A Message from the Interim Dean

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

(Proverbs, 13:1)

A "time of troubles" is ending for this institution, we hope and believe, an era of renewed progress and tranquility is beginning. Dissension has tormented us, as almost everyone knows. Yet, the irony of it was that almost everyone spoke and acted in good faith and for reasons that he or she deemed to be just and proper. Unhappily, we have had to learn again that the road to hell can be paved with good intentions, when wisdom and candor are lacking.

Now, our first objective must be to establish peace and amity. We must forget past differences and concentrate on present and future cooperation. Fortunately, the plus factors far outweigh the minus factors here. With few exceptions, we have good faculty, administrators, students, and alumni. There is every reason to be confident of continued progress, cooperation and amity, if only we speak and reason together openly and honestly — as almost all of us are sure to do.

My chief aim, in the renewal of our work to achieve and maintain excellence, is to establish and preserve the atmosphere and reality of tranquillity and good faith, and scholarship that characterizes a fine educational institution. My hope is to turn over to the permanent dean, when he is duly selected and takes office, a fine law school operating in good order and with a tranquil and enthusiastic complement of faculty, administration, students, and alumni.

Our greatest satisfaction, when that day arrives, will be that we will know that we had assumed our proper attitudes towards legal education — honorable cooperation in pursuit of understanding and skill dedicated to justice under law. May we all, then, enjoy eyebrow-lifted, but smiling, amusement when we hear that new dean say, "the stories about the troubles you had here must have been vastly exaggerated."

Howard L. Oleck
Interim Dean

Students Voice Concern

The students of Cleveland-Marshall probably have the greatest interest in the appointment of a dean. Members of the fourth year class, through their representatives, voiced their concern over the appointment of Mr. Strutz. The following is a copy of the letter they sent to the Board of Trustees of Cleveland-Marshall.

June 24, 1967

Board of Trustees
Cleveland-Marshall Law School
1240 Ontario Street
Cleveland, Ohio

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The members of the Senior Class of Cleveland-Marshall Law School strongly oppose the selection of Associate Professor Donald V. Strutz as Dean of our Law School. Although we make no objection to him as an individual or instructor, we feel that he does not have the experience in legal education necessary for one charged with the leadership of a law school of the size and progressive character of Cleveland-Marshall. We suggest that Mr. Strutz's appointment be reversed and that someone with greater experience be appointed in his stead.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

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Edward Roche
Senior Class President

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Senior Class Vice President

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C-M Trustees Reject Strutz; Appoint Oleck Interim Dean

Dr. A. B. Bonds Jr. announced the resignation of Donald F. Strutz as Dean of Cleveland-Marshall, a position which Mr. Strutz never assumed. His appointment was to have been effective July 1.

By MILDRED SCHAD

Associate Dean Howard Oleck has been appointed Interim Dean of Cleveland-Marshall by its trustees. His appointment climax ed a series of discussions between Dr. A. B. Bonds Jr., President, Baldwin-Wallace College and Cleveland-Marshall trustees.

Early in June, Dr. Bonds announced the appointment of Donald Strutz, associate professor at Cleveland-Marshall, to the position of Dean of the school. Mr. Strutz took office at Cleveland Marshall for one academic year. He is engaged in private practice in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

The Cleveland-Marshall corporate members then met and recommended that the trustees of Cleveland-Marshall refuse to ratify the appointment of Mr. Strutz. On June 28, the Cleveland-Marshall trustees rejected the appointment.

Also at issue between the trustees of Cleveland-Marshall and Dr. Bonds was a demand by Baldwin-Wallace to conduct an audit of Cleveland-Marshall's financial records. Dr. Bonds claimed that the law school's assets were not being used to upgrade the school academically as they were supposed to be.

Sidney Find, Comptroller of Cleveland-Marshall, pointed out that he did not have the authority to turn over the law school's audits to Dr. Bonds until he had an audit of the school's financials. Dr. Bonds claimed that the school was not being used to upgrade the school academically and that the trustees of Cleveland-Marshall refuse to ratify the appointment of Mr. Strutz.

The relationship between Baldwin-Wallace and Cleveland-Marshall is now troubled and uncertain. Dr. Bonds contends that Mr. Strutz's appointment as dean of the law school must be affirmed. But, Cleveland-Marshall's trustees state that Mr. Strutz's appointment is unacceptable. Cleveland-Marshall's trustees assert, among other things, that he has insufficient experience to qualify him for the position. It is also reported that the faculty and alumni voted not to approve the appointment.

According to a statement made by Dr. Bonds in the local press, he alone has the power to appoint a dean for Cleveland-Marshall without the law school's approval, the same as he could appoint a dean for the department of music of Cleveland-Wallace College. Trustees of Cleveland-Marshall, however, refer to the articles of affiliation and incorporation in asserting their power to approve or reject such an appointment.

It has been rumored that if Baldwin-Wallace and Cleveland-Marshall disaffiliate, Cleveland-Marshall's American Bar Association accreditation would be jeopardized. But, John Harvey, Advisor to the Legal Education Section of the American Bar Association has informed the school that accreditation is based on affiliation and cited the precedent of Brooklyn Law School disaffiliating from St. Lawrence University with no objection from the A.B.A. Accreditation is based on the performance of the law school, not on affiliation.

The trustees of Cleveland-Marshall will begin looking for a new dean in September. This is a lengthy process and Dean Oleck will continue to serve as interim dean indefinitely.

Dean Emeritus Stapleton heartily endorses Dean Oleck's appointment as interim dean. He feels that "no finer person could be found to handle the academic affairs of the school. Dean Oleck is well known both as an educator and also by reason of his years of experience in the legal field. He is probably one of the better teachers I have known and has no peer in the adversary method of teaching."

"His development of the Law Review has placed the school on a new high both nationally and internationally. He himself has stated that because of his health he would not consider a permanent appointment. But the school is in excellent hands pending the selection of a new dean."

Dean Emeritus Stapleton has been looking forward to retirement for a year, but as he promised, he will continue to serve Cleveland-Marshall. "I feel that I can perform a real service to the school in further promotion of development on the non-academic side."
There We Were—1200 Strong to Honor Judge Merrick

More than 1200 C. M. alumni and friends of Frank J. Merrick ('15) President Judge of the Probate Court, gathered at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on May 19 to honor the forthright jurist as the Alumni Association's Outstanding Alumnus of the Year. Every one in the ballroom signed a commemorative book which was later presented to the judge. Merrick's associate, Probate Judge Joseph W. Bartunek, was Master of Ceremonies.

C. M. Dean Wilson, G. Stapleton and I. F. Freiberger, Chairman of the Law School's Board of Trustees, unveil a bust of John Marshall, gift of Baldwin-Wallace college to the law school, as Judge Joseph W. Bartunek and President Alfred B. Bonds, Jr. look on.

Fred Lick ('61) Elected President of C-M Alumni

Fred Lick, Jr., vice-president in charge of the Group Division of the Globe Assurance Company with home offices in Cleveland, has been elected president of the Cleveland Marshall Alumni Association. A 1961 graduate of the law school, Lick was elected to the office after serving as the Association's first vice-president. Others elected to the Board of Trustees with Lick are: Paul Sanislo, Clarence L. James, Jr., Eileen Kiley, Leo Houmann, Dale D. Powers, Aaron Jacobson, Patrick Lazzaro, Thomas L. Stor­lion. Prance C. Chimo, James J. Vance, Judge C. C. Con­can, Judge Hugh A. Corri­gan, Judge John Mano, Judge Frank J. Merrick, Henry Gottfried, Carole Ensminger and Paul Granzier.

Upon assuming the presidency, Lick said, "More than ever, the alumni of Cleveland-Marshall are interested in the school and its ultimate welfare. We have a deep appreciation for the purpose upon which this school was founded and the way it has served the community in the past. As the foremost evening school in the country, it has supplied the legal profession and the business community with notable leaders. It has given to the beach some of its most outstanding jurists; in the field of government our graduates have filled posts of leadership on both the local and national scene. This is a position of which I am keenly aware. "As president I shall dedicate myself to the preservation and growth of the principals on which this law school was founded," said Lick.


What's Happening To Alumni

George A. Gonder, Jr., '32 CM is now living at 1235 Mt. Vernon Rd., Charleston, W. Va. . . . John A. Pleffelte, '66, 17150 Wadsworth Blvd., Livonia, Mich. . . . Martin Charles Spectator, '65, 417 S. Portage St., Akron, . . . Kenneth O. Heise, '62, 6037 24th St., Arlington, Va. . . . Phyllis Spencer, '66, living in Gary, Ind., where she is city attorney, . . . Jerry Gordon, '65, 5748 Standall Bldg., Cleveland, . . . Frederick Hetter, '65, 15485 East 157th St., Lake La, Ohio, has recently moved to the city of Cuyahoga Falls, and is now doing business in the city of Cuyahoga Falls. . . . Aaron Jacobson, and about 100 other alumni at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting, at least, was . Aaron Jacobson, and about 100 other alumni at the Alumni Association's Annual Meeting, at least, was .

Another GREAT Alumni Open House:

(Top photo) Leading a hand-to-mouth existence (for the moment, least) was Aaron Jacobson, and about 500 other alumni at the Alumni Association's Annual Open House. (Lower left) Smiling Pat Lazzaro, outgoing president of the Alumni Association, hands over a check for $10,000 to a pleased Dean Stapleton. It was the Alumni Association's annual gift to the law school. (Lower right) Leo Rosenman, (he's President of Certified Office Supply, and Treasurer of the Alumni Association) beams as he hands one of the door prizes at the Open House. He's the perennial chairman of this tremendously popular event.