Pat Morgan Is Elected LSD Vice President

Patrick Morgan has been elected a National Vice-President of the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. Pat, a second year student at Cleveland-Marshall, will hold the post of Sixth Circuit Vice-President for one year.

The office of Circuit Vice-President is the second highest office in the LSDABA. He sits on the National Board of Governors, which is the policy-making board for law students.

Committee Finds Students Lack Lawyer's Skills

The Faculty Curriculum Committee headed by Professor Favor has submitted a report to the faculty summarizing views of committees on the Accounting Systems course in the first year and the incorporation of the Federal Systems course into the Constitutional Law Course. These comments, among others, are set forth in the report dealing with the subject matter and the gaps and overlaps therein.

However, the most interesting part of the report in part "C" titled "Miscellaneous Comments." Here are the various committee members comments upon the several reservations made in their classes. Here are some selected quotes:

"It is rather appalling to find that some professors do not know what is known as a "per curiam opinion" is.

"Each of us noted that the great bulk of our students are severely lacking in what we would call the basic essentials of most of the courses that they are supposed to have had."

"Although it is difficult to define them precisely, we believe that the great bulk of the students are totally lacking in what we would call the basic skills of a lawyer. They do not know how to read a case. They do not know how to state the principle which a case stands for. They are unable to analyze a case. They are unable to compare or distinguish related or similar cases. They are unable to do what we call "think like a lawyer." These are the basic skills which we believe one should acquire at a law school in addition to the "black letter law" which one acquires by rote. These are the skills which one cannot acquire by reading a textbook or by hearing a lecture. These are skills which we believe a law school has an obligation to impart to its students.

This report was presented as a summary of the views expressed and to emphasize at the same time the complexity of the problems. A more complete report with concrete suggestions is forthcoming.
Dignity and Warmth Mark A Night to Be Remembered

More than 1200 alumni of Cleveland-Marshall Law School received a Doctor of Law (Juris Doctor) diploma from the law school in a special convocation at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel on Thursday evening, March 14.

The diploma replaces the earlier Bachelor of Law degree. "The presentation of the Doctor of Law diploma is in keeping with a trend among law schools throughout the country to recognize that law study is essentially a graduate level of education," said Howard L. Oleck, the law school's interim dean.

The ceremony attracted alumni from as far away as California and Florida and requests for the J.D. were received from our alumni now located in such places as Switzerland and Venezuela.

Cleveland mayor, Carl B. Stokes, a 1956 graduate of the law school, received an Honorary Doctor of Laws degree in addition to his Juris Doctor diploma.

Mayor Stokes receives his honorary degree from Dr. Carl Wasmuth, representing the law school’s board of trustees, while Alumni President Lick looks on.

A part of the audience on hand to watch the award ceremony. The main floor as well as the balcony of the Grand Ballroom was filled to capacity.

Fred Lick, Jr., President of the Alumni Association as he delivered his speech at the convocation.

Said Alumni President Fred Lick about our beloved alma mater: "Where else but at C.M. could you find . . . an instructor (Ellis Rippner) with the same monkey on his back for 16 years . . . Our own double for Edward G. Robinson (Charley Auerbach) . . . Norm Miller's lectures on Evy three times every night . . . Prof. Tony Fioretti's advice "keep the woman at home and you won't have divorces" . . . When a "C" from Prof. Gardner meant he just didn't have the heart to tell you that you had flunked his course."

Mayor Stokes receives congratulations from Dr. Wasmuth and Judge James C. Connell.

The buffet table in the Gold Room was graced with a huge ice-carved C.M.
Answers to Your Questions
On the Use of the J.D. Degree

A number of questions have been received concerning the use of the J.D. Since each questioner probably represents the thinking of other alumni it was thought worthwhile to reprint them and their answers. It should be noted that the answers vary from the authoritative quotation from the published work by the American Bar Association, down through the customary usage in the academic community to opinions of the writer. It is hoped that these sources will not be confused.

1. May I place the initials J.D. on my letter head after my name? No, neither there nor on a door.

2. Do I use "Doctor"? No, the J.D. is a substitute for the LL.B. and its acceptance waived by some states.

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Enclosed is my check in the amount of $ . . . for tickets, at $3.50 per ticket, for the Alumni Association's Annual Luncheon, honoring Judge Joseph A. Artl and William K. Gardner, on Thursday, May 23, 1968, at 12:15 p.m. at the Sheraton-Cleveland Hotel. I would like to sit with my classmate(s), of the class of . . . (please designate the year).

Please send my tickets to the following address:
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What's Happening to Alumni

Guerrin L. Avery ('66) is the new law director of West View . . . Quigly Lehr ('41) was recently appointed executive vice president of Scott & Fetzer . . . Donald M. Colarsd ('70) formerly first assistant attorney general of Ohio is now associated with the law firm of Solisbery, Ahern, and Butler of Columbus, Ohio . . . Russell Glinew ('67) is now referee in the Domestic Relations Court of Cuyahoga County . . . Joseph S. Pieterse ('69) is now sitting as a judge among the public servants honored at the annual Cuyahoga County Bar Association luncheon last month . . . E. Dana Brooks ('75), Director of the Department of Domestic Relations, Common Pleas Court, was elected 1968 Dean of the Alumni Senate, Delta Theta Phi . . . Peter J. Carola ('37) recently returned from Italy as director of Cheville Italin, has been appointed superior of manufacturing and engineering for the Cheville Corporation . . . Stephen C. Nemeth, Jr. ('55) has been appointed by Republic Steel Corporation to the office of assistant secretary . . . Herbert E. Rudy ('44) vice president of Eaton, Yale & Towne has also been elected to the office of assistant treasurer . . . Matthew Koch ('67) is now associated with Rabb & Axner, Belfinten, Ohio.

What's Happening to Alumni

Leo Rossman

With Perma Plaques

Leo E. Rossman ('29) Alumni Treasurer and one of the recent recipients of the President's Plaque, with the advice that Certified Corporation & Office Supply Company of which he is President is quite busy "Perma Plaques" the Certificates for fellow alumni. (Preserves the Certificates and really looks beautiful.)

Open House
Is Law Director

Two recent fast-paced changes in city government have put Clarence L. James Jr. ('28) in the post of City Law Director. Only recently he was named chief legal counsel for the city, a job he held only three days before being upped to Law Director.

Clarence James

Is Law Director

James has held the office of 2nd vice-president of the C-M Alumni Association. He and his wife, Patricia, and their two sons live at 15641 Scottsdale Blvd., Shaker Heights.
Editorial

Since this is an Alumni edition one important point should be clarified for our Alumni readers. The Gavel is published by the students of Cleveland-Marshall and the students only. Articles and editorial comment are approved by one person only, the student editor. A faculty advisor has been made available for editorial assistance. No advice as to editorial content has ever been asked for or given. The only material to appear in the Gavel not produced by the students is that of the Alumni. This news is gathered and presented by the Alumni Secretary and is entirely his responsibility.

The recent fiasco concerning the proposed merger of Cleveland-Marshall with Cleveland State has left an odor. To say the least, the state board of regents is guilty of gross negligence for encouraging the trustees of both schools by implying that the merger could be initiated by the presidents of both schools with no input from the regents at their April meeting.

Someone had better start asking the hard questions of why the regents had authority to consider the proposal when it was first announced months ago, and suddenly authority is lacking. Their cavalier manner of stating that there is no money available for acquisition of the law school, and never was, certainly makes them appear all the more foolish for their encouraging the two schools to submit their proposal, when they now say that the only body to have authority to approve such a merger is the Ohio General Assembly.

Adding to the problem has been the actions of the Cleveland-Marshall Alumni Association officers. Their knowledge of the type of law involved in the proposed merger is highly publicized the fact in the local news media that they were opposed to the merger, at the present time, since they were working towards a merger, at the present time, since they were working towards a merger. They are not a merger.

Their lamentable cry was that they had not received assurances that the principle of the night school would be preserved, or that the name of Cleveland-Marshall would live on forever. Assuming, as we must, that their intentions were honorable and for the best of their alma mater, their methods of expression were inexcusable. Negotiations between schools were very delicate. Letters of protest could have been sent to all interested parties, including the students of this law school. It was not necessary to plead their case in the newspapers. It would have been appreciated if the officers of the Alumni Association would publicly explain to the faculty and students of this school the reasons for their actions, or publicly apologize.

They should follow their own advice, as presented in the Alumni Editorial in the November 17, 1967 edition of the Gavel: “... but all of these questions together must subordinate themselves to the final question of which path offers the best possible lead to the legal education to the law students of today and tomorrow.”

The retention of the name “Cleveland-Marshall” is irrelevant. Who ever heard of the Backus School of Law of Case-Western Reserve University? It is simply the School of Law of Case Western Reserve University. The law students of today and tomorrow demand excellence. They want their school approved by the American Association of Law Schools. They want the doors of other law schools open to them to transfer and for graduate work. The idea of being part of a university complex, growing in prestige each day, with all the material and intellectual opportunities available, is exciting.

Cleveland State University is dedicated to the principle of the night school. The night law school will exist as long as there is demand for it. The students of Cleveland-Marshall favor merger. The faculty of Cleveland-Marshall favors the merger. The trustees of both institutions have worked hard to hammer out a proposal. The merger would be good for both schools, as well as for the City of Cleveland. It is sincerely hoped that the Alumni will hold a meeting of all its members to discuss the situation. It is also hoped that the regents “discover” their authority before their May meeting.

The Gavel commends Assistant Prof. Theodore Dyke for his untiring efforts in aiding the students of this law school. Prof. Dyke, who is head of the Student Activities Committee, has not only been of great assistance to Student Bar members but has also been instrumental in getting both legal fraternities much more active in law-related and social activities.

Terri Burke, Student Bar President, says that Prof. Dyke’s excellent suggestions have helped get many Student Bar projects off dead center. “It is really encouraging to be able to work with a student member who is as interested in the students as is Professor Dyke,” Burke says.

The Gavel would like to publicly thank Professor Dyke for his efforts, and wish him best of luck in his early completion of the requirements for his J.S.D. degree, for which he has chosen to forgo a reconciliation and to take the divorce. Congratulations also for being unanimously extended Honorary Membership, along with Judge Herbert E. Whiting, in Ranney Senate of Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity.

Merger Held Up

The proposed merger of Cleveland-Marshall Law School with Cleveland State University has received a mixed reaction, according to an April 19 ruling of the State Board of Regents that they have no authority to approve the merger.

Chancellor John D. Millet of the regents said that the funds were not available for the acquisition of the Cleveland State of a law school and that transfer of funds from any other source would be illegal. An appeal has been filed by the state finance director.

Trustees of both schools, initially shocked and angered by the decision, are now regrouping their forces to present their proposal again to the regents at their May meeting. If the regents do not change their opinion the school resource will be forced to submit the proposal to the state legislature.

Government Law Openings Number 2000

Fifty-six federal agencies and departments will be opening for nearly 2,000 openings during the next 18 months according to the American Bar Association Legal Services Division’s 16th annual survey of Federal Government Job Opportunities for Young Attorneys.

In addition, law students can look forward to more than 200 openings for employment this summer.

The survey included the 1968 ABA Law Student Division survey employing more than 12,000 of which approximately 500 are women.

The March issue of the Division’s Student Lawyer Journal summarizing the survey was recently mailed to law schools.

Also detailed are the number of openings in various fields of law including Federal Government, Federal Judicial, Federal Agency, and Federal Administration.

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** An Inside Look at Legal Aid **

By Glenn Billington

Domestic problems and economic problems are often indistinguishable as they relate to marriage. If the father deserts his family or refuses to support them, great economic stress may arise. The problem of inadequacy of support, or the problem of obtaining support, is frequently an acute problem that arises in Legal Aid work. Other acute problems are those related to divorce and unlawful relations, and the need for temporary alimony or child support.

Often the need for immediate action is acute. If the father has deserted or has failed to provide adequate support, there is an immediate problem of food for the children and money to pay rent, heat and light bills. In other cases, the father may be physically abusing his wife or children — occasionally to the point of hospitalization of the innocent parties.

The immediate availability of the Legal Aid lawyer, who can make contact with the County Welfare Department and the Family Court, can go into court and get a Motion to Vacate, Restraining Order and Temporary Support, and thereby protect the family.

Many family problems can be solved through active intervention by the husband and wife in counseling. If there appears to be any chance for a reconciliation and return to stable family life, then the lawyer encourages the couple to attend counseling sessions. If the problem is a divorce, then the person is referred to the Cleveland Law Clinic. A graduate from the Cleveland foundation has enabled Legal Aid to establish its own Social Service Department in cooperation with the Family Service Association. This program provides a full time social worker who works in the Downtown Legal Aid office. This program has proven very successful and an increasing number of clients make use of this service each month.

The majority of divorce cases are uncomplicated, primarily because the family has already collapsed and the parties are living separate lives and because there is little or no property involved to be disputed. Here, the divorce allows the party to be free to remarry and start a new, more stable family life. This latter aspect is especially important in helping women who are supported by welfare. The remarriage allows the family to leave the welfare rolls as the new husband now assumes the role of family provider.

Many domestic problems require research into various aspects of the law. Recent work by law students has been on issues of service to an out-of-state defendant, service to a defendant and a foreign country, service to a defendant in a paternity suit, the definition of the "necessaries" of life, the right to make a will, the right of a defendant's "appearance" in divorce cases and his "appearance" in criminal cases.

Various areas of law reform are also being researched and advocated. Attempts are being made to tighten the definitions of the grounds of divorce and to reduce the number of grounds from 10 to 5. In an effort to aid an attempt, a one year interlocutory decree has been proposed. Using this decree, the divorce would not become final until one year after the date of the decree. The availability of this decree may save some families but will allow some families to get back together and avoid permanent dissolution.

Next month, this column will explore Legal Aid efforts in the field of consumer credit.

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