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Open House A Triumph  
by Bessie Marino

December 8 found many Cleveland-Marshall students, along with their wives, girl-friends, husbands, or boy-friends, braving one of Cleveland’s worst snowstorms to attend Marshall’s annual Open House Dance sponsored by our Student Congress. The Open House, organized by Ross Haffey and his committee, was quite a success.

Food, drinks, and prizes were abundant. Various text book prizes were won by Lawrence Snitsky, and Marvin Silver; Jerry Kraig won Baldwin’s Revised Code. Academic awards were received by Del Seiple, Jim Beveridge, and Robert Kapitan. But it was practically a clean sweep for Mrs. June Weiner. This attractive, petite “housewife” walked away with $200 in prize money for academic achievement, having attained an almost straight A average her first year at Marshall.

Both door prizes, otherwise known as “alcoholic refreshment” were won by Elaine Gross, senior Dale Brown’s date. Miss Gross, however, was kind enough to relinquish one bottle, so that one other Marshall student might have a night of good cheer.

The Twisting Contest, judged by the spouses of our faculty, was won by yours truly, Bessie Marino and date, Peter Portmann.

Dance chairman Ross Haffey should be congratulated for a well-planned Dance—enjoyed by all. (Photos on page 5)

Cleveland-Marshall had as its guest the National Phi Alpha Delta Field Representative from Houston, Texas, Ray Judice. He met with the fraternity and the administration, on Feb. 8-9, to promote understanding and cooperation through new programs for the good of both the chapter and the school.

PERSON TO PERSON  
by Dean Stapleton

The student body has undoubtedly noted in passing that the faculty has abolished the comprehensive examination. In some quarters there were signs of relief, ranging from those which came from marginal students, to those of the upper half of the group who considered the exam another unnecessary nuisance.

The decision to abandon the examination was not made without a review of all the factors involved. Instituted some years ago, it did serve its purpose. At that time the Supreme Court required only two years of undergraduate work at college before qualifying for law study, and the result was that students were admitted who conceivably would not have lasted academically until their first degree. Our ultimate fatality list comprehended many of these. Secondly, the exam served as a further screening process to determine academic fitness; and last of all it served as an enforced review immediately prior to the State Bar examination.

Today our entering students must have a degree from an accredited college; and while all of these do not necessarily survive, in the aggregate, the first year class has a much greater potential for success than had been the case in prior years. In addition, a rather stern attrition procedure, exercised by the proper faculty committees at the end of the first and second years, insures us a third year class and ultimately a graduating group that has been tried and not found wanting. And today, with the bar exam being given in the middle of the summer, this by action of the Supreme Court, the student has a sufficient period of time between graduation and the exam properly to conduct his own review, which I might add is most necessary.

The objective of this law school might well be summed up in one word “Excellence.” To that end the individual records of students are constantly being reviewed; faculty committees are meeting periodically to review standards, the curriculum, and to turn the white light of inquiry upon themselves. Even the creature comfort of the students is the subject of discussion, to the end that while the result may not seem to have a direct bearing on classroom proficiency, the continuing remodeling of the physical plant is making possible a better environment in which to work. I suspect that I perhaps more than anyone else am aware of the rumbles that at times come from the representatives of the student body when there is a disagreement with some change promulgated by the faculty. In the instant case I have heard no objections except from some of the diehards who have gone before and who were exposed to the “Comps.”

But where on occasion there are objections to faculty dictum when the faculty as a whole speaks ex cathedra, keep in mind that the decisions reached are not lightly arrived at and they are made so that the goal of excellence may be ultimately gained. I do not wish to imply that collectively we are not good; such is not the case. But any institution, group, or individual who complacently sits, reflectively contemplating its corporate or individual navel as the case may be, and satisfied with the status quo, must eventually give way and fade from sight, elbowed aside by those who are on their way to better things and are doing something about it.

FEBRUARY 1963
Delta Theta Phi
by Ed Manning

On Dec. 15, the initiation banquet was held at the University Club. Judge J. McMahon, the guest speaker, gave an excellent talk on, "Lawyers Presentation Before a Judge." Following the dinner, most members went to the Court of Appeals, where the formal initiation of fifteen new members took place.

It's a pleasure to report that all these new members were present at the December meeting for the election of officers. Tribune Tom Scanlon conducted the election procedure and the Dokie Club became Tammany for the evening. When the smoke cleared and the final ballots were tallied, the following Officers were elected; Hank Fischer—Dean, Don Thorpe—Vice Dean, Jim Dyson—Clerk of the Rolls, Ross Haffey—Clerk of the Exchequer, Ralph Buss—Master of the Ritual, Tom Nevitts—Bailiff and Ed Sabo—Tribune. Congratulations to the victors and to their adversaries. The narrow margin of success in the balloting is indicative that all the candidates were well chosen.

The new officers were formally introduced to the Alumni Senate at the Annual Tom and Jerry party, held on Jan. 19, at the Statler Hilton Pine Room. This event has always been enjoyable and those members who attended are still talking about it. This year our own Ranney Senate was presented with the award for the most outstanding Senate in the Region. The presentation was made by Master Alumnus Brother E. F. Myers, Vice President of Union Commerce Bank.

The social calendar also included a Dinner-Dance at the Manger Hotel, Feb. 9, 1963. The dance was held to commemorate the Fiftieth Anniversary of the consolidation of Alpha Kappa Phi, Delta Phi Delta and Theta Lambda Phi into Delta Theta Phi. All Senates of the area are combined to make this affair a success.

Tickets were sold out well in advance. The feeling of fraternity spirit and fellowship formed a new bond between the members of the Senates present.

Next month, this column will be written by the new Clerk of the Rolls, Jim Dyson. I understand Jim turned down an offer by the striking Newspaper Guild to have more time to devote to the Gavel. Good Luck to Jim and all the new officers for a healthy and rewarding tenure.

Phi Alpha Delta
by Jimmy Brown

Cleveland-Marshall has entered into a new era in student-faculty relations. The once impregnable "C-M wall" of cold indifference to academic surroundings and professional interests, insulated by large class numbers, is being undermined.

This change may be seen in the library where members of every class meet to study and exchange ideas. It is found in the newly awakened interest in school activities.

But the most tangible proof of this new era comes from a milestone achieved by the PAD's in their Smoker at Stouffer's, Thursday, Jan. 17. Never before have so many students, professors, and lawyers assembled for a non-school-sponsored activity. Over one hundred students spent several hours in an informal, friendly atmosphere away from the "C-M wall" and classroom formality. Among the faculty present were Dean Stapleton, Ass't. Dean Oleck, and Profs. Miller, Smith, Weeks, and Wilson. The Cleveland Alumni were represented by these attorneys: Justice James Suhr, Vice-Justice Richard Fromson, Exec. Sec'y. James Broz, Judge Eugene Sawicki, State Rep. Jerry Fuerst, Bernard Ruskin, Julian Kahan, and Gary Kazdin.

In noting another factor of this era, PAD elected new officers for 1963, following an enthusiastic and intensive advertising campaign which encompassed both floors of the school. Mike Thal (Jr) is the new Justice, Jim Brown (Jr) Vice-Justice, Murray Edelman (Soph) Clerk, Mel Kahle (Jr) Treasurer, and David Lake (Soph) Marshall. They assume office with many new ideas and the hope, that together with Delta Theta Phi, they will make this a beneficial year for Cleveland-Marshall.

In conjunction with the very active Cleveland Alumni, PAD's have had the opportunity to meet and hear practicing attorneys speak on legal subjects at monthly City Club luncheons. In January, Jerry Gold, the Public Defender, spoke on "Reforms in Criminal Law." A subsequent program will feature ex-Western Reserve Prof. Rob't. Bensing speaking on "Trust Estates."
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IS THERE A SHORTAGE OF PATENT ATTORNEYS?
by Allen L. Perry

When the proverbial shepherd cried "Wolf, help me save the sheep!" his cry was answered by a group of onrushing villagers only to discover that there was no wolf. The shepherd's reason for giving his false alarm will never be known. Can the present cry of "There is a shortage of Patent Attorneys" be likened to a "Wolf cry"? To obtain some information and background on the subject we talked with Norman T. Musial, Chief Patent Attorney, NASA, Lewis Research Center. Mr. Musial is an alumnus of Cleveland-Marshall. We also talked with Gene Shook, Assistant Chief Patent Attorney, also of NASA, and to John Wolfram, Chief Patent Attorney, Parker-Hannifin Corp., an alumnus of Cleveland-Marshall, class of '51.

A technical education is mandatory for patent law and technical experience almost a necessity. The reason for this is that a patent attorney must be able to recognize unique and patentable features, write detailed and accurate descriptions, be alert to avoid infringement of existing rights, and be able to explain applications and converse in the jargon of the field.

The patent attorney must be versed in several areas of the legal profession. For instance, he must know tax law when transferring rights, corporation law for patent outlets, tort law in matters of infringement, and contract law in granting licenses of patent rights. Though these deal with legal problems, the patent attorney's technical background and education fit into each of them.

When it is considered that the number of patents is increasing because more patentable products are being designed, because man is becoming more technically advanced, exploring new frontiers, and exploiting old ones, it is obvious that there is an ever increasing need for men who have the combination of technical and legal knowledge.

Most people who study technical fields do so because they like it. Furthermore, technical jobs are drawing more people because they offer better salaries, provide more interesting assignments, greater community prestige, and a greater variety of places to live.

It is reported that a congressional committee, aware of the shortage of patent attorneys, is recommending changes in the methods of granting patents. Furthermore, the U. S. Patent Office is attempting to encourage engineers to become patent attorneys by offering to pay their tuition while they study law.

It is probably difficult to ascertain whether or not there really IS a shortage of patent attorneys, however, indications are that there might be.
Hi hubby!

Imagine that! The snow storm was so bad that it forced the Law Wives to cancel their December meeting. Mary Fuizzotti, however, didn’t hear the meeting was cancelled, so armed with the cookies she baked, Mary came to the non-existent meeting. Thank you, Mary, for thinking of us; we’re sorry we missed the opportunity to sample your baking in December.

Some C-M students took advantage of their all too brief vacation to go skiing. Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dorothy Stewart whose leg was broken while on the slopes.

Judge Hugh Corrigan spoke at the January 10th meeting to an audience which looked like a class in pre-natal care. Judge Corrigan, who has recently been appointed to the Court of Common Pleas, spoke to us about the work of the Municipal Courts. We were impressed by the terrific load handled by the Cleveland Municipal Court and with the range of cases handled. Judge Corrigan was a delightful speaker—but what else would one expect from a C-M graduate.

Ole buy-a-cookie-mix-Rhoda and the other Law Wives enjoyed the beautiful pastries prepared by Marilyn O’merra, the January Refreshment Committee Chairman, and her co-bakers, Mary Fuizzotti, and Betty Rogers.

Congratulations and welcome aboard to Pat Sajovec, Dorothy Stewart and Sue Spector, the recently elected members-at-large of the Executive Board.

Mary Kapitan, our Membership Committee Chairman, certainly has a right to brag about the fine work her committee is doing. The permanent members of this vital committee are: Marilyn Beveridge, Lori Cummings, Sue Spector, and Dorothy Stewart. Please remind your classmates that their wives can call any member of the Committee if they would like a ride to one of our meetings.

On February 14th (Valentine’s Day) we digressed from our preoccupation with law. The meeting that day featured a representative of the Grace School of Cosmetology who demonstrated hair styling and make-up. The meeting included games and prizes in keeping with the Valentine theme. In addition, the jackpot drawing was for $8.00. All Law Wives and their friends enjoyed the program.

Future meetings to keep in mind are the March 14th gathering when the Law Wives will treat themselves to dinner at Stouffer’s (Public Square). Maybe our husbands will appreciate our cooking if they are forced to fend for themselves that evening.

After all the fun we had at the Open House, we’re looking forward to the next ‘co-ed’ party—the Annual Spring Dance, sponsored by the Law Wives, which will be held on May 11th. No, it’s not too early to be thinking about it; after all, who wants to think about winter! Dance Chairman Donna Dunn promises a lovely affair. She and her husband, Dick, are enjoying the pre-dance shopping for caterers and dance bands. These two socialites are busy going to parties to sample food and the quality of the various bands. That’s real tough!

As ever,
Your reporting wife,
Rhoda Shapiro

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THE MOBILE AMERICAN
by T. Goldoftas

Whence is thy learning? Hath thy toil
O'er books consum'd the midnight oil?
—The Shepherd and the Philosopher
John Gray, 1688-1732

Is it true, as many claim, that in the post World War II era America has become a nation on the move? Countless studies have given birth to innumerable reports exposing, discussing, explaining, challenging, deploring or lauding this new citizen, this symbol of success, this new American phenomenon: the man on the way up, the man on the move.

Every ten years, the U. S. Government conducts at staggering costs—a national census study. The ensuing reports provide the basis for a national census study. The ensuing reports provide the basis for inexhaustible material with which to pigeonhole every man, woman, and child into appropriate classifications and categories. Lacking the financial resources of the U. S. Government (the appropriation for this study and article was a nasty nudge from the Gavel editor) we at once abandoned the idea of a nation-wide survey. Instead, we secured some valuable information from Mrs. A. B. Meck, armed ourselves with a trusted (and fairly reliable) slide rule, and proceeded to derive a quasi statistical analysis regarding the students at Cleveland-Marshall Law School.

The 440 students now enrolled at the Law School hail from 98 American colleges and universities located in 26 states of the Union. Students come from California, Vermont, Minnesota, and (Continued on page 8)

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- Don't be ashamed to ask for your money. You sold the goods; now the debtor should pay or make his intentions clear. If anyone should feel ill at ease it should be the debtor, not you.

- Don't fear that you'll anger the debtor, whereupon he will not pay at all, or he may quit trading with you, or both. Remember, an honest debtor will not be offended by your wish to collect. A crooked or a helpless debtor not only expects your letters; he also expects to ignore them.

- Don't put off writing in the hope a check maybe will come tomorrow.

Now for the message. You must make two, maybe three, points.

Point 1: Your bill is unpaid.
Point 2: Please pay. Point 3: Please disregard if your check is on the way. Although Point 3 really ought to go without saying, I'm for keeping it to pad out an otherwise thin and chilly message. There also is one point to avoid. Never ask a debtor why he doesn't pay. That encourages him to look for excuses.

Writing good collection letters is no more—and no less—than stating these points attractively. This is one way (using Point 3 twice): Dear Mr. Slowpay: Chances are the mailman will bring your check five minutes after this reminder goes down the chute. Meanwhile, however, your account is unpaid. Will you please send me your check, if you haven't already? Cordially, etc.

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COUNCIL STARTS ANEW
by Bessie Marino

Congratulations to Cleveland-Marshall's new Student Congress. The candidacy of Ross Haffey and Beryl Stewart for the Presidency was culminated Tuesday, January 22, when election results found Beryl Stewart the victor.

Other election results for Student Congress representatives were as follows: Freshman representatives from Section A, James Rodgers and Carl Stern; from Section B, Guerin Avery and Gilbert Stead; Sophomore representatives from Section A, Martin Spector and Elio Zerbini; from Section B, James Dyson and Fred De Rocher; Junior Class representatives, Richard Guttmann and George Liviola.

Best of Luck to President Beryl Stewart and to the new Congress, which held its first meeting Monday, Feb. 4.

More about the new council in the next issue.

313 Lawyers in 88th Congress

Occupational statistics for the new Congress show a gain of 14 in the lawyer membership. Lawyers again far outnumber legislators in other occupations, accounting for 66 of the 100 members of the Senate and 247 of the 437 members of the House in the 88th Congress. The totals do not include replacements for the late Sen. Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma, or Congressman Clem Miller of California. In the 87th Congress the number of lawyers totaled 299, with 62 in the Senate and 237 in the House.

PAD Open House Draws More Than 100 Students

(See Story page 2)

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Cleveland-Marshall Law Review Maintains Its Quality

The last issue of the Law Review, edited by Richard Burgess, was another example of a fine law review in the Cleveland-Marshall tradition. Letters are still coming in to Dean Oleck, and Editor Burgess complimenting them on that issue.

The next issue of the law review, to be published in May, is being edited by Jim Thomas, a Senior. This also promises to be a rather exciting issue, concentrating on the Medical-Legal field. Editor Thomas has gathered top articles from prominent lawyers and doctors all over the country.

Classroom Remodeling Underway

Cleveland-Marshall may not have much of a campus as campuses go, but by next fall, it will probably have the most attractive and more important, the most functional physical plant of any law school in the country, bar none.

In the continuing program of expansion and remodeling our architects and engineers are currently working to completely redesign the third floor class area. Each of the class rooms will be completely converted to an amphitheater. That is, the chairs with writing desks will be fixed in place in tiers. This will give all the students an unobstructed view of the person lecturing, and by the same token, will give the lecturer an unobstructed view of the snoozing student.

Additionally, the hallway and stairway will be completely remodeled. The only thing left to do is a penthouse with a lounge, and a bar.

GRADUATE PROGRAM REINSTATED

No doubt many of us were disappointed when the Cleveland-Marshall graduate program was discontinued last year. Well, there is good news! Starting in the fall, Cleveland-Marshall will reinstate its graduate program along the lines of advanced legal education leading to a degree that degree being an L.L.M. It was decided that in the best interests of all full attention should be devoted to the Masters program. This means that the D.S.S. program will not be reinstated.

Cleveland-Marshall Passes

Last year Cleveland-Marshall passed what is probably the most important and most rigid inspection in the history of the school. This was the inspection to determine whether the school should be given final approval by the American Bar Association. We passed this inspection with flying colors. We are now to be inspected, as are all law schools, once a year.

About a month ago, Dean Harvey, Adviser to the American Bar Association, Section on Legal Education, and Shelden Elliott, a former Dean of the University of Southern California, and presently a Professor at New York University School of Law, made the first inspection since approval by the American Bar Association. Mr. Elliott is the official inspector for the League of Ohio Law Schools. At this time there has been no official report of the results, however Dean Harvey’s report is in, and is very flattering. Mr. Elliott has not yet reported, but we have every reason to believe that his report will be complimentary.

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We know that grading is a professor's most time-consuming, and thankless task.

In honor of George Washington's birthday, here are seven methods to help you grade, and save your time.

**Five Step Method (Classic)**—Locate a stairway with exactly five steps. Standing on the bottom (landing, sidewalk, etc.) pitch the booklets up the steps with an underhanded motion. (For variation try side arm or overhand.) Those falling on the top step are A's with the grades getting lower as the steps get lower.

**Ten Step Method**—Similar to five step, but with double the amount of steps. This allows for grades with pluses, and minuses.

**Scale Method**—This takes a precision scale. Weigh each book; the heavier the book, the higher the grade. For a twist, use a balance—it has nice legal overtones (you must be blindfolded). This method lends itself well to a curve.

**Alphabet Method**—Group all students according to the number of times the letter A appears in their last name. If no A, then by E, and so on through the vowels. Set a standard such as—two or more A's get an A grade, one A gets a B grade, and so on. The obvious advantage here is that the grade for any given student is the same no matter what the course; hence you have only to complete this once for the four years of school. All professors can share the results.

**Sum of the Digits Method**—Each student is issued a number for examination. Add the digits together. All students with a sum of 20 or more get A's. All those from 16-19 get B's, and so on. This also fits a curve very nicely.

**Key Word Method**—Pick a word that is closely allied with the course. Count the number of times it appears in the exam. Plot on a curve.

**Formula Method**—(combination) Use the formula—

\[
\frac{W \times P}{L} + \frac{(D+K)}{\log_{10}(A)}
\]

where

- \(W\) = average number of words per line
- \(P\) = number of pages
- \(L\) = weight of booklet
- \(D\) = sum of the digits
- \(K\) = number of times key word appears
- \(A\) = school address

Although this method is somewhat complex, and time-consuming, it can be very interesting to the statistically oriented professor.

You can see that the few techniques above only scratch the surface of possible methods, but it should give you a start.

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The Mobile American (cont'd)

Florida, although the vast majority attended school East of the Mississippi. Eastern schools have about 60 representatives, midwestern schools (excluding Ohio) count some 45 alumni. In addition, six students are graduated from six European universities in six different countries.

As might be expected, the majority of students hail from institutions of higher education in Ohio. Of all students at Cleveland-Marshall 317, or 73%, received their undergraduate degrees from Buckeye schools. About half of them come from Cleveland schools: Case Institute of Technology 18, Fenn College 24, John Carroll University 66, and Western Reserve University 52. The other half of Ohio alumni comes from 20 other colleges and universities throughout the state, prime contributor being Ohio State University with 51.

The figures Mrs. Meck availed to us were divided in two groups: those for first year students, and those for the entire student body. The striking observation we made was that the ratios and percentages within the freshman class approximated very closely the figures for the entire school. Thus 73% of all first year students went to Ohio schools. Half of all these hail from the same four Cleveland institutions, the other half from the rest of the state. At this writing, there are 121 first year students representing 43 schools from 13 different states.

Is the American on the move? Undoubtedly you now can draw your own conclusions.