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## PERSON TO PERSON

by Dean Stapleton

Welcome back to those of you who are returning and an additional welcome to those of you who are with us for the first time. The returning students will find some familiar faces missing. In part this is because of transfer, but to a large degree the attrition is because of the fact that the students in question were not able to meet the academic standards imposed by this school.

We are an unusual school in this respect. Our students almost in their entirety have a threefold obligation, to their family, to their employer, and to the school. They are here not because they are sent but because they wish to study, and in the successful completion of their course in law they see advancement for themselves. And we are cognizant of this multiple obligation and do everything in our power to make adjustments when possible.

But it must be borne in mind that the school itself has its obligations to its accrediting bodies, and the calibre of instruction and the performance of the students academically must be of that degree which is expected in any good school. It is not too early to emphasize this for the new students, and to reemphasize it for those already in course.

To the extent possible we urge that the students take part in the extra curricular activities. Our Law Review under the direction of Dean Oleck is nationally and internationally known, and has

come to the forefront of such publications. It is the work of our own student body and is a challenge to those who would work for and with it. The Student Congress representing all classes of the student body provides a vehicle of liaison between the student body as a whole and the administration. The student activity fee which you pay is turned over to this group for its support in the many matters which it undertakes. *The Gavel*, our student publication, keeps you informed of the day to day activities in which you would be normally interested. And for the first time under the direction of Professor Smith we hope to enter a team in the National Moot Court competition.

You are urged to consult with the faculty about the academic problems which you may have. Our full time faculty is at the school from two P.M. Monday through Friday, subject to the particular demands on their time which may call them away. It is advisable to make a firm appointment, and it is much better to seek counsel than to be summoned to a conference. You will find these men helpful and sympathetic.

We hope that you like the plant rehabilitation that has taken place this last summer. It is our aim to give you physical facilities commensurate with the high quality of instruction we offer.

## WHY SUFFER FROM WORD MALNUTRITION?

by David Kinsler

Is your vocabulary withering away? Most of us know that we ought to be adding new words to our vocabularies, but somehow we never do. But you may be going backward. You may be throwing away a good chunk of your expressiveness by merely not bothering to use the simple words you've known all your life.

Let's experiment. How many synonyms can you list for the word *look*, as in the song line *He'll look at me and smile*? Experts on language will tell you that technically you can list none because no other word in English means just exactly *look*. A language, they say, has no need for two words meaning the same thing. But there are plenty of words that come close, such as:

*gaze squint glare peek  
stare glance peer regard*

Each of these has its own meaning and flavor ("connotation," the experts call it), as you can find out. See how meaning changes as you put each synonym into the test sentence. *He'll stare at me and smile* is brazen. *He'll glance at me and smile* is flirtatious. *He'll squint at me and smile* means he needs glasses. *He'll glare at me and smile* means either he's nutty or disapproves of what you're doing but doesn't want others to notice his signals.

So change your ways. When you start to write your usual word, pause to reflect whether a synonym might not express your meaning better. Use the words you know before you forget how to use them.

Mr. Kinsler is corporate editorial advisor to the Industrial Publishing Corporation. This column is reprinted with permission.

**HELP! HELP! HELP!**

**THE GAVEL NEEDS YOUR HELP.**

In order to maintain a more regular printing schedule, additional staff is needed. In addition, a student is needed to assume the editing of this newspaper. Please contact David Lake, Junior Class.



by Sandy Lake

### PHI ALPHA DELTA

by Fred Jurek

I wish to take this opportunity to welcome all our members back to school, and I hope they had a pleasant summer. Over the summer, PAD had its picnic at Squires Castle, on August 25, 1963. It was beer, badminton, baseball and fun for all who attended.

Keeping in stride with PAD's program to further our education, the first program was held at Leonard's Back Room. Brother Ellis B. Rippner held a bull session. This informal session started out as a discussion on Wills but, developed into a round table discussion of general practice.

Professor and Brother Milton E. Wilson discussed his practical experience at the Supreme Court this summer, during our meeting of September 30th. Since the Supreme Court is in the spotlight these days, this was an exceptional opportunity for us to gain an insight into its operations.

On October 2nd the Phi Alpha Delta Alumni Association held its luncheon at the City Club. The speaker that day was Gerald Fuerst, member of the Ohio House of Representatives. His topic was "Important Legislation of the 1963 Session." This meeting had an exceptional turnout, as 35 attorneys attended, along with Mike Thal, Justice, Jim Brown, Vice-Justice, and 1963 graduate Dick Dunn. These monthly luncheon meetings give our members an outstanding opportunity to meet practicing attorneys and hear timely discussions on current legal problems. These are always publicized in school, and they are open to all PAD student members.

The members of David C. Meck Chapter, Phi Alpha Delta, extend congratulations and best wishes for a long and successful practice to the PAD men who passed the Ohio Bar.

I would like to emphasize the fact that PAD is continuing its efforts to improve its program and to give its members a professional point-of-view of the law. Also, PAD wants its members to keep

### DELTA THETA PHI

by Jim Dyson

Dick Guttman, Tribune, represented Ranney Senate at the National Convention held at Dallas, Texas, this summer. In his report to the members Dick stated that one of the important phases to be stressed was that of academic achievements of Delta Theta Phi. With this in mind, six out of sixteen in the 1963 class graduated cum laude. These were brothers Haskins, Hudson, Lybarger, McGarry, Scanlon, and Thomas.

Congratulations to the 16 "Delts" who recently passed the bar.

Since the start of the school year we have had three social functions. The first two were "smokers" held at the Navajo room at the Sheraton Hilton and arrangements were made by Brother Berlon. We were honored to have as guest speakers Brothers Peter Roper and Jack Smith. The third social was held October 12, 1963 at the party room of Brother Guttman's apartment. A large turnout of brothers and their wives enjoyed the entertainment, again provided by Brother Guttman.

On December 12, 1963, Day Senate of Western Reserve will initiate into Delta Theta Phi former Cleveland Mayor and now Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, the Honorable Anthony J. Celebrezze. A dinner will be held at the Statler Hilton Hotel, where the general manager, brother Robert F. Brydle, will serve as host.

Delta Theta Phi will begin its second half century by celebrating its 51st anniversary with a dinner dance in February. The arrangements are now being completed and will be announced at the next meeting.

Initiation of new members will take place on Dec. 7, 1963 at the Court house in the Court of Appeals. The initiation will be followed by a luncheon at the University Club. All members, active and alumni, are invited.

in mind that this is not a social fraternity and the desire to learn must be present.

*President*—Mrs. Robert Kapitan (Mary)

*Vice President*—Mrs. Robert Gygli (Shirley)

*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. Francis X. Reddy (LaVerne)

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. James Russell (Pat)

*Treasurer*—Mrs. Ross Haffey (Marian)

*Membership Chairman*—Mrs. James Beveridge (Marilyn)

*Dance Chairman*—Mrs. Guerin Avery (Kitty)

*Publicity Chairman*—Mrs. David Lake (Sandra)

Our reliable old almanac predicts an exciting schedule for the coming year. A look at the calendar shows the following forecast:

**Nov. 6th**—Visit with the One O'Clock Club (limited to 25 members). Deadline for reservations is November 1st. For reservations call Shirley Gygli at IV 1-2925.

**Nov. 21st**—Ellis Rippner, LL.B., Assistant Professor of Law, will be our guest speaker.

**Dec.**—Our special Christmas program will feature hints on holiday home decorating.

**Jan.**—Mr. Hartley, of the Halle Bros. Company will tell about humor in a complaint department.

**Feb.**—Dr. Sckerak, M.D., will discuss cancer and its detection.

**March**—Theater party.

**April**—Dinner meeting.

**May**—Our annual Spring Dance will be held. New officers will be elected.

Thank-you to... Deans Stapleton and Oleck for their support at our annual Welcome Tea (Dean Stapleton gave an inspiring message)... Mesdames Stapleton and Oleck for so graciously officiating at the tea table... Mr. Geller from Furs by Weiss for a showing of lovely furs... and everyone else who helped make this event successful.

Do not underestimate the importance of our organization in helping the student to form a bond with his school. We aim to help the law wife understand the problems of her husband, so that she may be more effective in minimizing his academic trials and enhancing his success.



## A CHAT WITH MARCUS SCHOENFELD

by A. Henry

Mr. Marcus Schoenfeld, a native New Yorker, majored in Economics at Harvard College, where he received his A.B. in 1954. He received his LL.B. degree from The Harvard Law School in 1957 and was admitted to the bar in that same year. Mr. Schoenfeld attained his LL.M. degree at The New York University Law School. He was an associate tax editor with Prentice-Hall. In the summer of 1964 Mr. Schoenfeld will complete course work for his J.S.D.

As a recent addition to the Cleveland-Marshall staff, Mr. Schoenfeld will be teaching Taxes, Business Organizations, Legal Accounting, and Debtor-Creditor Law. Mr. Schoenfeld stated he enjoys teaching. He is aware of a tendency for new teachers to be hard graders and will try to resist the temptation to fail three-quarters of the class. I'm glad I've already taken Taxes!

Mr. Schoenfeld is working on some tax aspects of a revision of Mr. Oleck's book on Non-Profit Corporations. He has published an article in *Tax Law Review* of March, 1963, on the Foreign Tax Credit in addition to his article in the current *Law Review*.

Mr. Schoenfeld's hobbies are photography and music.

## MISCELLANEOUS

Welcome back to Mary Blazys of our office staff after an operation and an extended period of recovery. She got tired of staying at home and comes in to work part time. . . . Wilhelmina McEwen is a new member of the office staff to help with the increased workload caused by the fantastic first year enrollment here this year. . . . You may have noticed that Mrs. Meck, our registrar, was not around last month—she toured Greece on a much deserved vacation.

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## FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS IN LEGAL EDUCATION

John Ritchie, Dean of Northwestern University's School of Law and president-elect of the Association of American Law Schools, made some predictions concerning future developments in American legal education when he spoke at dedicatory ceremonies at the University of Tulsa's new Law Center Oct. 4.

Looking into the future, Dean Ritchie predicted, "An overall reduction of calendar time from high school graduation to admission to the Bar because the trimester or full quarter system will become conventional in most of our colleges, with the result that a great many students will receive their college degrees in three calendar years. Possibly law schools will also go on a trimester basis."

However, Ritchie said, he would like to see the now widespread practice of law students working in law offices during the summer months continued and expanded. He said law office experience provides apprentice-type training that is a valuable adjunct to law school instruction.

Dean Ritchie also said he suspects the six semester law school course may be expanded to include a required summer session of skill training similar to that now offered at the University of Wisconsin and now required in the Province of Ontario for admission to the Bar.

Dean Ritchie also predicted that:

The practice now in effect in some schools of bringing first year students back a week to ten days in advance of the upper classmen for orientation in the study of law might become well nigh universal. It has proved to be a great success in those schools which have tried it out.

Most law schools will come to require a college degree for admission and the J.D. will replace the LL.B. as the first degree in law awarded by most universities.

There will be a substantial increase in the ratio of faculty to students to satisfy the demand for small unit instruction, interdisciplinary research, and more extensive faculty participation in, and direction of, continuing legal educational programs.

Admission policies will become selective and the means of predicting an applicant's success in

## KOFFEE KLATCHES

Continuing a program started in past years, Associate Dean Oleck has graciously opened his home for occasional Sunday get-togethers. All that is required is a note with your name and address and whether you wish to bring your wife.

The first of these Sunday sessions was held on November 2nd. Twelve students, along with their wives, spent an enjoyable two and a half hours trying to resolve some of the problems which await the evening law student when he graduates from law school.

## PHILOSOPHY OF LIFE

"I hope that you will never have a 'philosophy of life.' As I understand this phrase it means that one who says he has a philosophy of life has got himself adjusted to his environment. . . . It is obvious that those who have the effrontery to call this attitude a philosophy of life are confused about what is good. They think that goods outside a person are those which determine his success. And since those goods can apparently be best obtained and retained by adjustment to the environment, that adjustment is usually rapid and complete. They forget that there are some things in every environment to which no honest man should ever adjust himself."

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the study of law will become more reliable than those now in effect. In this connection, presently only about 60 per cent of those who enter law school as first year students are graduated.

Seminars employing the problem method will largely supplant the casebook method of instruction in the second and third years of law study.

There will be a far greater use of audio visual aids.

Dean Ritchie recalled that the first law school in the United States, the Litchfield School, was started in 1784, offered only 14 months of instruction, and required no final examination. It was not until 1921, he said, that the American Bar Association adopted a set of minimum standards to be observed by law schools. Two years later, the Bar introduced accreditation of schools meeting these standards.



# STUDENT BAR ASSOCIATION

by Beryl Stewart

A new first for Cleveland-Marshall. Hearty congratulations to our distinguished alumnus, Mr. Lombardo, for his supreme effort in attaining the coveted top honors in the Bar Exams. The Dean has coined a new addition to the lore at Cleveland-Marshall . . . "Uno." A second hearty congratulations to the Dean and his staff of able law instructors.

Certain areas of interest should be discussed.

1. *Student Parking*—At the present time there are two areas available. The parking lot next to the school and the enclosed garage across from the County Courthouse, both for the same rate. As bad weather approaches careful study of the two areas should be made. If insufficient student interest is shown in the enclosed garage we will lose the parking privilege there. The advantages of the enclosed garage are:

- a. Supervised parking (None after 8 P.M. at the lot next to school).
- b. Heated Parking Area (No snow or hard starting due to weather).
- c. Year Around Privileges (Lot next to the school refused to honor student parking during the summer seminar last summer).

I urge you to consider the enclosed garage and make it THE student parking for the school.

2. *Student Directory*—In the very near future forms will be passed out. I request that you fill in the blanks and submit them to me in the law school library. I am the library assistant on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. Please legibly mark on the form whether you want your name published. (Maybe your wife doesn't know that you are in school).

3. *Open House*—It is tentatively planned to hold the Annual Open House prior to the Christmas vacation. In the past the Freshman class has had a very poor attendance record at this annual affair. Since Freshmen are

admitted free, you can't beat the price. Let's see a more active Freshman class this year, hey?

4. *Accelerated Academic Program*—Under the current Supreme Court rules a night law school must require four academic years before graduation. An academic year is not a calendar year of 52 weeks. I discussed my proposed accelerated academic program with Dean Stapleton. The question posed to the Dean was whether a student may reduce the time spent at Cleveland-Marshall from four years to three if classes were held in the summer vacation time. In certain instances a three year program offers great benefits but this must be determined by an individual student. It would not affect anyone other than those students who desired to accelerate and had the ability. In plain language the accelerated program could work like this:

If a group of students, having the necessary prerequisites, desire to accelerate (during the summer vacation period) they should contact the president of the Student Bar Association to work out details. This program will not disrupt the school schedule and in fact may be a very welcome augmentation. The important considerations are that of free vacation periods and the desirability of acquiring the J.D. degree in one less year than at present.

5. *Law Review*—Prof. Oleck has stated that our Law Review is improving. This is quite a statement since we have ALWAYS had top-flight editions. Every student should strive to write for the Review. This is especially true if you plan to practice upon graduation. This point cannot be emphasized too strongly. Attend the Law Review meetings and write, write, write.

Now that we have passed the era of the couch in a certain professor's office and the plague of the "bugs" upon the feverish brow of the lady law student I will bid you all the best of luck (you may need it)....

## LAW REVIEW

The coming issue of the C-M Law Review promises to be one of the most exciting issues in C-M history. Issue editor Peter Hoets has managed to line up an impressive slate of contributors including: Associate Justice Tom Clark of the United States Supreme Court; Senator Kuchel of California; Herr Doktor Professor Zuleeg of the University of Cologne, West Germany; The Honorable David R. Friar, Assistant County Solicitor, Yorkshire, England; Mr. Rheingold, a distinguished personal injury attorney from a large New York firm; and many other contributors, not the least of which are C-M student authors.

## CRICKET

by Mike Thal

The Cleveland-Marshall Cricket Club (CMCC) is now in its 2nd season.

The club was formed last year under the auspices and tutelage of Professor Murad. Its purpose was to provide a dignified sport for C-M students and to lend some additional prestige to our fine law school.

The cricket season normally runs from September through the following June, with time out only for impossible playing weather. There is still time to get in a few Sundays this year (11:00 A.M. each Sunday at University School in Shaker Heights).

Next May the team is planning some matches with Pittsburgh; Buffalo; London, Ontario; and other established teams. Most games will be at those cities.

Anyone who is interested should immediately contact Professor Murad or the writer (senior class) for details.

