," which describes the rivalry between these two founders of the United States and the challenges of the new American republic.

On the 24th of the month, Susan Coyne, Columbus Business Affairs, will present the third lecture in our series, "One Size Does Not Fit All: Creating a Competitive Market for Law Students and Attorneys," a look at the varying needs of students and attorneys.

The Gavel's Student Body government will hold its annual meeting on September 24, 2003, with a special guest speaker, Judge Arter. The meeting will be held in the Student Commons, and all students are invited to attend.

Parking plaque unresolved

Student immobility and attitude blamed as one cause for long lines

By Eric Doeh

Many C-M students and faculty have expressed their frustration with CSU Parking Services. Parking Services sells annually about 6,700 passes for an available 4,800 spaces, overselling CSU lots by nearly 2,000 spaces.

John Oden, director of Parking Services, said his office does not guarantee a parking space for each individual who purchases a pass. The mission of parking services, according to Oden, is to provide accessible, convenient parking for all members of the campus community and guests given the constraints imposed by available space and demand, said Oden.

It is common practice on college campuses to sell at least one and a half times more passes than usual, according to Oden. For a six week semester, a student who attends classes five days a week pays about $37.39 for a parking a day; a very low price in comparison with commercial parking garages, Oden added.

While many students complain about the parking situation, Oden said these same students decide to wait in line rather than seek alternative parking, because they want to park as close to their classes as possible. Oden added that Monday, Wednesdays and Fridays are the busiest, and many lots fill up by 9:00 a.m. Seeing the demand, said Oden.

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There have been allegations of alumni, and other individuals, registering for classes to purchase hangtags, with the sole intent of dropping classes and keeping the hangtags. When asked about the validity of this claim, Oden said his office is aware of this issue, assuring that, within the next two weeks, parking services will have the registrar run a list of students who have dropped classes and compare this list to all hangtags sold. Violators will be notified by mail to return the hangtags and warned continued from page 1

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FALL INTERVIEW PROGRAM
C-M’s Office of Career Planning (OCP) is currently holding its Fall Interview Program. Recruiters from approximately 40 firms and agencies of all sizes, primarily from Ohio, are conducting interviews with students who bid for them on eAttorney.com. Successful bidders interview with potential employers for positions for the following summer.

Activities such as Moot Court, the Journal of Employment Law and Health and Law Review are also desirable.

The OCP recently organized an interviewing skills workshop and mock interviews to help students prepare for the interview process.

The Fall Interview Program has been growing every year since its inception in Spring 1999.

STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR
Members of C-M’s many student organizations will set up in the law building atrium on Oct. 1, 2003 to present information and answer questions about their organizations. Students will also be afforded an opportunity to sign up for membership with most organizations.

SERVICES: ARAMARK blames low sales as reason for cutbacks

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C-M is replacing the library staff that the entire university is in the process of moving toward a new budget model which will be implemented at the beginning of the 2005 fiscal year.

Under the new model, according to Plata, each college, including C-M, will retain all revenues they receive from tuition, fees and other sources rather than pooling these revenues into a central “pot” from which the University makes disbursements. In turn, each college will be expected to financially maintain itself. “The reality is, we spend a lot more than we bring in,” said Plata.

The 2005 budget model, according to Plata, means that C-M will be forced to support the services it provides, such as its own library, admissions office and financial aid office which are separate from the same services the University provides.

“I suppose one cost cutting measure could be to combine these offices with the University’s, but I think that our students are pretty happy with the services that we are able to provide,” said Plata.

“Maybe as we work through the new budget model, we will find a way to restore the library hours we were forced to cut,” said Plata. “But right now, its just too early to tell.”

In addition to the cutbacks in library hours, ARAMARK, who holds an exclusive contract with CSU to provide dining services, has drastically reduced the hours of the “Side Bar”, located on the garden level of the law building, by more than twenty hours.

Citing losses of $300 a day, ARAMARK warned C-M officials just a week before the start of classes, that it would reduce its hours of operation unless C-M was willing to reimburse its losses. “ARAMARK said they would be glad to stay open until 6:30 p.m. if the law school was willing to write them a check for $63,000,” said Plata.

“There is some thought that maybe the losses could be attributed to ARAMARK not sufficiently promoting itself or providing food or the best service....” said Plata. Sasha Marcovic, J.L and president of the Student Bar Association said he believes ARAMARK is responsible for its own losses because they failed of offer the services they agreed to provide. According to Marcovic, ARAMARK’s inability to make the “Side Bar” profitable was not due to a lack of interested consumers but rather due to the fact that ARAMARK rarely supplied the “Side Bar” with food to be sold. Marcovic said that the SBA has made resolutions of this issue a priority.

According to Plata, the exclusivity of ARAMARK’s contract makes seeking out alternative vendors to fill the space difficult but said that discussions as to alternatives are being discussed. Plata said C-M is looking into getting better vending machines as a possible alternative.

Currently the “Side Bar” maintains hours of 7:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. ARAMARK has eliminated “Side Bar” operations on Fridays.

COMING ATTRACTION
Best selling novelist, Scott Turow, will visit C-M on Feb. 4, 2004 to present a lecture entitled “Confessions of A Death Penalty Agnostic.” Turow will be appearing as part of C-M’s annual Criminal Justice Forum.

MOOT COURT NIGHT
Moot Court might has been set for Nov. 5, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.

BAKER & HOSTETLER LECTURER
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ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
Michael W. O’Neil ’94 was sworn in as president of the C-M Alumni Association on June 14, 2003. O’Neil is joined by Henry W. Chamberlin ’80 as President-Elect and Vincent T. Lombardo ’81 as Vice President.

GUITAR-MANIA
Currently on loan for exhibition at C-M, one in a series of guitars previously displayed throughout the city of Cleveland is currently on display in the corridor inside the E. 18th Street entrance to the law building.

This particular guitar showcases a journey through legal history. The guitar is just one of many new pieces of artwork on display throughout the law building, thanks, in part, to the efforts of Prof. Brian Glassman. These recent additions depict images of Cleveland’s skyline and historical development.

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Students must find customized study methods

By Karin Mika

Legal Writing Professor

Q: As a first year student, how is it possible to separate good advice from bad advice? A: The bottom line for everyone is “know thyself.” What works for some people does not work for other people, and first year students, especially, are caught up in doing the right thing to guarantee success. Unfortunately, for the most part, none of us was able to spend much time throughout our education to figure out how or why we seemed to be able to be educated so easily – whether it was “natural” ability, pure hard work, the quality of the teachers or study skills we had but never identified.

For my part, I could always “write,” although I never knew what made my writing good until I was forced to examine it in law school. Also, I had a semi-photographic memory (which is diminishing with age) which enabled me to learn easily through reading and re-reading. I never even contemplated these things until law school, when I was faced with situations where things weren’t being absorbed as easily as they used to be absorbed. Thus, I was ripe for the plethora of advice everyone seems to give about outlining, taping, “mind-mapping,” using bar review materials, using flash cards and being a part of a study group. It was all overwhelming, and I wound up trying and discarding all kinds of methods until I discovered what was best for me. (By the way, I was a lawyer and could really only work with one other person at a time.) Consequently, my advice is not to leap into what everyone else suggests as soon as they suggest it. There are some constants – work hard and immerse yourself in the information but as far as the “aids” are concerned, think about them carefully before you try them.

Are you the type of person who gets overwhelmed by too much information? Then don’t buy hornbooks for all of your classes. Do you tend to learn better through visual images? Then consider using tables as you’re allowed to. Does the group you’re hanging around with gravitate toward gossip rather than discussing class material? Then maybe a study group is not for you.

The secret for first year students is to lack confidence such that they believe everything that anybody else tells them. Have enough confidence at least to figure out what advice seems to make no sense at all in terms of who you are.

Leading by experience

Alumni urges first-year students to take advantage of the Mentor Program

Let me begin this column with a brilliant and original observation: law school can be stressful, maddening and even frightening. What to do? You can benefit from having a mentor, even if you are not stressed, mad or frightened.

Most dictionaries define a mentor as an advisor, counselor or teacher, and a good mentor is all of these things and more: he or she is also a friend. The March 1995 issue of the ABA Journal contained an excellent article on mentoring which stated that there are three components to being a good mentor.

First, the mentor is a teacher, the “information professional.” Second, the mentor is a “connector,” a person who helps make the necessary connections for the student along his or her career path. Finally, the mentor is a friend, someone who manages the heart and spirit of the mentor-student relationship.

All law students can benefit from having a mentor. If you are finding law school difficult, a mentor can advise you on how to avoid the mine fields ahead and on how to live up to your potential. But even if you are breezing through, a mentor can help: he or she is your link to Moocher Law.

The job market is horrendous, even for students on the Law Review. All law students can use a boost in finding a job: an additional reference mark of distinction you can help: he or she is your link to Moocher Law.

Your mentor can assist you just by being there: he or she is a constant reminder that you can make it. Your mentor survived, why can’t you?

By Vincent Lombardo ’81

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American Bar Association - Law Student Division (ABA/LSD)

The ABA/LSD membership offers many benefits and the opportunity to participate in one or more of the specialized ABA sections. An LSD member may sit as a voting council member of a section, a position that may take a practicing attorney years to achieve.

Asian Pacific Islander Law Student Association (APILSA)

APILSA is dedicated to the promotion of understanding between Asian American law students and the local and national communities. We welcome members from all backgrounds and nationalities who are interested in the various cultures of the Asian continent and Pacific Rim. APILSA's primary purpose is to provide networking and pro-bono opportunities. Also, in keeping with the spirit of community and diversity, we sponsor an “End of Semester Course Review” and we also sponsor various networking and career building opportunities throughout the year.

The Cleveland State Law Review

The Cleveland State Law Review is a journal with a proud tradition. Four times each year, the Law Review publishes articles of both local and national significance. Students are invited to join the Law Review as an Associate member at the end of their first year by either class ranking in the top ten percent or by successfully completing a great event-filled year for our members that includes networking and pro-bono opportunities. Also, in keeping with the spirit of networking and career building opportunities. We are open to all who have an interest.

Business Law Association (BLSA)

BLSA is a national organization with chapters at law schools across the country. The C-M chapter of BLSA sponsors and co-sponsors various educational and social events throughout the year. This past semester we sponsored an “End of Semester Course Review” and we also sponsor various networking and career building opportunities throughout the year.

The Environmental Law Association at Cleveland State University

The Environmental Law Association at Cleveland State University is a student organization that was first published in 1985, and has attracted potential for scholarly writing either through formal publication or in various conferences. Our mission shall be to help promote the concept of environmental law and policy and to lend support to students and faculty who are involved in the field of environmental law.

General Student Organizations

Most law schools have a student government body, usually composed of elected student members. This student government body is often involved in the formulation and implementation of the governing policies of a law school.

Criminal Law Society

The Criminal Law Society consists of students and volunteer members who are interested in both the prosecutorial and defense aspects of the criminal justice system. The Criminal Law Society is a fairly new organization and has been very supportive of the school’s Moot Court Board.

Delta Theta Phi

Delta Theta Phi Fraternity is an international professional law fraternity with over 100,000 members. Delta Theta Phi has chapters at over 150 law schools and the successful practice of law. Through networking at fraternity functions, mutual benefits are derived for both students and employers. Graduates that alumni and college clerks look to the Fraternity first when hiring. In general, the Fraternity provides a framework for its student members to substantially further their range of personal and professional opportunities.

Electronic Frontier Foundation

The Electronic Frontier Foundation (EFF) encourages awareness of both current, forthcoming and proposed communications and information technology and the impact such technology has on the political, legal, and social dynamics of today's society. EFF provides a forum for its student members to substantially further their range of personal and professional opportunities.

Entertainment & Sports Law Association (ESLA)

Our mission shall be to help promote the concept of entertainment and sports law for a student's desire of a concentration and better understanding of these areas of study. Our goal is to promote these ideals through guest speaker lectures, fundraising events, community service, volunteer opportunities and the creation of an entertainment law students' organization.

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Federalist Society

If you have an interest in the “limits of government” and would like to study and discuss the intellectual and political roots of republicanism (small-r) and the civil society, consider joining the Federalist Society. The Federalist Society is a law student organization that invites law students, professors and attorneys and contribute to C-M's “life of the mind.”

Federalist Society

We are a group of conservatives, libertarians and classical liberals interested in the current state of the legal order. The Federalist Society is founded on the principles that law is not an abstract discipline. The separation of governmental powers is central to our Constitution, and that it is empirically the province and duty of the courts to judge the law, not what the law should be. Contact: christopherfr@edenberg.law.csuohio.edu

The Gavel

The Gavel is the student publication of the College of Law. Its purpose is to inform, entertain and comment on the law school, the legal community and related topics of interest. Students become staff members after having two articles or equivalent contributions printed in the law school's student publication. All members participate in editorial elections at the end of the year. Contact Colin Moeller at gavel@law.csuohio.edu.

Hispanic Law Student Association

The Hispanic Law Student Association is dedicated to the advancement of Hispanics within the legal profession. The organization provides a support network for all Hispanic law students. It seeks to establish and maintain mutual cooperation with the larger Hispanic legal community.

Jewish Law Students Association

The Jewish Law Students Association provides social, cultural and religious opportunities for Jewish law students. The association strives to establish forums for law students to discuss current Jewish legal issues. In addition, the association is involved in forming and maintaining partnerships with Jewish organizations and legal professionals in the community.

Journal of Law and Health

The Journal and Law and Health is an interdisciplinary publication that explores health law and policy. It is staffed and edited by students who have demonstrated their potential for scholarly writing either through academic achievement or performance in a summer writing competition.

Journal of Law and Health

We plan to bring many great Italian-American legal scholars from the Cleveland School of Law to Cleveland and present them to students seeking employment or volunteer opportunities. We also plan to bring many exciting fundraisers to the law school community to further the school and the students' knowledge of Italian-American heritage.

LesBiGay Law Students Association

The purpose of LesBiGay is to encourage the development of professional expertise of lawyers advertising lesbian, bi-sexual and gay legal issues; to provide a legal-educational alliance with law schools, legal practitioners, homophile or homosocial educational experiences; to foster and facilitate a social and supportive legal-educational environment for lesbian, bi-sexual or gay law students, faculty and staff; and to advance the cause of civil rights for all lesbians, bisexuals and gay men through various legal and social methods. Membership is open to all students.

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Moot Court builds confidence and competes against other moot court teams. Each team receives a hypothetical record, writes an appellate brief and attends a competition. The team that wins the competition may receive a scholarship or commission against other law schools’ teams. Each participant receives a certificate.

Mock Trial

Mock Trial is an annual competition for those who attend Cleveland State Law School. The competition is open to all students. The SBA's primary responsibilities are to coordinate the law school’s annual law fair, oversee student organizations and maintain programs and opportunities.

Student Public Interest Law Organization (SPLIO)

SPLIO is an organization of students, faculty and staff that recognizes the inequities that exist in our legal system and is dedicated to developing a more just society. SPLIO serves as a resource center for students seeking employment or volunteer opportunities that focus on public service. The group sponsors summer intern programs in public interest law, local volunteer activities, guest speakers, fundraisers, workshops and social functions.

Women's Law Students Association (WLSA)

The Women's Law Students Association provides a forum for discussion and debate to promote an awareness of women's and gender issues on campus.

WLSA participates in fundraising and community service activities for recognized women's issue organizations in the Greater Cleveland area. WLSA will sponsor Mock Trial and Silent Auction (a fundraiser which generates thousands of dollars for student scholarships each year), which are both held in the end of the year. WLSA is a member of the National Association of Women Law Students and is open to all students.

For more information, contact Alyssa Hicks-Blackwell, Allison Mantz, Erica Webber or Erica Lundquist.
In God we trust...when necessary

The 5,281 pound monument of the Ten Commandments, once located in the rotunda area of the Alabama State Judicial Building, is now out of public sight. U.S. District Judge Myron Thompson ordered Chief Justice Moore to remove the monument, asserting its placement violated the Establishment Clause of the U.S. Constitution.

Both the 11th Federal Circuit Court and the U.S. Supreme Court rejected Moore’s appeals. Moore, however, ignored the court order, refusing to remove the monument. Moore now faces six ethics violation charges and the grave possibility of being removed from the bench.

The constitutional debate regarding the separation of church and state is nothing new. American courts have struggled with this sensitive issue since their inception, and the debate will continue for years to come.

The trend of the courts over the past forty years has been to eliminate as many religious symbols and actions from the courts and schools as possible. Recently, one atheist has succeeded in formally questioning the “one nation under God” clause of “The Pledge of Allegiance,” and there has been heated debate over the constitutionality of the phrase, “in God we trust,” contained on every coin in our pockets.

Statistics show well over two thirds of Americans attach religious value to the Ten Commandments monument removed from the Alabama courthouse, the “under God” clause removed from “The Pledge of Allegiance,” and the “in God we trust” phrase, which may be removed from the nation’s currency. According to the 2001 World Christian Encyclopedia, 76.5 percent of all Americans are Christians and 1.3 percent of all Americans are Jewish. Consistent with these percentages, a CNN-USA Today-Gallup poll taken through the week of Aug. 25th found that 77 percent of the 1,009 Americans interviewed disapproved of Judge Thompson’s order to remove the monument of the Ten Commandments.

While the U.S. courts seem so eager to eliminate any mention of God from schools and courthouses, and while this view may be consistent with the Constitution, one has to question why then, after the events of Sept. 11th, in the nation’s time of need, could every American citizen turn on his or her television and witness Congress singing “God Bless America.” Congress, the group of citizens elected by the citizens, to represent their views and needs, could have easily sung “The Star Spangled Banner,” the national anthem. They did not. It is ironic that in times of distress, the government officials who otherwise advocate the removal of God from our legal system, will stand on the steps of the Capital Building, acting in their official capacity, with one voice, for the world to see, and will call upon God to bless this country.

It was only two years ago these influential members of the United States legal system stood united on the Capital building steps and publicly acknowledged God. It was only two years ago the House of Representatives passed the “God Bless America” Resolution by a vote of 404 to 0, permitting the nation’s public schools to display the words “God Bless America” in the school buildings and on school property. It was only two years ago applause resounded as President George W. Bush closed his signing of the 911 Commission Bill by stating: “May God bless the families of those who suffered on Sept. the 11th. May God bless you today, may God bless you for long days to come and may God continue to bless America.”

Now the court system is ordering the removal of a symbol that represents that very same God. It seems rather paradoxical that this country, which so quickly turns to “God” in times of need, can spend so much time and effort to attempt to stifle acknowledgement of this God once the major emotional impact of a tragedy subsides. As John Adams, Founding Father and former president of the United States, once said, “It is religion and morality alone which can establish the principles upon which freedom can securely stand.”

Movers haul out the 5,281 pound monument of the Ten Commandments from the Alabama State Judicial Building.

By Krista Kaleps

Living through dissolution

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When we got news that Arter & Hadden was definitely dissolving on July 15th, it was a sad day for everyone. As a summer associate, I was, of course, concerned about losing an offer for permanent employment after law school. I would like to reinforce that it was not the idea of losing “just an offer,” but an offer from Arter & Hadden. The summer associate group had formed a strong bond by that point and truly envisioned the possibility of working together for years to come.

It was clearly expressed that Arter’s summer associate program was not designed to foster competition; rather, we were encouraged to work together, to help each other and to develop relationships. We were encouraged to focus on quality over quantity, with the ultimate hope and intention of the firm to hire each summer associate. This same positive attitude was evident in the firm’s handling of its dissolution.

All the while that Arter & Hadden was working to solve its financial problems, the partners and associates kept us formally apprised of potential solutions and necessary decisions. The process was a whirlwind experience for all those involved, but the partners worked day and night, exhausting all possibilities for a successful outcome. Both the partners and associates went to great lengths to maintain an open-door policy to keep us apprised of the situation, to alleviate our concerns and even to candidly share our own concerns.

I think it was the loyalty and dedication of each attorney, not just to the firm, but to one another and to their clients, which allowed us to prevail against the circumstances. Arter & Hadden consisted of many, many attorneys who had devoted their entire practice to the firm, some working together for 20-30 years or more. I have no doubt that Tucker, Ellis & West would be successful. The fact that virtually the entire firm remained intact when Arter & Hadden dissolved is a true testament of the people within the firm. The fact that the clients of the firm maintained complete faith in the attorneys that served them for many years, and trusted them to continue representing them through this transition also speaks volumes of the dedication and future success that I predict and expect to occur.

On a more personal note, having worked with the attorneys now known as Tucker, Ellis & West, I know they make up a team that is dedicated, hard-working, quality minded, client oriented and most importantly, full of character and integrity.

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Egos on a crash course with technology?

By Josh Dolesh

A professor took an ill-advised prob-
tance and banned laptop com-
ters in his classroom during the first week of class. Have the last vestiges of the old guard exacted revenge upon those students who dare make them feel in-
adequate? Is it unfair, placing the blame for the ban squarely on the professor? After all, students are more apt to “slack” when there is a wealth of leisure activities at their fingertips. The issue of in-class laptop use appears to be headed towards one of two headlines: “Law Professors at C-M Ban Laptops” or “Students Pay Little Attention at C-M.” The arguments on both sides of the class laptop issue are extremely persuasive. However, due to the abundance of con-
ounding factors, it is impossible to deter-
mine whether banning or allowing laptops would help overall student performance. Presently, laptop use is relatively unre-
stricted. As a result of this policy, no student can say they have not taken part in the guilty pleasure of “slacking” in class. But, ban-
ing laptops trumps one poor decision by another.

The current C-M ad-
minis-
tration Week in question

The following is the first in a six-part series following a first year C-M student from orienta-
tion to spring exams.

Orientation Week was a waste of everyone’s time. Everything that was said and done could have been done in one hour. Instead, the C-M administrators decided we would spend five days discussing how tough law school will be.

Why are professors claiming they are going to make us “walk out of the room on our bloody stumps” if we come “to your way of thinking” while ignoring the legitimate class unprepared? Is such a practice im-
agery necessary to motivate us? Certainly not.

However, regarding the question of whether or not the administration needs to do a self-evalu-
ation in this area. Waiting for a change in the guard to implement regulation will surely confuse C-M to the basement. Faced with both sides will yield to the inevitable compromises, but several innovative ideas have already emerged. Among the ideas: delegating upper rows to laptop use, creating an online backup times for wireless access codes of laptop etiquette (such as lowering one’s monitor when called on, appropriate levels of key stroke “noise”), strict enforcement of the honor code for chat room or IM cheating and (dare I say) integration of laptops into class lectures.

Both the SBA and the faculty need to work together to address the conflicting is-
sues in establishing guidelines to be promul-
gated in the student handbook. Meanwhile, at the very least, professors should disclose what is in jeopardy if we are unfocused. It is our livelihood, our future, that is in jeopardy if we are unocused.

As for the school’s concerted effort of an IL Clinic, we are too late. We are already scared and ultra-motivated not to be-
come a statistic of failure. We do understand what is at stake better than any administrator ever could. It is our livelihood, our future, that is in jeopardy if we are unfocused.

The question bears repeating: why are the powers at CM try-
ing to scare IL? This attempt at intimidation serves one purpose: being oriented to the law school experience. Learning how to use black or blue ink on paper. Is this not a much more valuable experience? Things should be changed!

Theme of Orientation Week in question

So, C-M teachers and staff: take it easy, we’ve got everything under control.

Sitting in the Moster Court Room for two to three hours each day was not my idea of coming a lawyer in first place.

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Open Mike

2L sounds off on recent events

By Michael Luby

Let me say hello to all those first year students out there. Early reports indicate you may be the smartest class yet, at least on paper. That probably explains why the men’s restrooms now have condom dispensers.

The Cleveland Clowns, “er the Cleveland Browns, have opened thirty firms and entities for the Fall Interview Pro-
gram this year. Thanks to them, only eighty-five percent of the student body will be looking for jobs come next month.

First Energy seems to be losing some of the heat caused by last month’s blackout. I would venture to say Cleve-
land stopped caring that night, probably sometime between the drive to an open 

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to settle for $2,000. It will take more
than an inconsequential percentage of the general public to prevent me from double clicking on the techno-remix of “Kickstart my Heart.”

It took less than two official school days for the computer lab to break down. During the running of Wooster Homecoming at the same time are nothing but a candle in the wind. At least Taff’s painted barn in Shelby County finished in time for the bicentennial.

Thousands of anti-globalization hip-
pies have gathered in Cancun hoping to derail the latest round of WTO meetings. Marches and nastier rallies are among the week’s planned events. Imagine that, naked people in Mexico interested in things other than body shots.

The 9th Circuit has stayed the Cal-
ifornia recall election of Governor Gray Davis. The court reasoned equitable voting procedures and cross-refered

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fairness as core principles in the deci-
sion. Fairness to whom, the Terminator, Gary Coleman or the porn star, is the real question.

Reports have recently circulated indi-
cating the infamous duds of Ben Affleck and the better known as “Benihai” have separated. Doctors report both sides are doing well, but it could take months be-

in full-force for SBAs first student social at Bottom’s Up Brewery. Less than a month into the semester and alcohol is flowing like the Nile. We can only hope the market dictates a Halloween bash worthy of last year’s raucous festivities.
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