Editor's Note

When I first walked through the doors of Cleveland-Marshall College of Law I thought that three years would be an eternity but now, with only a few weeks remaining, the time seemed to pass very quickly.

Law school is only a stepping stone on the path of each of our goals. However, it is an essential step and it is important for everyone to make the law school experience as good as possible.

The Gavel has helped to make law school more bearable for me and I would like to thank the staff this year for their dedication and hard work which made my editorship a pleasure and this newsmagazine a success. I hope that your interest continues and that you encourage others to get involved.

The Gavel is a forum for students and I feel that many people fail to realize the importance of this newsmagazine and to take advantage of the opportunity to use it. Do not feel afraid to write a story about something that interests you or to air any grievances — that's what we're here for.

I would like to wish everyone good luck on their final exams and the best of luck to all of the 1986 graduates. I hope we all are happy and successful in our legal careers.

Kassia Maslowski

Well, it has been three long years, but this experience called law school is almost over for me. There's a few people I would like to thank for making it more bearable. To my fellow classmates from section 15, thanks for your friendship and the memories (Mickey Duck, Harvey's Tortfeasors, Inflagrante and record breaking attendance in Property to name a few). I wish you all the best of luck in your careers, on the bar exam, and more importantly, in life.

Thanks and good luck to Kassia, Cathy and Sandi, I couldn't have had three nicer people to work with this year. Good luck to next year's editors and staff. The Gavel has made a lot of progress over the last three years, but there is more to do, and I'm sure you will work to make it the best it can be.

And finally to Cleveland—Marshall's faculty, staff and especially the student body. As an institution of higher education, this is a place where ideals should be nurtured and plans for a better world made. Don't forget the reasons why you came to Cleveland-Marshall or the convictions you brought with you. If you have something to say, say it. If you see something to be done, do it. Don't sit back and think "someone else will do something about it." As future lawyers we should fight apathy, not fall prey to it.

Mary DeGenaro

P.S. One last thank you to the one person who deserves it most.

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A Look At A Professor

by Deborah Gibula

What a pleasure it was to sit and talk with a professor who has such zeal for life. That was my impression of adjunct professor Terry Collingsworth. Being a recent graduate of law school himself, Professor Collingsworth remembers well what it was like to be a student.

Originally from the Cleveland area, Collingsworth received his undergraduate degree in psychology from Cleveland State University. He then went on to law school at Duke University where he graduated in 1982. With a special interest in Employment Law, Collingsworth had hopes of someday teaching. That opportunity came sooner than expected when Collingsworth was offered a temporary position at Cleveland-Marshall.

Collingsworth teaches courses in Fair Employment Practice and Administrative Law. In addition, he has played a significant role in seeing the Fair Employment Practice Litigation Clinic expanded to offer the students as well as the community greater opportunities. The clinic allows students to get experience litigating Title VII Civil Rights cases. Through the clinic students participate in discovery and deposition processes and aid in trial participation in discovery and deposition processes and aid in trial preparation, ultimately seeing their cases go to court. Collingsworth sees the clinic as the chance for students to experience "first class, high powered, federal litigation."

This fall Collingsworth will be in a new position at Loyola University Law School of Los Angeles. Generally, he will be teaching Employment related courses but did note his interest in "Beach Law." When asked if he would like to continue teaching, Collingsworth expressed the need for law professors to keep in touch with the practical aspects of their area of specialization. He says he would like to teach as well as practice to keep up with the new developments in Employment Law.

Presently working on his second article, Collingsworth has enjoyed teaching because it has given him a chance to research various areas of interest, such as sexual harassment in the workplace and wrongful termination of employment. He is also very interested in compiling an outline for a book dealing with the future of labor law, exploring the new issues in the area and the ramifications of international labor markets.

Apart from being devoted to his profession, Professor Collingsworth does manage to find the time to enjoy other passions. Besides being a runner, Collingsworth has done extensive traveling across the globe. He has enjoyed long vacations to areas of Asia, India, Japan, Korea and Thailand and is currently planning a trip to Southeastern Africa this summer. It is quite refreshing to think that life can be enjoyed after graduation.

As the school year comes to a close we bid farewell to a professor who has brought one year of his training to Cleveland-Marshall. Good Luck in sunshiney California.

Incident on Euclid Avenue

by Steven Vargo

Cleveland Police responded to a radio call of "a male being mugged." Upon arrival on the scene, officers discovered a single law student clutching a large envelope. Four would-be muggers showed the results of a physical struggle. One of the officers, a seasoned veteran, commented to the student, "Why didn't you just give them your wallet?" "Wallet?", replied the first year law student, "I thought they were after my moot court brief for my legal writing class!"

Into the Life of a Legend

by R. Robert Remington

On Thursday March 20th, Phi Alpha Delta presented The Honorable Judge Paul Brickner, Administrative Law Judge for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Judge Brickner's topic was "The Life and Times of Justice Cardozo," a fascinating and expansive era of the Supreme Court.

However, what made Judge Brickner's informal talk even more fascinating was the intricate detail he articulated, not only of Cardozo's life on the bench, but of his childhood years as well. Indeed as the Judge began the uncovering of Cardozo's younger years, he developed the story line of a small child growing up under the name of a father who was accused and nearly impeached from the bench in New York due to his alleged underworld activity. Other problems arose as well during Cardozo's early years and by the age of fifteen both of his parents had died, leaving him to the care of his older sister. Judge Brickner drew a close analogy to the early and troubled times of Justice Cardozo and the aspirations which led the young Democrat from New York to the Supreme Court of the United States.

Judge Brickner also expounded on the overwhelming sense of pride which was to be the inner driving force of Justice Cardozo. The tone was set of a proud young man, first in his class at Columbia University who had overcome the problems of his younger years and set out to bring back honor to the Cardozo name. While barely touching on Cardozo's rather systematic drive through the New-York judicial system, Judge Brickner seemed to be particularly obsessed with the incredible following which Cardozo obtained during those years. Indeed, a following so strong that President Hoover, a Republican, would be the one to place Cardozo on the bench of the Supreme Court.

Judge Brickner's lecture of the life and times of Justice Cardozo was more than a mere overview of history. It was a story about a man with purpose in life, a purpose that would move him to be one of the most influential voices in legal history. It seems that many times we get caught up in the hard back impersonality of bound legal ideology without ever examining the lives of the people from whom we are learning. Judge Brickner stepped outside the books and into the life of a legend.
The humorist, Robert Benchley, was once asked the following question on an exam: "Describe the reproductive life of the salmon". Benchley answered as follows: "Not knowing much about the reproductive life of the salmon, I'd like to answer this question from the salmon's viewpoint."

This little story really sums up the Ohio Bar experience. If you don't know the answer, tell them about the salmon's sex life. You'll get points for being able to write a coherent answer, and points is the name of the game.

I've been asked to jot down a few tips for those of you who are about to begin studying for the last law school hurdle. Hopefully, these will get you through the rough times ahead.

E. P. Wakefield

July is approaching quickly and with is THE BAR! For those of you who are about to springboard into preparation for this Stripe on the Highway of Life, let me give you the inside scoop on what to expect.

First of all, you MUST MUST MUST take a bar review course before even thinking about trekking to Columbus. Even if you're the smartest kid in the class and just KNOW you're going to pass without one, sign up for the course anyway. The smartest kid in my class took the course... maybe taking all these courses was what made him so smart... and he passed. So what other proof do you need? I signed up for H. R.'s Bar Review (since I'm not getting paid to advertise a particular course, I'm sticking to initials... you figure out which course it was). The course was everything you needed to know in order to write an organized essay and pass the exam.

"If you don't know the answer, tell them about the salmon's sex life."

Memorizing all that stuff was another story, however. During the Bar Review, A bunch of us put our heads together and came up with a neat way to memorize all the material you need to know for the exam. We PUT IT TO MUSIC! Yes... all it takes is a memory for tunes, plug in the elements that you need to remember, create a little Gilbert and Sullivan scenario to pull it all together, and voila! instant memory. One of my favorites was putting all the elements of false imprisonment to "Some Enchanted Evening" from SOUTH PACIFIC. It's sort of a catchy little ditty that goes like this:

"Some enchanted evening
You will be imprisoned
It will be intended
Against your conscious will..."

"Midnight
Not a sound from the pavement
And unlatching the door..."

The darn thing works out quite well, and those elements pop right into your mind as soon as you start humming. However keep this tip under your hat. It was bad enough that three of us were humming our way through the Bar... it would have been havoc if everybody started singing during the exam. The place would have sounded like the Mormon Tabernacle Choir warming up.

It isn't just what you know that makes you pass the Bar. Knowing what to expect in Columbus and at the Bar Examination site so that you can feel comfortable, without any surprises in your environment, is equally as important.

For example, how close is your hotel going to be to the Bar Exam? I stayed at the Christopher Inn, which I was told was "right across the street" from the Exam. In fact, the only reason I stayed there was because new cities make me very nervous, and even I could find a building if it was right across the street from my hotel. Actually, the Christopher Inn was 7/8 of a mile from the Exam, which is quite a hike, particularly during the blizzard that was raging when I took the exam. I was lucky and got a ride to and from the Bar every day. The people who had to walk, however, looked like they had forgotten everything by the time they made it to the Exam, and it took them hours just to warm up. The moral of this story is to find out exactly how far you are going to be continued on page 10
Setting Legal Precedent

by Rick Smith

The Cleveland-Marshall Fund's Visiting Scholars Program recently brought the Honorable Patricia McGowan Wald to the Moot Court Room for a lecture. McGowan is a judge on the United States Court of Appeals, District of Columbia Circuit, and her lecture focused on the relation of judges in a circuit.

There is much interaction between past and present, Wald feels, in speaking of the use of precedent. However, the "practice is not all quite that tidy," she said. There are different lines of precedent that form and cases arise where such precedent is in opposition to a way that some think a case should be decided.

McGowan stated several ways that judges go about changing precedent. State Supreme Court decisions can be looked at for trends or judges may make their own suggestions as to changes. Where judges may not have the strength to overrule decisions, they may write a strong dissenting opinion and aim toward the Supreme Court to get those changes. "Judges may contribute to ongoing dialogues" like law review articles, she added.

En banc hearings (where appellate courts sit in parts or divisions of three or more judges from among a larger number on the full court) were traditionally "used to test acceptance of new precedent set", Wald said. Even though most "judges don't like to see their decisions overruled; they look at it as a betrayal," a judge's regard for his colleagues survives disagreement and en banc votes and it "remains the most popular way to overrule bad precedent."

In another portion of her lecture, Wald spoke of raising issues sua sponte. These are actions taken through the court's own volition or its own motion. She said that sua sponte "may be used to change or expand the law." But she suggests that judges should exercise restraint in using sua sponte for change." Wals also noted the conflict between published and unpublished opinions by saying that unpublished opinions are at a disadvantage because they can't be used to change existing law. Another problem Wald sees is that courts "often avoid the substantive questions" in a case and "decide it on other issues so as not to make a stand on the decision."

Wald was appointed to the D.C. Circuit in 1979 by former President Jimmy Carter. Prior to that, she worked for the Department of Justice as Assistant Attorney General for Legislative Affairs. Judge Wald is a 1948 graduate of Connecticut College for Women and a 1951 graduate of Yale Law School where she was case editor of the Yale Law Journal and was selected to the Order of the Coif.
Student Bar Association

Elections: April 9 and 10

Marty Delahunty
Candidate for President

My name is Marty Delahunty. Many of you have probably never heard of me, and this is a situation that I would like to rectify. I am running for S.B.A. President with all of you in mind. I believe I have both the knowledge and sincerity to fairly represent your wants and needs. Although, I am not so foolish as to believe that I alone am the best indicator of what the true needs of the student body are, and this is why I want to know more of you. Without your input, the position of president becomes a farce. The office is yours, not any one individuals.

I was never the type of individual who engaged in the use of lofty promises to attain what I wanted, and I won't begin now. But, what I believe is that it is time the S.B.A. focuses upon the needs of individuals rather than groups. It is the individual who really needs the help and resources of SBA and that is who the SBA was created to represent. What I can guarantee is that whether as SBA president or not, I will care!! I will personally help to the fullest of my abilities anyone who needs help. I cannot promise you anything else, if it isn't enough, I am sorry. If you feel it is, I hope you support me in the upcoming election. Either way, thank you, and give a damn about who represents you. Please vote...

Dennis DiMartino
Candidate for President

My name is Dennis DiMartino and I am a second year student running for the office of S.B.A. President. I am currently the S.B.A. Treasurer, as well as the Marshall of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity. During the past two years, I have worked closely with the S.B.A., faculty, administration, and other student organizations in many different events. My experiences in management and leadership of student groups has contributed to many of the successful S.B.A. events held this year.

I feel that my personal involvement with the S.B.A. has given me the insight to its future growth here at Cleveland-Marshall. While many of the activities this year have been social in nature, I believe that the S.B.A. should take on additional roles for the students. These would initially include more programming in placement, employment, orientation, and professional development. Basically, the S.B.A. should provide a wide variety of services to the student population.

Further, I intend on developing more programs for the night students, who require different planning than their daytime counterparts. Much of my focus for evening students would center on providing services and events specifically designed to meet their needs.

Finally, I want to make it clear — I will serve the STUDENTS, faithfully, diligently, and to the best of my ability. Thank you for your support.

Elias J. Coury
Candidate for Vice-President

During this past year, I have been very actively involved in many Cleveland-Marshall activities. I have been an officer of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity during its reformation over the past two years. My experiences with PAD as President and Clerk have included various school-wide events in conjunction with the SBA. I am willing to devote the time and energy to the Vice President's office in order to get the job done. My past experiences and enthusiastic participation in student activities have given me keen insight into the demands of the Vice President's office. My personal dedication and diligence will result in a maximum benefit over the next year to the entire student body as the Vice President of the SBA. Thank you.

All candidates were given equal opportunity to submit statements of candidacy to The Gavel. The statements appearing here were those received by the March 20, 1986 noon deadline.
May it please the court, my name is James T. Walther, and I am running for Secretary of the Student Bar Association. This is the way you begin to speak after four rounds of Moot Court Competition.

Seriously now, I believe I am a qualified candidate for the S.B.A. position. The position calls for one to have an acute understanding of the student body, which, incidentally, I believe I have.

I am involved in a number of organizations at the law school. Among them are: The International Law Society, The Association of Trial Lawyers of America, Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity and I am a candidate for the Moot Court Board of Governors. Additionally, I am a Student Member of the American Bar Association and the Cleveland State Alumni Association.

Membership in these organizations has allowed me to be involved with a varied cross-section of students at school. I have also made a number of good friends in these organizations.

I am running on the Brethren Party along with my fellow brethren, Gary Cowen, who is running for S.B.A. Treasurer. Both of us are second year students and would appreciate the support in the upcoming election. Thank you and Go Vikings!

I am declaring myself a candidate for SBA Secretary. After two years at Cleveland-Marshall, I believe that I can be of benefit to the student body as your SBA Secretary. This past year I have been Clerk of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity where I have learned to manage and direct basic administration and "housekeeping" of the fraternity. This experience can be of great use in the SBA. I think it's imperative that the SBA Administration should be managed efficiently. As your Secretary, I promise to make that a main goal of my office.

Along with providing quality social programs like The Follies and happy hours for the student body, as your Secretary I would improve the relations with the Faculty and the Dean's Office. At times communication has not always been good. I do not think that the Dean and Faculty really knows the student body's views on subjects affecting our vital interests. As your Secretary I pledge to improve communication with the administration.

I understand the responsibilities of the office; I am willing to undertake them. Just as Goshien teaches Tax "his way," I plan to be an effective Secretary for the SBA.

Dear Fellow Students,

I am once again running for the position of Student Bar Association Treasurer. Those of you who know me will know also that I am nothing if not dedicated. In order for me to secure this position I require not only your trust but also your vote. Please give them to me.

Those of you who do not know me can easily recognize me. I am the snappy dresser who wears the blue HEADBAND and has the copious amount of facial hair.

Contrary to the majority of the content of this statement I am sincerely interested in providing effective, responsive and intelligent leadership through my activities as your treasurer. I hope you will give me that opportunity.

VOTE—IT'S YOUR RIGHT!

Elections: April 9 and 10
As I sit here writing this brief expose' with pen arched in the ready position and a glass of fruit punch containing Nutra-Sweet on my left, I feel it an opportune time to describe the legitimate goals of this year's most serious alternative in the S.B.A. elections, that is the "Brethren" Party.

The Brethren Party's inception began in early in February of 1986 at a local diner in Kent, Ohio in the wee hours of the morning. Members of the soon to be called Brethren Party spoke of disenchantment with the S.B.A., mismanagement of funds, lack of internal consistency and poor taste and judgment. Cognizant of these ubiquitous problems the Brethren Party seeks to remedy them in a situation analogous to de jure discrimination in Brown v. Board of Education.

The Brethren Party's objectives include proper accountability of student funds, effectiveness and efficiency in the decision-making process and implementation, candidness and responsiveness to the student body and lastly, to provide and promote a closer relationship between the students and the faculty.

As a candidate for Treasurer my predilection toward student organizations includes being elected Vice-President of the Science Students Association in 1980 which handled a budget of $20,000 and being elected Senator for Graduate Studies in 1983 while at the University of Ottawa. If elected by the law school student body I will represent the students in my full capacity insuring strict accountability and management of the budget as well as injecting novel ideas toward an efficient running of the S.B.A. executive.

If you are sick and tired of voting for the mainstream who promise you the "pie in the sky" and other unattainables, it's time for a serious alternative.

Vote for the Brethren Party! We tip the scales of justice in favor of the law student.

As a prospective third year student, I realize many problems of both day and night students, and if elected, I will try to express many of these concerns within the purview of the office.

My experience on various committees as an undergraduate, has taught me how to work effectively with a team to achieve common goals. Also, my experience as a clerk doing payroll, gives me the experience and accuracy to handle financial matters well.

Working in a number of local political campaigns, I realize the necessity to elect persons of dependability and respect, who will listen to the views and concerns of all persons. If elected to the position of SBA treasurer, I will fully commit myself to effectively and responsibly carry out the duties of the office. Thank you for your support.

I am a second year student running for the office of S.B.A. Treasurer. I have always been involved in student government and student organizations and have held many offices including President and Treasurer of such groups. Currently, I am an outgoing S.B.A. Senator and the outgoing President of Tau Epsilon Rho law society. I also served on the Appropriations and the Orientation Committees of S.B.A. this year.

I want to be involved in the S.B.A. because I feel my experience in leadership and organization of student groups can increase the efficiency of S.B.A.'s financial operations.

As Treasurer I plan to keep the S.B.A. running at its best, through careful planning, hard work, diligence and dedication. Please give me the opportunity to work for you. Thank you.
How Free Is Free Speech?

by Professor Barry Kellman

Greetings from China,

Freedom of speech is a controversial subject here — so controversial it is rarely discussed. There have been inconsistent signals lately which both hearten and discourage those who hope that the general liberalization of China’s economy would spread to political rights as well. To gain any understanding of what is happening, it is important to refrain from imposing American values or expectations nor should blame be laid wholly on China’s Marxist regime.

In five thousand years of Chinese history, there has never been a free and meaningful election nor has pluralistic debate flourished over any extended period. The supreme social value here is, as it has always been, the harmonious integration of all people into family, community and nation — individual rights are respected to the extent that individual efforts contribute to social harmony but are not of primary significance in and of themselves. While this view is hardly conducive to what Americans expect from the First Amendment, neither is it the kind of rigid repression that characterizes totalitarian thought control, although the government’s authority over the content of mass-disseminated speech is undeniable. Control of speech is a more subtle manifestation of the nationally-shared aspiration for cohesion and unified progress. By far most people do not need to be controlled because they accept without question, as they always have, the righteousness of the regime.

Earlier this fall, students in Beijing demonstrated against China’s growing economic dependence on foreign products, particularly Japanese goods. The demonstrations were not squelched nor were there reprisals, and a wider debate about China’s open door policy ensued. Students I meet in Shanghai are openly critical of Maoism and discuss the merits and faults of current policies. Law students do not hesitate to reveal and condemn hypocrisy in the Chinese legal system. All this takes place, not in secret whispers, but in open and frank discussion with seemingly no fear of repression. Indeed, there appears to be more than lip service accorded to the need for a lively and informed airing of national issues.

On the other hand, a controversial play was recently closed down in Beijing (but not in Shanghai where it has drawn large crowds). Telling the story of seven teenagers who survived bitter hardships during the Cultural Revolution and who, as adults, succeed according to the political status of their parents; the play portrays the reality of Chinese society in less than ideal terms. Just recently, the authorities banned one of China’s most popular singers from recording or performing. His offense was not political but related to his lifestyle and lyrics which, by Chinese standards, are promiscuous and overly-commercialized. More important than these examples of censorship is the fact that while the purges have apparently ended there is scant mention of what has become of large numbers of dissidents incarcerated in the Cultural Revolution and thereafter. This ambiguity serves to chill vocal dissent even while the authorities can claim that those who would now speak out need no longer fear reprisal.

The same ambiguity applies to freedom of the press. Every large newspaper is controlled by the government or the communist party. However, there has been a recent proliferation of local tabloids, whose sensationalism and prurience have been severely criticized. In the central press itself, there is room for dissent and argument often touching on sensitive areas of policy formation and political conflict. Indeed political debate is such an important feature of the Chinese press that earlier this year some party officials were severely reprimanded for having attempted to obstruct reporters in their work. One incident does not prove that press freedom is guaranteed, but the principle of investigative reporting has been established and defended.

What can be said about a system that tolerates student dissent but censors promiscuous songwriters — or about a system which absolutely bans any pandering to sexual or commercial erosions of the social fabric? Part of the answer lies in understanding that the Chinese are not as fearful of dissension as of “spiritual pollution.”

A student asked me what I thought of the movie Rambo which is almost as popular in China as in the U.S. In response to my expression of disgust, she commented that I must, therefore, wish that the movie had been banned. She seemed truly dumbfounded and probably thought I was hypocritical when I said that although Rambo was inordinately violent and racist, I would strongly oppose any effort at censorship. For her, expression was anti-social, it should not be allowed.

The point here is that the Chinese view of speech is not the Orwellian nightmare of totalitarian thought control, although the government’s authority over the content of mass-disseminated speech is undeniable. Control of speech is a subtle manifestation of the nationally-shared aspiration for cohesion and unified progress. By far most people do not need to be controlled because they accept without question, as they always have, the righteousness of authority.

Consider the limits of free speech in America: you may not shout “FIRE” in a crowded theatre. In China, every place is crowded, and the maintenance of social organization and stability requires a far broader extension of this concept than is accorded in the individualistic nations of the West. Political speech — even in outright disagreement with the regime — may be tolerated because political debate is a method of forging a national consensus; speech which disrupts the polity and erodes the social fabric, however, is without value and therefore should be censored.

Speech is a means to the ends of national growth and unity, not an inalienable right. That the central authorities should control speech in order to obtain desired ends is taken for granted. They have been controlling speech for thousands of years. In the tug of war between the push for modernization and the pull of ancient values, liberalization of speech will be at best a slow process.
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staying from the Exam before you make reservations.

There are a couple of survival tips that I'd like to pass on to you as you pack to leave for Columbus. First of all, pack your lunches for the three days of the Bar. We brought a cooler along filled with juice and pop, cold meats, fruit, bread and munchies. Since I almost NEVER allow myself to buy junk food during the year, I decided that this was the time to bring along the giant, 600+ people that took the Winter BAR when I did, about 500 planned to buy their lunch from the snack bar. The counter at the snack bar is about 15 feet long, and is manned by two people. Well, you figure it out. Five hundred anxiety-ridden people crowding up to a 15' long counter to try and buy a hot dog during a 60-minute lunch period. Sounds like fun? Youbetcha. By the time you decorate a cold weenie with a glob of relish and splursh of mustard, its time to sit down and start writing again.

The other possibility is to purchase a box lunch from any of the local hotels that cater to Bar students. I don't recommend this either. For $5.00 you get a dry sandwich, a piece of fruit and MAYBE some chips. There was no quality control in the box lunches I surveyed. Also, it's only fair to warn you that buying a box lunch is the kiss of death for those of you who have planned on passing on the first try. EVERY STUDENT that I know of who got a box lunch failed the Bar! (I think it has something to do with the mold spores in the bread.)

But, obviously, the choice is yours ... you can stand in line with 500 grungy bodies (499 of whom are muttering post-mortem words under their breath) and set yourself up for a stroke and INSTANT FAILURE; you can throw away an extra $5.00 a day on bread mold and again, INSTANT FAILURE; or you can dine in splendor ... a little apre's lunch, a piece of fruit and MAYBE some chips. This was the time to bring along the large, box lunch from any of the local hotels that were particularly effective looks a lot like the Ohio Supreme Court Justices. People arrived there with medals, feet from dead animals, photographs of spouses, tiny statues, etc. The guy across the table from me had a phoney Pink Slip from his job; apparently passing the exam was critical for him.

I brought along a pair of lucky pantyhose. They worked along the same principle as lucky socks in baseball. Anyway, during the Bar Review, I was wearing a skirt and sweater instead of slacks because it was more comfortable and somehow, I discovered that my pantyhose (No Nonsense, sandalfoot) were wearing like iron mail without any of the usual runs and snags. This was phenomenal! I had never had a pair last more than a week before! Obviously, there was something unique about this pair ... well to make a long story short, I wore those stockings every day of the Bar review, and all through the Bar WITHOUT WASHING THEM! After the first couple of weeks, those pantyhose took on a life all their own, and even helped me to study. I remember that my left leg was particularly good on secured transactions. (Which was fortunate since we had no secured questions on our exam.) After I got back from Columbus, my family had those pantyhose banned ... sort of like adult baby shoes ... and they are now the pedestal for our TV.

Anyway, back to icons. If you have a favorite one that you can pack along, by all means bring it. The more the merrier. After all, the Bar is a religious experience! Just make sure that it can fit under the table during the exam because nothing is allowed to grace that formica except the exam books, writing tools, and elbows.

Another item that you might want to consider bringing along is a pillow. I was the ONLY person in our exam who brought something to take the edge off those metal chairs, and my tush was forever grateful for the courtesy. Its not that the chairs are so uncomfortable, its just that you sit there for what seems an eternity on metal chairs, and you get a horrible case of TB (tired buns) by the end of the day. Besides, if you're arriving in Columbus with a cooler full of food and an 8 foot tall icon, whats one more item to drag along? So what if you look like something out of the LLBean catalog ... you're only going to get ripped up like this one time, and you'll NEVER see these people again (except at the induction ceremony ... all 15 minutes of it) so who the hell cares what they think? (Besides, you know these are the folks that are going to be choking down cold weenies during lunch ... throw in a kiss of death for them too!) Anyways, give due consideration to packing a pillow or cushion along. Or show a little school spirit and pack two cushions in the school colors so that you can distinguish yourself as a Marshall graduate. Besides, if your behind is comfortable, it gives your brain one less thing to worry about.

Let's have a catalytic moment together and talk about bathrooms. There are two sets of bathrooms located in the examination area, captioned, appropriately, "MEN" and "LADIES". You can take a trip to the potty ANYTIME during the exam or at the lunch break, but remember that if you go during the exam, you go on time that could be used to write an essay. One of the most interesting things about the Bar Bathroom Experience is that the Vow of Silence is observed by all participants. And there are monitors in the bathrooms to make sure that nobody speaks while on the comode. I guess they're afraid that you'll exchange trade secrets or decide to do a last-minute Con Law cram while behind closed doors. Its not that they don't trust us ... but ... I found the bathroom thing particularly idiotic, and it confirmed my suspicion that the Bar was not all it was cracked up to be, and was, perhaps, a highly overrated exam. However, just because you can't talk in the bathrooms doesn't mean that you can't communicate with people. After all, there are many other modes of getting your message across. A friend of mine has a phoney seizure act that she uses to ward off muggers. She had the bathroom monitors beside themselves when she launched into her rendition during the Tort's question. They didn't know whether it was time for CPR or the nets ... and the beauty of it all was that they couldn't ASK her what was wrong and break the Vow of Silence. Think about it. I'll bet you can come up with something just as memorable to put some life into an exam that is truly devoid of humor.

One last thing to think about. The Bar is a very passable exam. There is no reason that EVERYONE who takes it can't pass the first time because it's not meant to trick you or be an impossible experience. If you get hyped up to pass, put the Bar into its proper perspective and relax, you'll have no trouble. I found it helpful to repeat this Mantra during the test:

This is a highly overrated experience, Drummed up by retired senior citizens in California, Who have nothing better to do, Than make me jump through a hoop in Ohio, In order to fulfill the basic requirements Of a learned profession, And have something to talk about At cocktail parties. Cheers!

These helpful suggestions are based on the BAR experience of Elizabeth Petersen-Wakefield and Gayle A. Reeves — Cleveland-Marshall graduates, survivors of the BAR Blizzard of 1984 and first-time passers.
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LIFE IN PRISON
by Paul Bayer

On Friday, March 14, the NLG-sponsored a field trip to the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville. Everyone in attendance agreed that the trip provided an informative and enlightening perspective of the quality of life inside the reformatory. Ron Edwards, Administrative Assistant to the supervisor was our host and guide for a three hour tour of the facility.

Some highlights of the tour included a trip to the workshops where inmates learn construction skills, a visit to the prison school where inmates have an opportunity to earn a high school equivalency degree as well as college credits, a tour through the prison's law library, and a close-up view of Ohio's electric chair. In a slide show before the tour, Mr. Edward's presented an overall view of Ohio's prison system, and he answered many of our individual questions about his and other Ohio prisons.

Law students may be interested in seeing the forms made available to inmates who use the law library in the prison to appeal their convictions. NLG obtained copies of these forms and is willing to provide copies to interested students. Also, students may be able to make use of material provided by Mr. Edwards regarding the historical use of the death penalty in this state. This information is also available through the NLG.

As always, NLG is interested in your views concerning this event, as well as your suggestions for future events. The NLG office is located in room 25 of the Law Building.

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C—M HOSTS
CLOSE CORPORATIONS SEMINAR

Cleveland State University will present a one-day seminar on Ohio's Close Corporation Law Wednesday, April 9. The seminar is being sponsored by CSU's Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, Law Review and Division of Continuing Education.

A panel of top state and national legal scholars will discuss the major issues and trends that affect attorneys and professionals in relation to financial ventures and the close corporation.

Among seminar topics will be the legislative history of the law and how to use it, case law and statutory developments, contractual arrangements, best financial sources, banking relationships, ethical considerations, financing requirements, and related issues.

Cost of the program is $95, which includes lunch and parking. The seminar will be held in the Moot Court Room of the Law Building, 1801 Euclid Avenue. To register call 687-2144.

The program will include the following:
- F. Hodge O'Neal, George Alexander Madill professor of law at Washington University, on "Oppression of Minority Shareholders: Protecting Minority Rights"
- Harry J. Haynsworth IV, David E. Means professor of law at the University of South Carolina, on "Dissolution Suits Involving Closely Held Corporations — What Are the Courts Doing?"
- Robert H. Donaldson, international business management professional, on "Financing the Closely Held Corporation"
- Elizabeth A. Moody, CSU professor of law, on "Conflicting Interests in the Close Corporation: The Developing Law"
- Wilton S. Sogg, attorney with Hahn, Loeser, Freedheim, Dean & Wellman of Cleveland, on "The Changing Role of the Attorney with Respect to the Corporation"
- Forrest B. Weinberg, CSU assistant professor of law, on "The Close Corporation Under Ohio Law."

COLLEGE STUDENT DISCOUNTS

Trailways Lines, Inc. has announced a reduced round-trip fare for college students which the busline hopes will encourage use of their system during the "spring break" period. Any college student who presents a valid college identification card will be eligible for the round-trip discount fare.

Between now and May 4th the round-trip fare from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to anywhere Trailways goes will be a low $99.00. The only restriction is that the return portion of the ticket must be used within 15 days of the purchase date.

"We recognize the fact that college students represent a large portion of our late winter and early spring travelers," stated Tom Kissel, Director of Marketing for Trailways. "We want to get as many of them as possible to consider Trailways for their spring break travel."

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PAD Initiates

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International, the world's largest law fraternity, is pleased to announce that the following persons were initiated into the Meck chapter last March 9.

Charlita Anderson
Todd Armanini
Shari Dennis
Laura DiVincenzo
Kathy Dus
Walter Ehrnfelt, III.
Thomas Feher
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Debbie Gibula
Roger Gove
Lisa Hough
Lynn Anne Howell
Mary Kilbane
William Kraus
Michelle Lafferty
Ann Mandel
Michael J. Monroe
James Moore
John Myers
Brian P. O'Malley
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