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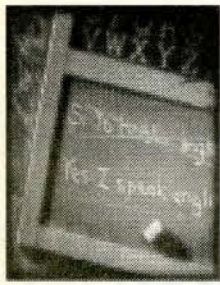
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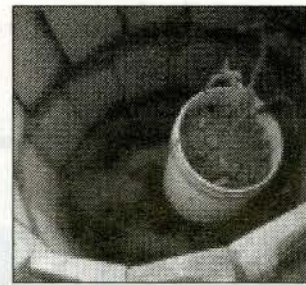
Smashing the language barrier

Making English the official U.S. language would do more good than harm, says 3L David Hitsman. **OPINION, PAGE 6**



Did you vote?

A complete list of Student Bar Association election winners winds up the season of campaign posters and mailbox candy. **LAW, PAGE 4**



Latrine wisdom

3L Damon Taylor spent his spring break building latrines in El Salvador. We asked him to share his insights from the trip. **LAW, PAGE 2**



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THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER AT CLEVELAND-MARSHALL COLLEGE OF LAW

FINAL ISSUE OF THE SEMESTER

Video dazzles, recalls C-M's pioneering female grads

By Ann Vaughn
STAFF WRITER

Defying one's father to attend law school. The granddaughter of a slave becoming the first woman admitted to the Cleveland Bar Association.

These were only two of the stories of Cleveland-Marshall's first 100 women graduates told on March 30, at the "Remember the Ladies" Celebration.

A magnificent video, produced by Susan Yarb Petersen '97, featured Edna Shalala, professor Jane Picker and Dr. Bernice Miller, among others, as the history of women at C-M was reviewed.

One of the remarkable first 100 women, former Judge Jean Capers '45, who occasionally is spotted researching in the library, regaled current students with her joy in everyone's accomplishments both in the video and at the reception.

Special guests included the graduates' relatives or "legacy families" and more than 40 C-M alumnae judges.



KELLY HORTIZ FOR THE GAVEL

(From left to right) 2L Kathy Davis, Kelly Carlson, 2L Weldon Rice and 2L Caroline Brill enjoy the festivities at this year's Barristers'.

The get-down in Browns town

GAVEL STAFF

Amid poster-sized photos of legendary Cleveland Browns players and just out of reach from the playing field, on April 8 more than 525 students, guests and faculty celebrated Barristers' Ball at Browns Stadium.

Distracted by dinner and

an open bar, few students saw nationally-renown comedian Michael Cheselka, a 1L, perform a short standup routine.

Kevin O'Neill accepted his second straight Professor of the Year award at the gala, and 2L Maureen Connors was named Senator of the Year for her work in SBA.

CSU extends 1L's sanctions

Suspended until fall 2001 for conduct code violations, Sargent plans appeal

By Kevin Butler
STAFF EDITOR

First-year student Scott Sargent was suspended from classes April 14, after members of Cleveland State's Judicial Board found he violated student handbook provisions barring the disruption of classes and the harassment of students.

In a letter to Sargent from Valerie Hinton-Hannah, the CSU administrator who oversees student conduct matters, Hinton-Hannah said President Claire Van Ummersen will now decide whether to impose the recommended sanction against him — suspension until December of this year, with no possibility to reenter law school until fall 2001.

In all likelihood, Van Ummersen will uphold the sus-

pension. On March 2 she formally charged Sargent on the advice of Associate Dean Frederic White for violating three provisions of the student handbook. University police escorted him from the law building that day, and he has not returned to classes since.

After a March 30 hearing, the judicial board found that Sargent violated two sections of the handbook — disruption of class and harassment of students — with his behavior in professor Linda Ammons' legislation course this semester. The board exonerated Sargent on a third charge of threatened infliction of bodily harm.

According to White, evidence considered against Sargent
See **SARGENT**, page 4

New tutors aim to refine students' writing skills

By Lucy Curry
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Out of the growing concern that Cleveland-Marshall students have substandard writing skills, the legal writing program is in the process of a transformation. One recent development has met with much success: the formalized legal writing tutorship program.

This program benefits the over-worked legal writing faculty because tutors can serve as filters or a support system for students and lessen the volume of questions and the steady flow of students who scramble for appointments with professors at the last minute when major assignments are due. The tutors hold regular office hours and

Mentors must play roles of friend and supporter to boost students' legal writing prowess

have computer access to help alleviate legal research aggravations.

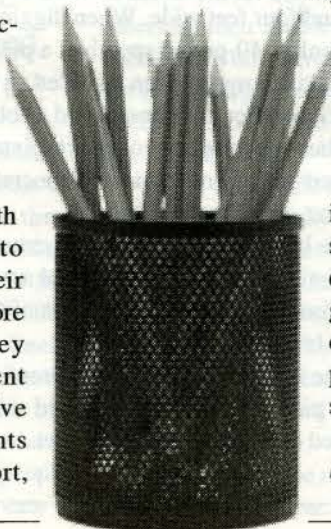
Tutors provide students with an alternative to meeting with their instructors, but more importantly, they can play different roles. Tutors give first-year students emotional support,

friendship, advice and individualized attention.

Moreover, having recently completed the first-year course themselves, the tutors have a very different perspective and can vividly recall and hopefully enhance that learning process.

As a result, tutors are able to offer credible assurances that legal writing is a "learnable" skill that merely requires practice, diligence and attention to detail. Hopefully the program is here to stay.

Curry, a 2L, is a legal writing tutor.



Supreme Court to decide on Texas law permitting prayer in school athletics

By Linda Griffin
STAFF EDITOR

The movement for student-led prayer in public schools is again an issue for the U.S. Supreme Court. The March 29 arguments in *Santa Fe Independent School District v. Doe* marked the first time since 1992 that the Court considered the constitutionality of school-sponsored prayer. At issue is a Texas school board's policy permitting students to elect someone to deliver an invocation, a prayer or other solemn message at football games.

Jay Sekulow, chief counsel for the American Center for Law and Justice, argued for the school district. Both he and Texas Attorney General John Cornyn defended the students' First Amendment rights.

Anthony Griffin, attorney for the respondents, argued for the American Civil Liberties Union. Griffin contended that religion is a matter of individual conscience and not subject to a majority vote. Cornyn emphasized the neutrality of the school board's policy toward prayer and religion.

The Supreme Court is expected to hand down its decision in June.



Perspectives on life and latrines

IN MY MID-20s, in my last semester of law school, I'm on the way to build nine latrines in two rural, not-even-on-the-map communities in El Salvador — El Panel and El Carmen. Half a decade ago I was on a similar trip to Panama City to assist in the rebuilding of bombed-out communities. I can't help but ask

myself how much of *me* has changed these past years? Has my experience in law school transformed me? For the better, or for the worse? More appropriately, have I allowed law school to alter my being from one who was once angered by injustice and impassioned by hopeful visions for what the world could be to one focused on material gain and the selfish struggle to gain power?

In the twilight of my law school career, I confront two paths — one leading to private enterprise, the other to public service. Are these mutually exclusive? Are these the only options for me, for my law school colleagues?

Along with one college professor, 11 college-aged students and one newspaper editor, I traveled to rural El Salvador in an effort to reach across borders to aid in the monumental task of building the foundation for long-term, sustainable living and to create a bond between two worlds.

Our hosts in El Salvador were the Salvadoran Association for Rural Health, or ASAPROSAR. The brainchild of Dr. Vicki Guzman, ASAPROSAR is an organization rooted in the warm hearts, callused hands and formally uneducated, yet bright and pragmatic minds of the rural poor who make up much of what is considered the Salvadoran populace.

At its base, the organization believes in the wisdom of the people with whom they work. From developing health care to advocating micro-credit programs to protecting child laborers in the marketplace, ASAPROSAR plays a historic role in the country's genesis. In 1992 El Salvador witnessed the conclusion of its brutal 12-year civil war which left the country with 50 percent of its population below the age of 19. Now it has become a nation where its people overwhelmingly possess a great hope and vision for their future.

A few facts on El Salvador:



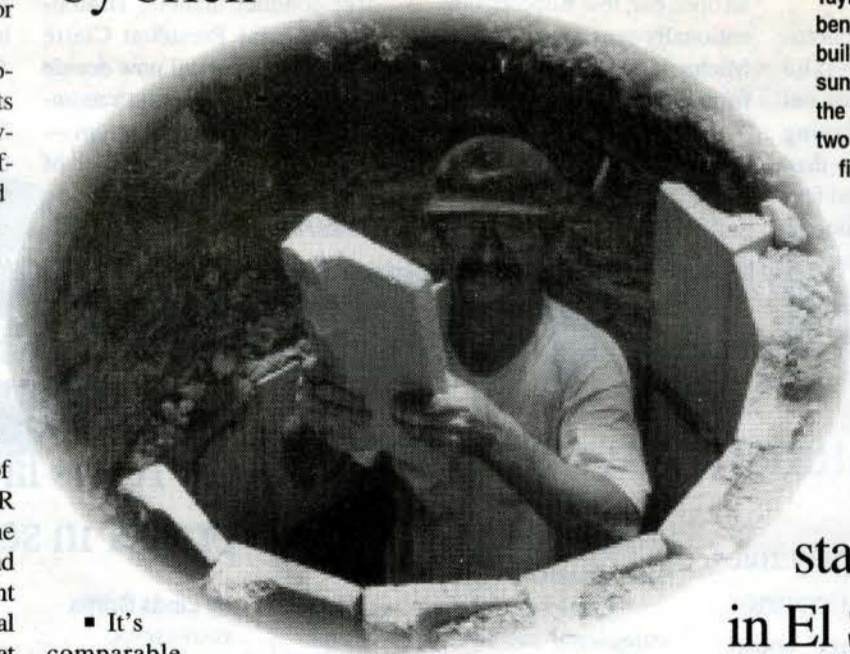
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In unlikely 'temples' deep in the heart of El Salvador, 3L Damon Taylor finds an inner balance — brick by brick



Dots mark where Taylor worked in El Salvador.

Taylor and two siblings who will benefit from a latrine he helped build take a break from the hot sun (top). Jorge, the architect of the latrine system and one of two masons in the area, puts the finishing touches on a latrine's inner silo (left).



The job: building stable toilets in El Salvador

- It's comparable in size to the state of Massachusetts.

- The average educational level of rural Salvadorans does not exceed the fourth grade.

- The country has 14 administrative divisions; each administered by a governor and a mayor. The country is situated on a stunning volcanic plane which lays claim to the tallest volcanic structures in Central America.

The two communities where much of my time was spent are made up of 475 families scattered throughout the arid and rough countryside. Many of these people rent land to grow produce. Normally, they have a 30-month lease

THE LATRINES WERE ROUGHLY 11 FEET DEEP and four feet wide. When digging the holes, we used only a 40-pound spud bar, a pick and shovel.

A skilled mason then installed an inner silo structure. Soon after, we constructed a solid base consisting of either concrete or a rock-dirt mixture. This was covered with a pre-fabricated concrete pad which had a hole cut out of the middle.

We built a square, red-brick structure on top of the foundation. Then we constructed a wooden door frame with roughly cut wood and strips of tin and attached it to the brick building.

The last component was the roof, a heavily corrugated piece of metal that was laid atop the latrine and marked completion of the project. — D.T.

with the landowner. More often than not, the farmer must provide enough corn, beans and cattle feed to sustain their own family, and still give a portion to the landowner. All this is done despite the Northwest region of their country lacking even one potable water source. This means that the farmer is rarely able to get ahead, often faltering under the stress of overcoming the daily trials of poverty.

Through it all, many Salvadorans state that their people generally are very happy, family-oriented, optimistic and affectionate to friends and foreigners alike. I cannot figure out this inconsistency, but I could argue that because their lives are not cluttered with television, because they're not bombarded with constant reminders of the wide divide between the "have and the have-nots" — and, quite possibly, because they have no choice other than to remain exceedingly optimistic — the Salvadoran people seem to be more hopeful than my own.

One evening as we listened to an outpouring of soulful ideas and feelings between the Salvadorans and my group, one local man named Jose Orlando, who spent four years of his life working three jobs for 21 hours a day in Boston, spoke out. He said he was extremely happy we were present in his community building much-needed latrines for the people.

But even more important, our willingness to serve as conduits between cultures, our desire to aid our fellow human beings in a land far off, gives him and his community hope that there will be a better time for his children and his children's children. He dreams that he too will have the economic freedom to travel freely and help others find solutions to their problems.

In hindsight, I find it interesting that our legal training also prepares us to be conduits between lay persons and legal systems, companies and regulatory systems. We are instructed in the art of bringing hope to those who are confused, troubled, and in trouble. Working in El Salvador, serving as a channel between peoples, was for me a great classroom where I learned about myself and, oddly, about my profession. My unforgettable experiences in public service provide me a road map to navigate difficult career decisions and I encourage everyone to take a chance someday and experience the same.

Taylor is a 3L.

- Information on service in El Salvador:** Dr. Steve Kramer, the director of the Social Responsibility Program abroad, can be reached at (800) 992-6682 for information.

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Sargent: Dean insists 1L was admonished

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in the March 30 hearing were a number of voluminous messages he posted to a class discussion site on the internet, snippets of which may have been interpreted as threatening or harassing.

"There's a universe of things any one of us could do to end all of our lives," Sargent wrote in one posting obtained by the *Gavel*. "Maybe not today. (And each one of those days I'm thankful for.) But tomorrow, I'm afraid, yes."

Sargent once quoted the Smashing Pumpkins in a posting to his classmates. "That in mind, brother and sister, know this: *The killer in me is the killer in you.*"

Classroom outbursts

Students in Ammons' legislation class, whose goal in class was to debate and eventually draft mock legislation, were also upset over how Sargent acted in class.

"Scott threw tantrums, threatened and screamed at people," 1L Sylvia Aziz told the *Gavel*. "He would repeatedly interject while people were talking. It would be a battery of things like that. It just got to be disruptive."

Aziz said Sargent's behavior was unpredictable — "just the way he jumped up, got over you and screamed in your face."

White said he handles all law school discipline issues, so Ammons came to him when her students expressed fear over Sargent's postings and classroom behavior. All told, at least two students, three faculty members, Ammons and an alumnus contacted him about Sargent, the dean said.

White said he met with Sargent at least three times.

"I told Scott that men and women were physically afraid of him," White said. "These weren't just 22-year-old women. These were men and older students, too."

Sargent would promise to change his demeanor in class, but never did, according to the dean.

"He admitted some of the things he was doing was to intimidate people," White said. "He wouldn't follow my advice. Once he told me he would stop, but a few hours later he e-mailed me, saying 'I can't stop.'"

Sargent's version

Sargent, who is appealing the decision to the University Appeals Board, has personally maintained his innocence of the charges leveled at him, nevertheless apologizing to students on the internet for his anger in class.

His attorney, Scott Fromson of Beachwood, said they tried to

propose a settlement whereby Sargent would stop e-mailing students if he could return to classes this fall, but to no avail.

"Since I have been involved with Scott, the e-mails have stopped, he's been polite, he's been respectful, he's remorseful of the situation and he would like the opportunity to start over," Fromson said. "But Dean White does not want Scott Sargent as a student now or in 2001."

1L Frank Cwiklinski, a West Point graduate, agrees that the school has overreacted, likely because of recent disasters like the Columbine shooting in April 1999.

"In the army, when we had a problem, that's what we called it — a problem," Cwiklinski said. "And we tried to fix the problem. Here it seems like we jumped right to the end result."

Fromson said he and Sargent have not discussed appealing beyond CSU's jurisdiction.

They may have to. According to Hinton-Hannah, of the 100 or so cases she has seen in the year she's been in her position, only one was reversed on appeal and just two sentences were reduced.

Van Ummersen is both the charging party in this case and the final reviewing party. If Sargent's appeal is denied, he may then seek the protection of the courts.

Pleasant reflections on this school year

By Steven H. Steinglass

Looking back on the year that is about to close, I believe it was a good year to have studied law at Cleveland-Marshall — a year full of special events, seminars and inspiring lecturers.

Addresses by this year's visiting jurist Richard M. Marcus and visiting scholars Gordon Wood, a Brown University professor, and South African Justice Richard J. Goldstone were outstanding: Judge Marcus expanded our understanding of mediation; Professor Wood gave us a new perspective on our country's early history, and Justice Goldstone alerted us to the challenges of administering justice globally.

Our 1999 and 2000 Baker & Hostetler visiting professors Ratna Kapur and Peter Fitzpatrick were, for students and colleagues alike, unforgettable visitors of great knowledge and great charm. The Criminal Law Forums, created by our criminal law faculty, called to our attention a number of issues confronting contemporary criminal law practice. Our March "Remember the Ladies" program was a sentimental and meaningful occasion for our alumnae and the families of many of our first women graduates. And the Human Rights conference, with its many international presenters, was surely one of the year's most impressive accomplishments.

Our student organizations add

Apart from the school's student organizations, our individual students have also brought distinction to themselves.



The Dean's Column

much to the daily life of the law school, and I want to thank SBA and BLSA for their enthusiasm and their entrepreneurial spirit. SBA sponsored a stunning Barristers' Ball and then, with new furniture,

helped make the downstairs a more livable and attractive space.

The BLSA banquet wrapped up the year with a wonderful event featuring Ohio Court of Appeals Judge Patricia A. Blackmon '75 as its keynote speaker, and I look forward to attending the upcoming Moot Court, Journal of Law and Health and Cleveland State Law Review banquets as well.

Our ABA-prize-winning *Gavel* continues to bring its bright and amusing perspective to law school happenings; I thank the editors and staff writers for enlivening and enlightening our days.

I am, of course, very proud of this year's moot court teams for their performances in contests throughout the country and our new trial advocacy team for its initial efforts. The law review printed three issues and the Journal of Law and Health published two. Both editorial boards are to be commended. I thank the members of Women Law Students Association for their assistance with the "Remember the Ladies" program and the student Criminal Law Society for their assistance with the Criminal Law Forums.

Apart from the work of the law school's student organizations, our students as individuals also bring distinction to themselves and their school. I was reminded of what a talented group of students you are by the numbers recognized for academic accomplishments during the Academic Awards Convocation. And it was wonderful to see the many future lawyers who have already learned the value of disinterested public service by participating in the Pro Bono Program.

I am proud to have been dean during the years when you were students at C-M. I wish those of you who will be back in the fall a pleasant and productive summer. And I welcome all of you who will graduate to your new roles as alumni and alumnae of this wonderful law school.

Steinglass is dean of the college of law.

Students elect SBA officers, senate for upcoming year

GAVEL STAFF

Election results for the 2000-01 Student Bar Association follow.

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Mere charity won't help the homeless

By **Renni "Z" Zifferblatt**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The recently held Cosgrove Fair, which provided Cleveland's homeless with free food and services, seemed worthwhile until I noticed that a majority of the fair's patrons were extremely well dressed — donning new leather jackets, pressed pants and expensive jewelry. Bewildered, I sought the center's director and asked about its policies for issuing free services. The director sensibly told me that they can't turn away a "client" because proving your homelessness can't be done. But the director picked up my subtlety and confirmed my suspicion that all present were not homeless.

A former street person who now works for Cosgrove passionately explained the flaws in the system. He said the homeless often walk from food banks to social service buildings collecting edibles and whatever else is available on any given day. His reply made me aware of the inept approaches to the problem used by many cities.

The homeless focus on how to fill a day before seeking refuge in a shelter that closes its doors at 7 p.m. For the well-dressed at the fair, the objective becomes how to work the system. This is not an effective solution to homelessness.

Many citizens have a hard time relating to the idea of homelessness and view them as victims of their own poor choices. Truth be told, does it matter how they came to live on the streets without the protection and comfort of a place called home? I think not.

What seems particularly significant is the government's role in making these people wards of the state — much like the paternalistic policies oppressing Native Americans. Freebies are temporary and ineffective methods to pull people out of poverty, but they keep the impoverished subservient, powerless and quiet.

With its reciprocity-based bargaining process, contract law provides a solution. We should implement programs that include the homeless in society instead of making them childishly pursue basic needs. I don't propose a denial of food if they fail to perform a duty, but giving people options increases individual responsibility and opportunities for personal dignity and respect. My options include working on urban garden projects, offering educational opportunities in exchange for public service, and holding forums for the homeless to voice their concerns. For the mentally ill homeless, provide psychotherapy for more productivity.

Perhaps the system milkers will be inspired to live honestly when they view the success of people participating in programs that revitalize the life forces rather than extinguish them. I'm certain the status quo is inert, unproductive and deadening to the human spirit, which craves freedom in all forms.

Zifferblatt is a 1L.

Inglés: Let's make it official

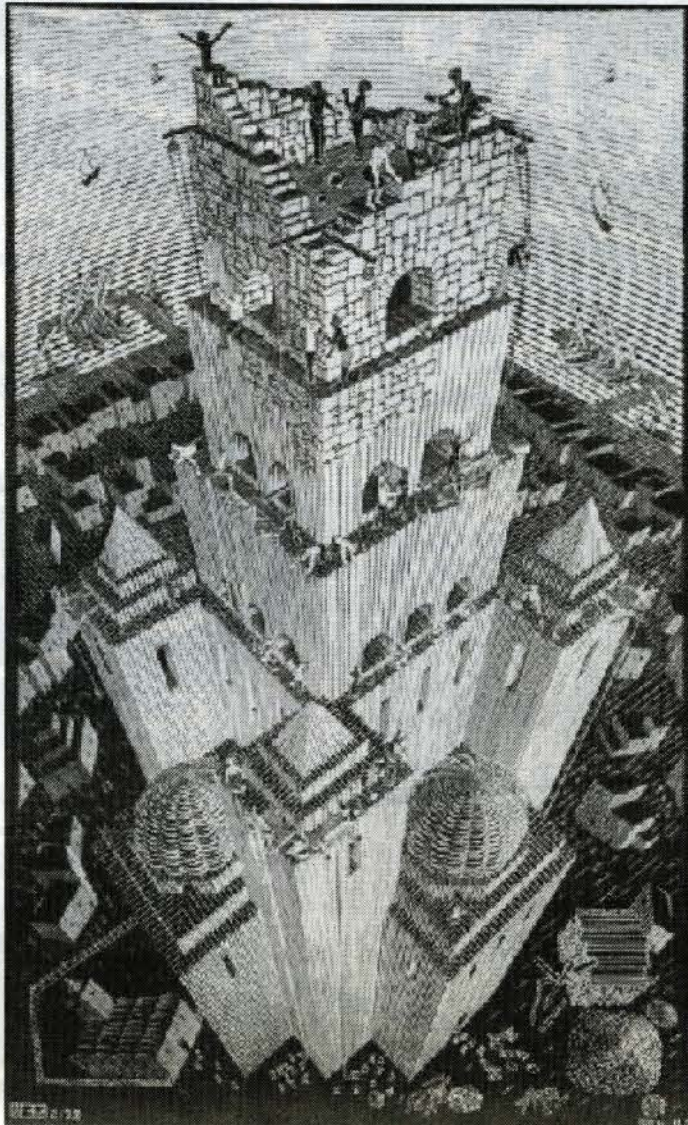
By **David Hitsman**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A RESURGENCE OF the English-only movement here in America has occurred in the last few years. This resurgence caused both English-only advocates and pro-immigrant enthusiasts to feud over the direction to take this country's language policy.

In my opinion, English should be the official language, despite cries that this is unfair to non-English-speaking groups who wish to live here. Although I can't speak to the motives of all English-only advocates, I believe that the opposition to the current movement confuses the meaning of "English-only." This concept does not prohibit cultural identity. Rather, it stresses the need for a uniform standard of communication.

Amazingly, there are some that feel that an English-only proficiency requirement is against a person's Constitutional rights. First of all, the refusal to make certain concessions in return for United States citizenship is not a constitutional right. Both immigrants and natural-born citizens, in any country, must abide by that country's laws and norms to further a well-run society. This includes assuming certain responsibilities to facilitate and maintain basic communication. A person's heritage is not an automatic trump to this necessity.

The principles of freedom and independence, I'm sorry to say, have been vastly liberalized



M.C. ESCHER, 'THE TOWER OF BABEL,' 1928

It's a tough sell, but all Americans would be better served by making English the national language

and convoluted. The official language issue is important because people must realize there are negative ramifications when people cannot or will not speak a nation's primary language. A police officer in pursuit of a criminal shouldn't need to wait for an interpreter to ask a non-English-speaking witness what

happened at the scene of a crime. Nor should the government assume the cost (in taxpayer dollars) of translating government publications just so these same people know the laws they are supposed to follow. To me, it doesn't make sense to protect the non-English-speaking motif at society's expense.

People mistakenly believe that simple preferences of the individual are the be-all and end-all of human existence. On the contrary, mankind's laws and values always focus on the common good. No reasonable person, scholar or politician ever advocated banning a person's cultural identity to promote the public welfare. The more rational practice prohibits people from asserting their cultural prerogatives to create obstacles for the rest of society.

Perhaps someday a universal communication will evolve. Perhaps we will become adept at conversing in all languages and cultures. But that can happen only if people stop using heritage preferences as an excuse for not contributing to communication and unity.

For the time being, a uniform standard of English communication in America is paramount, and it is a feasible step toward the goal of universal communication. Knowing English furthers this aim and benefits everyone. And, as far as I know, knowledge is never an imposition on anyone.

Hitsman is a 3L.

Running for public office is my privilege

By **Gordon Short**
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Being able to run for political office is a right that many Americans take for granted. Yet we sometimes fail to realize that there are still millions of people around the globe who do not have the opportunity to represent others or even themselves within their political system. Our system bestows a very precious commodity on its people: the freedom to choose their public officials. To run for political office is an honor that I take as seriously as I take my law school studies at Cleveland-Marshall.

Citizens are frustrated with the current status quo of government and are concerned about who is collecting and investing their tax dollars. In every civic organization, people want treasurers who are knowledgeable and can ensure that monies are collected fairly, managed properly and disbursed in a timely fashion.

As a CPA, I have knowledge of finance and experience that can help ease those frustrations and worries, so I decided to run in the November election for the office of Cuyahoga County trea-

surer. I know law school and running an effective campaign will be difficult, but I am confident that I can do both. Running for public office to help better my fellow citizens is both a privilege as an American and a humbling experience as well.

Short is a 1L.



Short

FAREWELLS

After this final issue of the *Gavel's* 48th volume is put to bed, the writings of four of our favorite staffers will be filed away for history. We thank reporter **Monica Clardy** and columnists **Matthew Lombardy**, **Jen Cunningham** and **Gary Norman** for their insight and wish them great success after graduation.

That's not the worst of it. Veteran Editor **Eileen Sutker** graduates in May, having generated more than a combined 50 articles, humor bits and puzzles, including those famed legal crosswords, over her two-year tenure. She has left on this paper her lasting thumbprint of whimsy, which we will try in vain to duplicate after she departs. Doubtless, she will be missed.



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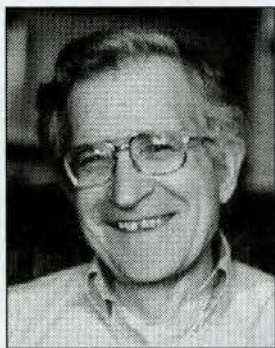
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Noam rebukes U.S. foreign policy

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Noam Chomsky's "behind the scenes" view creates a cynical outlook within the framework of hopes for peace and human rights. In his April 14 lecture at Cleveland-Marshall's human-rights symposium, he emphasized the disasters that occur when domestic policies are enforced on a worldwide scale.



Noam Chomsky

Chomsky worked from two familiar premises: that individuals are responsible for the natural outcomes of their actions, and that "high principles" includes both citizens and states. He then laid bare the internal inconsistency of self-praise for acting as the world's police officer and committing further atrocities in the quest for peace. He supported this thesis by chronicling events in Bosnia and Kosovo, Turkey, East Timor and Lebanon.

Chomsky described a two-step escalation of violence and atrocities where the horrors of terrorist activities and ethnic cleansing are followed by more atrocities committed by military powers in the name of human rights. He rhetorically asked how we can tolerate precision bombing without precision air drops of humanitarian aid. These extraterritorial assertions not only violate sovereignty, Chomsky said, but also push either the domestic political agenda of the

country or the political agenda of the international "peace keeping" force. Apparently, Chomsky sees no value in eliminating one's enemies.

Instead, he seems to sing a line from Sting's "Ten Summoner's Tales": "I never saw no military solution that didn't always end up with somethin' worse." For him, the twin lessons of 1999 are that NATO can ignore sovereignty by using force and that a lack of sovereignty claims means the world need not interfere. The answer that's chosen depends on the politics of the movement.

Two very poignant moments came during the question session.

First, a government politico admitted that the U.S. military forces would rather be the "world's police chief" than merely police officers. Secondly, Chomsky explained that the U.S. war on drugs is really a form of social control that creates a structural adjustment among the governing elite, the worker class and the superfluous population. He explained that the elite choose to kill or jail those who don't contribute to society, reducing their numbers and keeping the rest in a state of fear. This double form of social control, he said, is manipulated in domestic policies.

Chomsky depresses me with his informed world view. Perhaps others are uplifted by hearing these great truths revealed, but I can't accept pacifist pronouncements without some kind of guarantee that the pacifists will still be standing at the end.

Chomsky misses historically

As a First Amendment fan, it was a privilege to hear Noam Chomsky, an M.I.T. linguistics professor, voice his opinions. Yet I was puzzled that the lecture was sponsored by C-M, because such anti-American, anti-Western and anti-Israeli demagoguery seemed better suited for an undergraduate audience.

Equally surprising is that my colleagues are generally unaware of Chomsky's peculiar historical remarks.



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In a foreword to a clearly neo-Nazi book, Chomsky wrote that the Holocaust "never took place"; Hitler never ordered the Final Solution; Anne Frank's diary is a forgery; and Hitler's gas chambers never existed. Chomsky defended the author's findings as based on historical research.

While Chomsky's a brilliant man, perhaps he should stick to linguistics, not history.
Robert S. Yallech
Yallech is a IL.

Why they flee the Dark Side of the Force

One of my friends, a devout liberal, is considering becoming a conservative. Apparently he found himself — to his own disbelief — pushing the conservative line in a class. The class discussed whether localities should

determine ethical standards in law without intrusion from the federal government. My friend believed that localities should. He believes that people can take care of themselves without the constant nagging, bellyaching and general interference that liberals bring to the table whenever they come out of the woodwork. Of course, much like termites, liberals come out of the woodwork all the time, usually after they destroy the foundation of the house.

This change of heart does not surprise me. Changing identity from liberal to conservative is like coming of age. It smacks of the process every human being undergoes from childhood to adulthood called *growing up*. A conservative realizes the cruel fact that nothing is responsible for your well-being except the

person staring back at you from the mirror. A conservative realizes that, although the world is not fair most of the time, the vast majority of "injustices" are a direct result of the decisions made by that same person in the mirror. A conservative decides that the person in the mirror must start to pull their own weight rather than rely on the world to

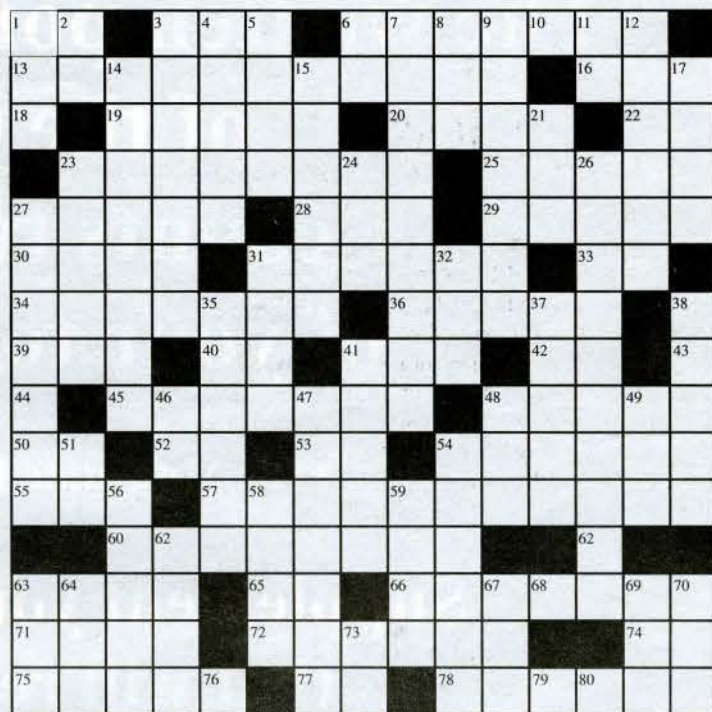
provide everything for them. I know this description of liberals is unkind, but then again, when have I ever been kind in my description of the Dark Side of the Force? The liberal system of beliefs absolutely escapes me. I cannot understand how an adult can spend his entire life hating those who have more. I am perplexed by people who believe we will create a

color-blind society by implementing policies based solely on color. It defies economic logic to believe that confiscating everyone's money through exorbitant tax rates generates greater prosperity. This is a rational morass with no plausible solution. No, I have never been kind to the other side. Rather, I attempt to draw those in the middle toward conservatism. It is exceedingly difficult to alter the belief system of a liberal, yet you must make them realize their ideas lack a firm economic foundation. Liberals have a tough time with this concept. This is why they blame others for their misfortune, as a child would do. Nevertheless, I am always happy to learn that a liberal crossed over to the Good Side of the Force. To my friend and all potential conservatives, I say that if the transformation arrives at its logical conclusion, welcome aboard! I am confident that once a person is overwhelmed by common sense, there is no return. God bless you all and God bless America.
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Making the change from liberal to conservative is like coming of age — a process called growing up.

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Crossword Puzzle



A final crossword

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- ACROSS**
- Heart — heart
 - Environmental agency
 - Alphabet string
 - Type of decision
 - Al Capone's gang
 - See 38A
 - Soup utensil
 - Never a bribe
 - Candidate Gore
 - A bar to suit
 - Soup utensil
 - The record tells one
 - and feather
 - Vowels
 - Not rejected
 - Sumptuous dinner
 - French article
 - Not watts or joules
 - Nephew's sister
 - , 44A, J, K, 80D, M, N, 62A, 18A
 - ½ of a type of fly
 - W of OH
 - Member of bee and wasp Order
 - Abbr. for 47D
 - Fifth letter
 - See 38A
 - Symbols of freedom: — Bell & — Island
 - Young horses
 - Duke and Wake Forest state
 - District Atty. abbr.
 - al.
 - Formally speaks
 - Govt. Acct'ing Office abbr.
 - Article I branch
 - Ancient Jewish priestly class
 - See 38A
 - Military branch
 - W of 40A
 - Oral Torah
 - Many
 - Ability
 - A note to follow sol
 - Model maker's wood
 - Sun god
 - A covering with lashes

- the pearly gates
- What the wolf looked like to Little Red
- 106 in old Roma
- Remove air from
- See 43A
- Radio wavelengths
- Hockey position
- Promissory but not res judicata
- Joins together
- Fountain — or — cheese
- Virtue by Confucius
- Holds up 4D
- Never do this in class
- A body of representatives
- Tricks on thin ice
- Not Pierre or Jacques
- Dog's command
- Type of jest
- A former subject of Yugoslavia
- Siddhartha's author Herman
- Top floor of the house
- Shortest cite
- Between Small and Large
- Brother's title
- Third book of Torah abbr.
- Cerca for short
- Liquid portion of a fat
- A standard ionic concentration
- Remove excess words
- Dotted or sewn ornamental pattern
- Bills making it through Congress
- United Artist's Broadcasting abbr.
- Patty Hearst's brainwashers
- Pork barrel place?
- See 38A
- Am. Law Inst. for short
- Possessed
- See 74A
- Alphabet starter
- See 43A
- See 38A

Answers



- DOWN**
- Beer on —
 - Off and —
 - One-sided communication
 - Flower with ants
 - Captain Hook's fish type

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