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Editor's Note

One of the bar review instructors commented that students studying for the July 1988 Ohio bar exam were the most conscientious he had taught in a long time.

No wonder. With the bar-pass rate falling significantly for the past four exams, students were justified in being worried. The pass rate for Ohio on the February 1988 bar was 67.1 percent. As dismal as this statistic is, the truly sad part is that overall, just 56.7 percent of Cleveland-Marshall graduates passed. The July 1987 bar-pass rate was 76.5 percent statewide with C-M students again, under the mark at 69 percent. Coincidentally, the July 1987 bar exam was the first "major" bar exam given under the administration of the newly configured Ohio Supreme Court and Chief Justice Tom Moyer.

Catherine Talda, counsel for the Supreme Court Clerk's office denies there is any connection between the new Republican administration and the falling state passage rates for the bar. Talda works on admissions and discipline for the Clerk's office. "The Court does not set a policy on how many people should pass," Talda said. She further said the exam is not being scored any differently than the Frank Celebrezze (read Democrat) court. The bar examiners board has been composed of many of the same people for the past four years, Talda said. So, this would include many people appointed by the Celebrezze administration. The scoring of the bar exam is such a complicated mess, Talda refused to be quoted on the process without being able to read the description before publication. This sounded like prior restraint and was unacceptable.

In all fairness, the bar-pass rates fell for the February 1987 and July 1986 exams as well. The overall state pass rate for the July 1986 exam was 85.3 percent and the February 1987 rate was 78.7 percent. However, for each exam, C-M was passing about 80 percent of its graduates. People taking the bar for the first time tend to fare better than those repeating.

One significant statistic that is frequently missing from commentaries such as this is the number of people C-M sends to Columbus for each exam. Even for the February 1988 bar, more C-M graduates passed the bar than those from other schools. Part of this is due to the fact that C-M is the largest of nine law schools in the state.

Perhaps the number of people passing the bar exam is the reason for the recent dogging on the bar exam. With the legal market tightening, perhaps there was pressure on the board of bar examiners to restrict the numbers.

Then again, the board of bar examiners explains the decline as just poor performance on the part of the students. Does this mean students are less intelligent, that Ohio law schools are not rigorous enough? Probably not. Hearsay has it that scores will probably increase for the July 1988 bar. I suspect the hearsay will be correct.

Doug Davis

Applications for the February 1989 Ohio bar exam must be returned to Records Officer Kay Benjamin by October 15, 1988. Applications are available at the reception desk. Ed.



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Popular C-M Professor Dies

Our friend, teacher, and colleague, Forrest B. Weinberg, died on May 27, 1988 after a long struggle with cancer. At the request of his wife and family, two members of his prior law firm and a member of our College faculty were asked to speak at the funeral service. Mrs. Weinberg asked Professor Stephen J. Werber to speak on behalf of the College of Law. His simple eulogy stated:

All of us have been blessed. We have had the opportunity to be touched by a man of integrity, compassion, and gentility. Forrest was, and always will be, the personification of a gentleman. He was the rare person who could touch everyone with his calming, empathetic, and intelligent presence. Never did I hear Forrest raise his voice or utter a word in anger. Never did I hear this so gentle man denigrate another human being. A few years ago, a colleague, who happened to be on the faculty recruitment committee, asked me: "Do you know Forrest Weinberg?" I did not give the usual answer of "Yes." My answer was "hire him." There was no question, we all knew that if Forrest Weinberg could be persuaded to leave the practice of law and join our faculty the positive impact would be far more than the addition of one faculty member. We were lucky, Forrest wanted to teach. He was willing to sacrifice the challenge and financial reward of practice so that he could share his sense of professionalism, his pride in the law and lawyers, and his knowledge, with those who will carry our profession forward for generations to come. Forrest Weinberg had many loves. He cared deeply about his family, his religion, his colleagues and students, his community, and humanity in general. His students learned far more than the law and they returned his caring constantly. The most frequent question asked of me for over a year was: "How is Professor Weinberg?"

As a colleague, he helped us all to grow. He

provided us with a keen intellect, a probing mind, and a sense of what it meant to be a teacher. He loved teaching and his students. He made us all better than we were before we came to know him. No physical monument can ever replace the inner growth that he gave to each of us. I cannot find the words to say how much he meant to me and how often his advice made me a better person. A man of principle, yet one who knew that his principles could not be applied by lesser men, and made no issue of this.



Forrest Wienberg

Many times attorneys who feel betrayed by other attorneys inwardly vow that when the opportunity comes they will take their revenge. Such a thought never occurred to Forrest Weinberg. If forgiveness is truly divine, then Forrest was a divine presence. Forrest Weinberg leaves us all with a remarkable legacy. Our college community has benefitted from his teaching, his commitment to excellence, his ability to bring us all closer to what teaching is all about. We have all benefitted from knowing a true professional and a true gentleman. He was a friend and a teacher. We will miss him. Shalom my friend.

Marshall Students Win Writing Award

Nine Cleveland-Marshall College of Law students received the 1987-88 Prize Award for written work by law students from the National Center for Preventive Law (NCPL), University of Denver College of Law.

The \$1,000 prize was awarded to Bob Churilla of Bedford, Gary Doberstyn of Macedonia, Lynn Howell of Parma, Richard A. Myers, Jr. of Rocky River, Elizabeth A. Nunziato of Youngstown, Dorothea M. Polster of Pepper Pike, William L. Roelke, Jr. of Cleveland Heights, Debra Simms of Orange, and Thomas S. Tyler of Richmond Heights.

The students' papers, which will be published in the preventive law symposium of the Cleveland State Law Review, cover a range of preventive law topics, including relational contracts for small business, the insurance crisis, AIDS, environmental law, and other important issues.

The NCPL, established in 1986, is a non-profit organization devoted to the advancement of research, teaching, and practicing law in a variety of preventive law areas.

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Late Grades Anger Students

By David J. Przeracki

"Where are the grades?" This was perhaps the most frequently asked question this summer, peppered with comments akin to "They expect us to be prepared. They expect us to do the work. What about them? Isn't this a profession?" The issue, of course, is the late posting of law school course grades.

The official Cleveland-Marshall grade posting policy, as approved by a vote of the full faculty, is that grade sheets, with student exam numbers and corresponding grades, must be submitted to the law school Records Officer, Kay Benjamin, within four weeks after the last law school examination is administered. The grade sheets are then photocopied, student names are entered next to their exam numbers, and the grade sheets are returned to the professors. Professors may then adjust the grades to reflect additional components of the course grade, such as mid-terms, quizzes, projects, or class participation. Final grades are returned, again, to Kay Benjamin who forwards them to the dean for approval. If the dean (or his representative) approves the grades, he signs them. If he does not approve the grades (which, historically, has been quite rare), he discusses the matter with the professor. In very rare circumstances, the grades would be submitted to a faculty committee. Ultimately, the grades are signed by the dean or his representative and are returned to Kay Benjamin. Only 1-2 days later, the grades are posted on the bulletin boards.

According to Benjamin, late grades are an "on again, off again" problem. When former Dean Bogomolny first arrived, new grade policies were created and the problem subsided for 2-3 years. "Policies alone, at first, were enough," said Benjamin. However, the problem returned and became critical.

"...late grades are an embarrassment"

- Steven R. Smith

"Over 300 students were directly affected by late grades from the spring semester." Four professors submitted late grades for seven classes. Some grades were submitted two months after the exam date. Even now, some first year grades have not been submitted.

"The problems created by late grades reach everybody," said Benjamin. Several examples are cited:

-Students who receive tuition reimbursements from their employers had to borrow significant funds to register for this semester's

courses.

-Legal Research and Writing students lost the opportunity to compete in first year Moot Court competitions.

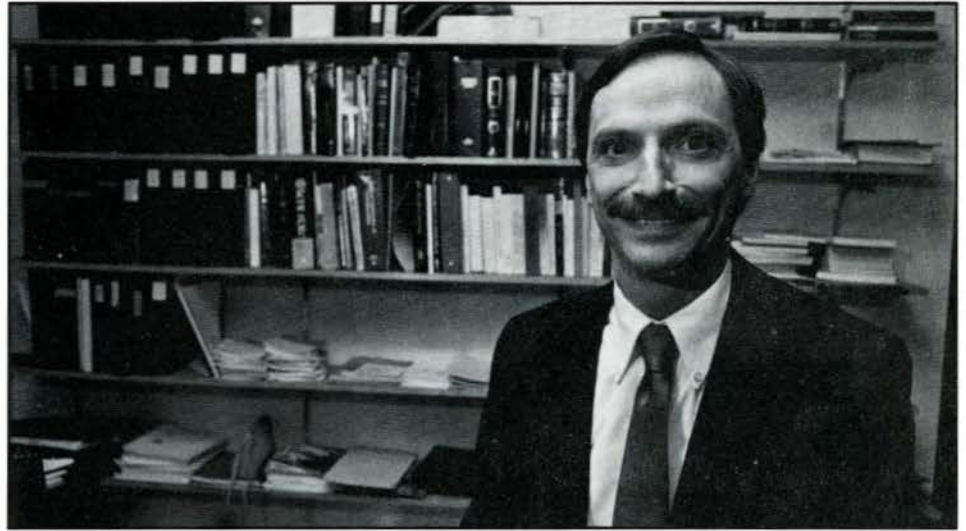
-C-M graduates taking the Ohio bar examination experienced additional pressures, as only holders of diplomas may take the bar exam.

-C-M graduates taking the Pennsylvania bar

examination felt pressure and delays in bar certification.

All C-M students experienced delays and frustrations as a result of delayed class rankings, a natural consequence of late grade submissions by professors. And, since many students indicate

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New Dean Steven R. Smith

New Dean Takes Reins

After unpacking, which should be finished by now, Dean Steven R. Smith says his first major focus will be on good teaching.

Smith officially became dean at Cleveland-Marshall August 1. He survived a gruelling year-long search by the university to replace former dean Robert Bogomolny who resigned at the close of the 1986-1987 school year.

"I look real hard at the teaching function of law schools," Smith said. One way to improve teaching, he said, is to have conferences for professors, away from the law school environment. Another technique which can be utilized is to have professors visit each other's classrooms. Solid preparation, organization, an even flow are all needed for good teaching, Smith said. But, most importantly, the professors must be enthusiastic about what they are teaching.

Law school teaching "is aggressive and social," Smith said. Professors must be good natured in a give and take situation. "In addition, there is just some spark; a love for the law and caring for people which shows," he said.

With computerized research, Smith thinks the focus on education will be on creativity.

Because so much time is freed from researching, people will have more time for creative thinking and solutions. While interviewing here last Spring, Smith said law school can enhance creativity. Although creativity is partly innate, Smith feels law schools can develop this trait to the extent of its potential.

Part of this development may come from encouraging professors to do more researching, publishing, course development. The work being done must be recognized and rewarded, Smith said. Students also should be encouraged to get to know their professors, he said. Students benefit indirectly from the wealth of experience and knowledge of professors just by attending class, he added. Before accepting the position, Smith got three commitments from university officials. The law school will have a degree of autonomy for fund raising, rather than being tied directly to the university fund raising programs; the university acknowledged the problems and under-funding of the library; and the university recognized that law professor salaries are different from

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First Year Students Embrace Epic Journey

By Greg Foliano

This is one of the most important days of your lives," Dean Steven R. Smith told the 334 first-year Cleveland-Marshall students gathered for orientation on August 18.

Smith called orientation a day of departure to take on responsibility, a solid responsibility to others. This responsibility begins in two respects Smith told his audience. The first responsibility is to education, according to Smith. "What you do within the next three to four years will affect the quality of what you can do for people the next 40 to 50 years," he said.

The second responsibility stated by Smith is to begin a pro bono obligation now. "Think about what you are doing now, and what you can do in the future," Smith said.

Smith will begin his first year as Marshall's dean with an entering class from 108 different schools. The average age of the first-year class is 28 and 13 percent of the students are minorities. Smith gave the class 10 hints to a successful first year.

He told the class to prepare and regularly attend class; to become a member of a small study group; to seek faculty's help; to maintain a large perspective of justice; to avoid apparent shortcuts; not to work if a full-time student; to deal with problems; to take advantage of the library; and to give the extra ounce of effort.

Professor Steven Gard urged the students to

not forget who they were or why they were here.

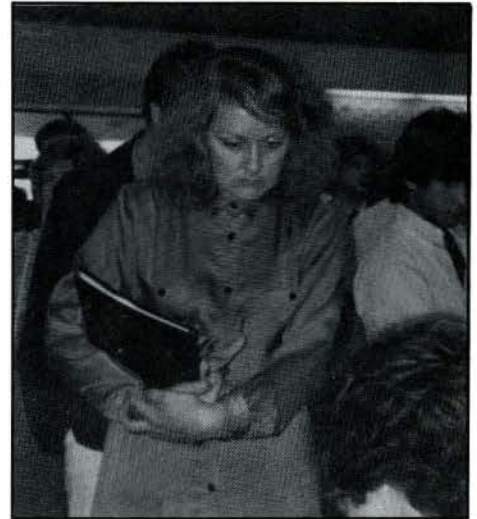
"You will not recognize yourself at Christmas," Gard said. "If you are here for whatever reason it is not good enough for you to want to finish law school, you have to want to be a member of the legal profession because you have a love of the law." Nothing other than desire to learn about law and lawyering will get a student through, Gard said. "When you come out of law school you are going to hold in your hands your clients reputations, their livelihood, and everything that is important to them," he said. "You are holding each and every client's most important aspect and most important assets, and that is a terrible responsibility."

According to Gard, the duty of the law school is to work the student to death, and Marshall is uniquely qualified to train students to be a lawyer. "Expand yourself to your greatest limits," Gard said.

Student Bar Association President Scott Spero spoke to the first-years about what Marshall had to offer, and American Bar Association representative Edele Passalacqua told the students not to lose their idealism.

The students next met with Peer Advisors who advised students about practical aspects of dealing with the law school, including nonexistent parking and commercial study aids.

As usual, the coldcuts and beverages were superb.



Students check-in for orientation night



Students line up to buy lockers.

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National Lawyers Guild

The National Lawyers Guild was founded in 1937 as a progressive, anti-racist alternative to the American Bar Association which then excluded Blacks and opposed child labor legislation. It remains dedicated to basic political and economic change using law as an instrument for the protection of people rather than for their oppression.

The Guild was in the forefront of legal support for industrial unions. It led opposition to political persecution during the McCarthy era and played a prominent role in the Civil Rights and Anti-War movements. The Guild currently sponsors scores of projects including a national clearinghouse on AIDS issues, Central America anti-intervention work, the defense of women, people of color and progressive faculty at law schools across the United States. Law student members are considered a valuable asset and thus have had full membership privileges for nearly twenty years. They participate at every level of the organization. They also receive something in return. There is the unbeatable experience of

working with attorneys, legal workers, jail house lawyers and, of course, other law students. This year several standing committees of the Guild are seeking students to do paid research. There is even the possibility of receiving independent study credit. Through the C-M Chapter, students may apply for internships sponsored by the NLG Summer Projects program and the Law Students Civil Rights Research Council. Both programs place summer interns with groups working for social change and represent minorities and the poor. For avid readers, the Guild is a great source of publications and other research material relating to public interest law. Some is available in LB25 on a loan basis. We also have a cache of hornbooks, casebooks and even some of (the unmentionable) commercial outlines which students may borrow.

As the C-M Chapter begins its fifteenth year, we are looking forward to a number of events:

1. Professor Arthur Kinoy of Rutgers Law School and Frank Wilkinson, Executive Director

Emeritus of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation will speak here this fall. Professor Kinoy has distinguished himself as one of the leading labor and civil rights litigators over the past forty years. Mr. Wilkinson, because of his vigorous political rights activity, amassed an FBI file of over 130,000 pages. He was instrumental in the demise of the House Un-American Activities Committee.

2. Cleveland-Marshall will host the NLG Mideast Regional Conference this October.

3. The C-M Chapter will co-sponsor a conference on Central America Nov. 11-12 at CSU. Joseph Lowry, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference and Carlos Tunnerman, the Nicaraguan Ambassador to the United States are tentative panelists. 4. Our Alternative Careers series will continue, providing students with information about alternatives to traditional legal practice.

5. A disorientation session in September will acquaint new students with the true meaning of law school.

Moot Court Board of Governors

The Moot Court Board of Governors is a student organization and program designed to develop and to refine brief writing and oral advocacy skills. Students in the program are members of the Moot Court Board of Governors and participate in interscholastic competitions. Team members are assisted by the Faculty Advisor and special advisors with expertise in the subject matter of each competition.

Any student may become a member of the Moot Court Board and thereby be eligible to compete in national level competitions by completing L615, Advanced Brief Writing, and successfully competing in the second year spring intramural competition. There is no grade point requirement for participation in this program. Talent and dedication are the qualifying traits of importance. Between 12 and 18 intramural competitors are invited to join the Board. The balance of Board members (0-6) are selected through a first year intramural competition which is part of Legal Writing. Qualified first year students compete intra-scholastically as second year stu-

dents with the advice and assistance of the Board. These students become Board members of the following year provided that performance criteria are met.

The Spring Moot Court Competition culminates in the Spring Moot Court Night. There, finalists in the competition argue their cases before a panel of distinguished jurists. Moot Court Nights are attended by students, faculty and members of the local legal community. Past judges for these events have included members of the United States Supreme Court, Courts of Appeals, District Courts, and State judges.

In their third, members of the Moot Court Board of Governors all participate in interscholastic competitions. Other activities of the Board include assisting the first-year legal writing instructors and judging in the Spring Moot Court Competition. Moot Court teams travel to such cities as New York, Chicago, Atlanta and other areas such as California and throughout the Midwest. The competitions involve such diverse

areas as Constitutional Law, Labor Law, Criminal Law, Tort Law and Evidence. Teams from C-M have competed with success against teams from schools on a nationwide level, and in doing so, have achieved a reputation of excellence. Since 1985, teams have earned five first place brief awards and have won the Regional VI National Moot Court Competition, the Benton National Moot Court Competition in Information Law and Privacy, the Cardozo Entertainment/Communications Moot Court Competition and the Jerome Prince Evidence Competition.

Moot Court is an important and influential addition to any student's curriculum. The challenge is as great as its rewards. A successful Moot Court member is a much sought after individual by employers.

Moot Court is a most exciting way to develop and to refine your brief writing and oral advocacy skills. For further information, contact Timothy Fitzgerald, Moot Court Chairman, in room 17 of the Law Building, or call 687-2338.

PHI ALPHA DELTA

Phi Alpha Delta (P.A.D.) is the largest International Fraternity consisting of over 110,000 members. The list of Alumni includes judges, lawyers, and national leaders who have made notable contributions to the legal and political history of this country. It is also the first law school fraternity to welcome women and blacks as members.

The Meck Chapter of P.A.D. at Cleveland-Marshall is very active and has sponsored many events in the past year to enhance students' experiences at the law school. Our professional program in the last years included such speakers as William Falsgraf, past President of the American Bar Association and Congressman Dennis Eckart. Our social events have included going to Indian games with the ever popular behind-the-fence party, coffee and donuts for night students, social hours and a night of roller skating and bowling.

The 1988-89 school year promises to be yet another successful year for P.A.D. Speakers, social events and a film series are planned for this fall. Our rush week is from September 19 through 23 and will include coffee and donuts for night students, a lunch time workshop on minimizing the pressures of law school conducted by the Director of the Counseling Center of Cleveland State University and a social hour with a comedy video. A raffle for a briefcase will also be held that week.

The officers this year are as follows: Justice, Kathy McCrone; Vice Justice, Norman Kotoch; Treasurer, Jim Ritts; and Clerk, Susan Organiscak. The P.A.D. office is located next to the S.B.A. office. Stop by our table in the lunchroom rush week or our office anytime to find out more about P.A.D. and the events planned for this year. Good luck in all your efforts this year.

National Bar Association

The black law students at Cleveland-Marshall College of Law are now affiliated with the National Bar Association, which currently represents a network of over 10,000 lawyers, judges, law faculty, administrators, and students. The NBA-LSD will focus on the concerns of non-white law students in an effort to "promote social intercourse among members of the bar and protect the civil and political rights of all citizens . . . of the United States." The organization is dedicated to effectuating change by eradicating racism and discriminatory policies and attitudes and sensitizing law schools and the legal profession to the needs of the black community. Membership is open to all Cleveland-Marshall students who express a firm commitment to the goals and objectives of the organization. Some of the activities planned for the 1988-89 school year are as follows:

- First General Membership Meeting-September 24, 1988-1:00 p.m. (Elections, Amendments of Constitution, Committee Sign-up, Budget, and Activities for the coming year).
- Night at the Theatre with Faculty
- Speaker Series
- Course Review Sessions
- Recruitment Activities
- Black History Month Program
- Mentorship Program

- Scholarship Competition & Banquet
- Big Brother/Sister Assignments
- Racial Sensitivity Workshops
- Outgoing President and 1988-89 Midwest Regional Director-Dea L. Character Floyd; Incoming President-Fred Wheatt.

American Bar Association

The American Bar Association is a voluntary membership association of attorneys. Cleveland-Marshall students are eligible for membership in the Law Student Division of the ABA. If you have not yet joined, the ABA strongly suggests that you do so without delay. Membership is a real bargain at \$12.50 per year, and includes many benefits such as the Student Lawyer magazine, low cost insurance (compare with the CSU-endorsed plan), discount car rental from Hertz, and free or low cost publications that will help you in law school and in planning your legal career. Potentially the most valuable benefit offered by the ABA/LSD is opportunity—opportunity to participate in the substantive activity of one of the 23 ABA Sections that specialize in particular areas of the law. A Law Student

Alumni Association

The Cleveland-Marshall Law Alumni Association is a non-profit organization which serves as a support group for the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law of Cleveland State University. Through membership dues, the Alumni Association can provide student scholarships, continuing legal education through seminars, public relations within the Cleveland community, the state and nation. It also serves the needs of the alumni, students and faculty. Membership benefits include: a subscription to Law Notes, the Cleveland-Marshall College of Law Alumni newsletter; use of the Law Library after graduation; discounts on seminars and events; professional contacts in the legal community; and Alumni Directory; discount disability insurance and the satisfaction of supporting educational programs and the Alumni Association.

There is a sliding scale for membership dues, ranging from \$5 for 1988 grads up to \$50 for those who have graduated four years or more. Officers for the 1988-89 year are: John J. Sutula, '53, President; Gerald R. Walton, '80, President-Elect; Howard Mishkind, '80 Secretary; Richard S. Koblentz, '75, First Vice-President; Irving L. Heller, '57, Treasurer; and Herbert Paikovitz, '68, Immediate Past President.

Division member can sit as a voting Counsel member of a Section, a position that may take a practicing attorney years to achieve. As such, a law student can gain important experience while participating in policymaking on the national level.

Another benefit derived from ABA/LSD membership is the opportunity for special student groups within C-M to receive LSSF grants. In the past, C-M received several of these grants for special projects within the law school. With enough membership support this year, we can do it again.

The 1988-89 Division Representative at C-M is Edele Passalacqua. Her office is located at LB26 (687-2343).

Law Review

Law reviews are the scholarly journals of the legal profession. In general, law reviews publish articles on new legislative developments and their legal impact, in-depth analyses of an area of the law from a historical perspective or with a current focus, articles concerning recent case law and its significance, and reviews of new books important to the profession. Practitioners, judges, professors and students all rely on law

reviews for information.

In contrast to other fields, the scholarly publications of the legal profession are for the most part, managed and produced by students.

The Cleveland State Law Review, now in its thirty-sixth volume, is a journal with a proud tradition. Four times each year, the Law Review publishes articles of both local and national significance. Past authors include Shirley

Hufstедler, Archibald Cox, Irving Younger, Warren Burger and others. Subscribers to the Review include members of the bench as well as the bar and libraries, universities and law schools from Alaska to New Zealand. Students may be invited to join the Cleveland State Law Review as Associate members at the end of their first year of legal studies either by virtue of ranking in the top ten percent of their class or by successfully competing a writing contest during the summer following their first year.

During their first year of Law Review participation, Associate members take part in the editorial work of the Law Review and produce a comprehensive Note on a topic of their choice. A select number of these Notes are published in the Law Review the following year.

Students who satisfactorily complete their Associate year attain the rank of Editor, assuming supervisory duties over the Staff and becoming more involved in both editorial and policy-making functions.

Membership on a law review has been the traditional mark of an excellent law student. The "resume value" of working on the Cleveland State Law Review cannot be overstated; most of the larger law firms only interview and hire students with law review experience. However, the less tangible benefits are equally important: the opportunity to develop one's skill as a writer, as an editor and as a researcher. Further, participation in the work of the Law Review offers a chance to build strong friendships with fellow students. As colleagues and friends, all members of the Law Review work together to achieve the challenging goal of publishing a journal of the highest quality.

Any questions about the Cleveland State Law Review can be directed to the Editor-in-Chief, Laurie Steiner, in room 22 of the law school.

DELTA THETA PHI

Delta Theta Phi Fraternity is an International Professional law fraternity with emphasis on the word "professional." It is the second oldest law fraternity in the United States, and one of the largest professional fraternities in the world. Our chapter, the Ranney Senate, is the charter chap-

ter, founded in 1901. Delta Theta Phi is not primarily an honorary scholastic fraternity, although it does place high value on academic accomplishments. Neither is it primarily a social fraternity, although we do provide our members a variety of social events. The principle objective of Delta Theta Phi is to bring together men and women of good and common purpose who regard the study and practice of law as activities worthy of the highest human endeavor. We offer scholarships, loans, academic assistance, insurance, placement, referrals, and an unparalleled alumnae which include: Calvin Coolidge, Lyndon Johnson, Anthony Celebrezze, Newton D. Baker, John Connally, Orville Freeman, Harry Blackmun, Oliver Wendell Holmes, Edward Douglas White, Robert Dole, Frank Lausche, Warren Magnuson, Joseph Montoya, Mario Cuomo, John Angelotta, John V. Corrigan, Patrick Gallagher, Dan Rather, and "you". Please consider Delta Theta Phi as your law fraternity. There is much more to say about Ranney Senate at Cleveland-Marshall. Our door is open. Come in and talk to us. We want you as fellow members.

Journal of Law and Health

The Journal of Law and Health is a student-run scholarly publication which presents a forum for discussion and debate for the academic, practicing, and policy-making sectors of the legal and medical communities. Students are selected for participation in the Journal of Law and Health on the bases of academic achievement and writing skills. Although a medical or nursing background may be helpful, neither is required for Journal membership.

During the first year on the Journal staff, students help edit articles for publication. In addition, the student must write a scholarly Article on a self-selected topic. Student articles are frequently published in the Journal.

During the second year, students take on tasks such as more sophisticated editing, guiding first year Journal members, and participating in the day-to-day operation of the Journal. For more information, please contact the Journal of Law and Health Editor-in-Chief, Andrew Schultz, or any member of the Editorial Board. Please feel free to stop by the Journal office in LB65, or give us a call at 687-4896.

Women's Law Caucus

The Women's Law Caucus is an organization for all students. Every student is a member and is welcome to attend all events. The primary focus of the group is the range of issues of interest to women. A variety of seminars and speakers will be presented throughout the year. Last year's presentations included a safety fo-

rum, study and test-taking strategies, and a brown bag lunch to introduce the women faculty and staff members. The "Women in Law" series featured several prominent members of the Cleveland legal community, including the Honorable Ann Aldrich, U.S. District Judge for the Northern District of Ohio.

GAVEL

The GAVEL is the student publication of the College of Law. Its purpose is to inform, entertain, and comment on the law school, legal community, and related topics of interest. The GAVEL acts as a forum for students, faculty, staff and the Cleveland legal community.

The GAVEL is always seeking interested students to participate in the writing, layout, or photographic portions of producing the newsmagazine. Also of interest to us at the GAVEL are stories, news items, letters, or any other information concerning the C-M community, law students in general, or any other aspect of the legal field.

Students become staff members after having had two articles or equivalent contributions printed in the newsmagazine. Staff members participate in editorial elections at the end of the year; each of the three editor positions provides a full tuition waiver. Much has been said about the rigors of the first year of law study. While some of it is true, a lot is exaggerated. Not every waking hour is spent poring over books. Writers, artists, and photographers use the GAVEL as a vehicle to express themselves outside the traditional classroom setting. For more information, stop in the GAVEL office, LB23, or call at 687-4533. The Editors for 1988-89 are Doug Davis, Greg Foliano, and David J. Przeracki.

TAU EPSILON RHO

Tau Epsilon Rho is an up and coming legal fraternity. Currently, Tau Epsilon Rho is reorganizing for the 1988-89 calendar year. Alumni of TER include judges and politicians throughout the state. Howard Metzbaum is a member of TER.

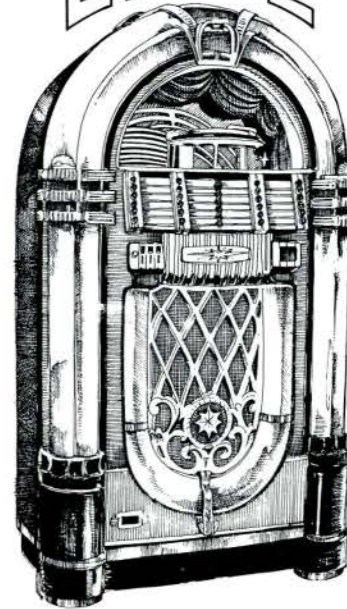
Tau Epsilon Rho is active in the community and keeps in constant contact with its alumni. TER sponsors Tuesday afternoon lunches with guest speakers, members, and alumni. Included in the social calendar are:

- Kick-off rush party
- Tau Epsilon Rho convention in Philadelphia
- Social hours
- Initiation banquet.

As a legal fraternity, TER facilitates friendships and networking—both important to help students through law school and beyond.

If you would like more information on Tau Epsilon Rho, or if you have any questions, please stop by the TER office and see Danny Peltz or Stacy Paghis.

RHOUSE CAFE



You've heard of God's little green acre, the party in New Orleans during Mardi Gras, Halloween at Ohio University, and spring break in Daytona Beach? How about a little of all that right here in Cleveland? It's fun, it's casual, it's food, it's today, it's a little bit of history and it's happening now.

It's the new and improved, bigger than life, Rascal House. No it doesn't get your shirts whiter, help you lose those extra pounds or get you that oh so deserving promotion at work but it does let you do one thing very, very well...have fun.

Located opposite the Cleveland State University campus on Euclid, downtown, the R.House Cafe has been a favorite meeting, eating and drinking place for hundreds of thousands over the course of its ten year existence. Known for its delicious home made pizza, the Rascal House has evolved to be so much more. After almost two years of remodeling and renovation, the new R.House Cafe has an all new, All-American look and feel. Mom & apple pie, Superman and Uncle Sam, Rock-n-Roll, and God only knows, and that's the beauty of it all.

Over the course of any week you can find a wide variety of greater Clevelanders having fun. Whether you're a three-piecer or a student, the R.House Cafe has a lot to offer; moderately priced fresh & filling burgers, deli bundles, pastas and salads as well as pizza and Italian sandwiches provide more than enough for any deserving appetite.

Open seven days and nights a week, the Rascal House is proud to serve any time of the day or night.

So next time you feel the uncontrollable urge to blow off steam, meet a new friend, get together with some old ones, you should consider a stop by one of Cleveland's almost famous landmarks. It's the best of all, it's a festival...Rascal House. Oh, by the way, please don't sit on the penguins or feed the pink flamingos.

Student Bar Association



NEW SBA OFFICERS are: (left to right) Bob "Sid" Sidloski, Vice President; Vince Morgione, Treasurer; Brian Cruse, Secretary; and Scott Spero, President.

SBA Activities Planned

By Scott Spero

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the governing body for the students at Cleveland-Marshall. All C-M students are eligible to participate in its activities.

The primary role of the SBA is to (1) act as a liaison between students and administration, (2) fund and support student organizations and activities, (3) plan academic, social, and professional programs for the entire school, (4) implement policies of the ABA and legal community, and (5) work to effectuate positive change inside the school and community.

The SBA appoints Senators and interested students to the various faculty committees and presents student viewpoints on law school policy issues. The SBA also represents law student interests before the greater university administration.

SBA is funded by student fee money, which is assessed and collected along with tuition fees. Approximately 10 percent of this student fee money, collected from law students, is returned to the SBA.

The government of the SBA is comprised of executive officers, senators, and the ABA representative. The SBA executive officers are elected in the spring semester and the senators are elected in the spring and fall.

New to Cleveland-Marshall this year is the Peer Advisor Program. Each first year student will be assigned a peer advisor who is a currently

enrolled student. The peer advisor will meet regularly with their first year students to help them adjust to the law school environment. The program also includes faculty and administrative staff who will serve as resource people for the peer advisors and assists first year students.

The problems first year students may face range from finding the department that issues parking permits to managing their time to handle employment, law school and personal obligations. Not only will students benefit from the peer advisors help but the faculty and staff are viewing the program as a way to improve communication among faculty, students and staff.

The program is also designed to accommodate students' special needs. For example, a peer advisor may be assigned a student who has encountered problems that require special attention. In a case like this, the peer advisor will refer the student to the person or department which is best able to help the student. Since the peer advisors are assigned first year students randomly, it is assumed that assignments will be changed based on the needs of the first year students. The program is extremely flexible to accommodate the diversity and needs of the first year class.

The SBA also accomplished a first this year; student mailboxes were assigned and labelled by Sept. 6, a new record. The student directory should be out in another month.

International Law Society

The International Law Society has been a recognized student organization at Cleveland-Marshall since 1980. The organization is open to all students who are interested in current world events and/or legal aspects of contemporary global issues. No prior knowledge of international law or foreign relations is required to join. There are no dues or initiation fees.

The International Law Society holds activities and programs throughout the school year at C-M, including meetings, parties, discussion groups, trips, films, conventions, and similar events. Each year, in January, the International Law Society sponsors a national Model United Nations Conference in Cleveland, which draws more than 400 students from more than 50 colleges across the United States and Canada, to participate in the event, a simulated session of the entire U.N. system. This includes all U.N. committees, organs and the International Court of Justice. Many students from C-M are involved with this conference each year.

Also, the International Law Society is recognized for its annual Speakers Series. In recent years, Ambassador Carlos Tunnerman of Nicaragua; author/humorist Dick Gregory; and Admiral Stansfield Turner have all spoken to C-M and CSU students under the auspices of the International Law Society.

Parking at CSU:



Heavy machinery ticketed at law school parking lot.

Late Grades

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their class rank on their resumes, placement concerns were also delayed.

According to Edele Passalacqua, C-M's American Bar Association/Law Student Division representative, the problem of late grades is not unique to our law school. "At last year's annual meeting of the Law School Division Assembly in San Francisco, the National Student Bar Association toiled with the pervasive issue of delinquent grades." Passalacqua said official resolutions dealing with the issue were considered. Amazingly, and perhaps related to the announcement of Steven Smith's appointment as C-M's new dean, all summer grades were submitted on time. Although he does not take credit for this feat, Smith has strong feelings about late

grades. "I expect things done on time. In a profession that expects things done on time, late grades are an embarrassment," he said. Although Smith issued a letter to the faculty concerning the grading policy, he does not feel that sanctions against late graders are necessary. According to Smith, the faculty's "sense of responsibility and professionalism" will insure that grades are submitted in a timely manner.

Kay Benjamin adds that students can help the situation by making sure they receive their examination numbers prior to the examination period. "Exam numbers are available three weeks before examinations begin. Students should use only their exam numbers when taking examinations - - not their social security numbers as some have done in the past."

Smith Takes Reins

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other university professors and that salaries must be maintained at least in the upper half of the nation to retain good faculty. Eventually, the state legislature must recognize that a legal education is a doctoral program and funded accordingly, Smith said. Currently, state-supported law schools are being funded like masters programs.

Smith said he wanted to make sure that most of the problems with the library are on the way to being solved before starting a search for a new library director. Interim Director Scott Finet is putting together a program for university officials which move the process along.

A problem in the past with alumni contributions was alumni were expected to contribute to the entire university rather than just the law school. Smith said university officials are developing a coordinated policy which will allow alumni to contribute directly to the law school, and not to the university as a whole. On late grades, Smith said he has not considered sanctions yet because he feels they will be unnecessary. "I expect things done on time. In a profession that expects things done on time, late grades are an embarrassment," he said. According to Kay Benjamin, Records Officer, all grades for the Summer half-semester were in on time, even from notorious hold-outs.

During the orientation address, Smith announced that the average age at C-M was 28; he was surprised.

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