Loose leafs curtailed

Current Budget Cuts Threaten Library

By Mike Evans

Cleveland-Marshall's law library acquisitions budget for the 1975-76 fiscal year is $96,000, which means the library will receive from the state kitty $45,000 less than last year and $83,000 less than in 1973-74, according to law librarian Bardie Wolfe. The consequences of such a drastic reduction will soon become apparent to students if it hasn't already. The most notable loss is the cancellation of 109 out of our approximately 170 loose-leaf services and monographs for the present academic year.

For 1973-74, the library received a base budget of $109,600 and a special subsidy, bringing the total to $189,000, but for 1974-75 the base budget was reduced to $60,000 dollars (the lowest to any law library in the state) and, even with another special subsidy, the total came to only $141,900. This year the base budget is $96,000 ($78,000 less than the requested budget) and there will be no special subsidy.

"Cleveland-Marshall offers a fine course selection and an excellent faculty to teach them then but no library to support them," Wolfe said. The situation of the library is obviously important to present students but is equally important to those who are considering studying or teaching at Cleveland-Marshall. As a recent study gauging the national reputation of professional schools concluded, "a school's library and reputation are strongly correlated in business, education and law" and "an inadequate library hurting a school's reputation... in law." (Change, Winter 1974-75, p. 47)

"Fewer books, fewer hours, fewer jobs"

"The library had no alternative to cancelling many of its subscriptions to loose-leaf services and monographs," Wolfe said. These materials are purchased with funds from the library's maintenance budget. Last year this allotment was $84,000, most of which came from the special subsidy, while this year it is only $70,000 and must absorb a corresponding 15% increase in the cost of such materials. Consequently, the 109 items had to go. "Look at our collection," Wolfe said, "We just don't have those damn luxury items."

The Association of American Law Schools requires that a school make a minimum expenditure of $60,000 each year for its acquisitions of current serials, current monographs and treatises, and serials, monographs or treatises not previously in the collection.

"We should also be getting between 2,500-3,000 new titles but we will be able to order only about 35% of that," Wolfe said. The library is budgeted to spend $26,000 on the acquisition of new titles, additional copies of existing titles and the replacement of mutilated or lost volumes. Last year it spent approximately $62,000.

This year the library will be open 13 fewer hours per week on a regular basis than last year, it will not be open...

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Faculty Review Promotion & Tenure

Faculty members who have applied for tenure and/or promotion are presently being evaluated by small committees of tenured professors, who will submit their reports shortly to Interim Dean Hyrran Cohen. By next Thursday, Cohen will forward these reports, with his own statement of support or lack of it, to the University Vice President for Academic Affairs John Flower, who in turn will send them, along with his own recommendation, to the Board of Trustees and the president of the university. The trustees will vote at its January 5 meeting.

Student input into the process is limited, according to Cohen, to some consideration which he says he will give to the faculty evaluations which students write at the close of each course, and which are on file in the library. Asked whether he feels a broader student participation in the process is warranted, Cohen said, "I'll have to think about that."

The following professors have made application:

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Marshall Bar Results
Dip Below State Average

The summer Ohio bar examination results, released last week, show that 179 of 207 Cleveland-Marshall graduates, or 86.5%, passed. They are among the 1118 persons who will be sworn in today in Columbus.

The state-wide passing rate is 91.7%. Administrators from Case Western Reserve told the Gavel that their passing rate edged slightly over 91%.

Marshall's passing ratio for those taking the exam for the first time is 91.5%, representing 159 of 174 applicants.

The above statistics are still unofficial, but in Marshall's case are at least correct to within one percentage point.
Editorial
Right To Be Heard

In a controversy having political overtones, there seem to spring up certain flash-words which are counterposed, and which tend to put the other side on the defensive. Given the mood of the times, these mere allegations may be so quickly balanced, and a winner suddenly declared, that one realizes there was no chance for discussion.

In the early nineteen fifties, for example, it was virtual and instant annihilation to be accused of 'communist sympathies', while to be branded a 'witch-hunter' was, relatively, a slap on the wrist.

The current controversy here stemming from the Sonenfield memo is taking on the appearance of such a battle of the flash-words, and the issues worthy of discussion are being avoided while one side screams 'racist' and the other side snarls 'witch-hunt'.

BALSA, which represents, as Hyman Cohen said in the last faculty meeting, a sizeable constituency here, and which has an undisputable right to criticize the rationale of the LCOP. BALSA seeks to invoke a comparable right to be heard on the issue of whether a teacher, who has a stated preference not to teach students who are here by virtue of an alternative admissions program, should be regarded as incompetent to teach at all.

In our recent interview with Sonenfield, he forcefully clung to his First Amendment freedom to criticize the rationale of the LCOP. BALSA expresses its conviction of the right of any student group to receive such a hearing.

The Ohio Supreme Court recently refused to hear an appeal from a decision by the Ohio Court of Appeals (Eighth District), and thus allowed the arrestee's Fourth Amendment rights. In so doing, the Supreme Court has declared that, at least in this state, impoundment does not give police carte blanche to invade privacy, even with the purported aim of protecting the state which came up with the protection-of-property rationale.)

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Following the high court's denial of the appeal, the Plain Dealer asked North Olmsted Police Captain George Colper what effect this would have upon future police action. Colper: "We'll continue to do the same thing we have always done. We will search anyhow. The worst thing they can do is throw it out of court."

Queere: Could a concerted effort of police lawlessness such as Colper suggests turn out to be the kiss of death for the 'deterrence' rationale of the already-endangered Exclusionary Rule? What a coup for Warren Burger that might turn out to be the kiss of death for the 'deterrence' rationale of the already-endangered Exclusionary Rule?

Law & Order, cont'd...

A travellin' day in Illinois
The pigs root in the sunshine
Walter says
I'd never raise anything
I knew was gonna be killed
Walter, my brother-in-law
Had a brother named Orville
They were raised in Chicago's Southside
Where Orville died in captivity
In the custody of the Police
Charged with reckless and drunken driving
The question was raised at the inquest:
Was it murder?
No, Pig-lovers, Justice prevailed
Just as you might expect
They ruled: soooey-soooey-suicide
He hanged himself in his cell
Just another Black drop
In the Whitewash of America

A travellin' day in Illinois
Highways 80, 34; the wind blows
The pigs root in the sunshine...

Daniel Thompson
BALSA Presses For Hearing

SBA-1000 Urges Students' Right

The Committee of 1000 last week approved without objection a resolution "that the Student Bar Association/Committee of 1000, as the duly authorized representative of the student body, support the right of any recognized law student group in its efforts to procure a fair hearing before the Dean's Faculty Advisory Council and the Student Bar President."

The resolution was a substitute for one originally proposed by BALSA representative Michael Belicher, which requested specific support for the group’s current efforts to receive a hearing before a faculty committee. With approximately one hundred students in attendance, the meeting was the largest of the Committee to date.

The Committee was formed last spring in an effort to democratize the student government here. Each student of the law school is a voting member, and the Committee may decide all but budgetary matters, which remain within the competence of SBA senators.

SBA Election Results

The newly-elected SBA senators for the 1975/76 academic year are:

First year day: Terry Brennan, Jeff Cooksey, Susan Dolin, Susan Fite, Greg Fuss, George Kuhlman, Monica Lercher, Carla Skeen and Ruth Yodnfriend.

First year evening: Bhatia, Bryndal, Colvin, Dumas, Marks and Tate.

Second year day: Harvey Berman, Bill Corvo, Chris Dittmar, Terry Cravens, Tony Logan, K. J. Montgomery, Laverne Nichols, and Carol Weiss.


Third year evening: Michael Belicher, Betty Pinkney and Hillary Taylor.

Fourth year evening: Russell Boncho, Ronald James, and Mabel Jasper.

NAME OF COMMITTEE

BALSA's request for a hearing came during a meeting of BALSA, its new faculty advisor, Professor Ann Aldrich, and Cohen, during which BALSA suggested the committee be composed of the present Dean's Faculty Advisory Council with the addition of SBA President John Lawson.

Cohen took the suggestion to the full faculty at its last meeting, where he met a wall of opposition. Appearing surprised by the intensity of the faculty reaction, Cohen retreated from his initial support of the plan. He is now seeking the opinion of one of the school's legal counsel as to whether his Advisory Council, or any other committee, has jurisdiction to conduct such a hearing.

The BALSA request was labeled a "witch-hunt" and "specious" during the lengthy faculty discussion, which generally took the tone of lawyer-like debate as to whether the two questions stipulated by BALSA for investigation related to general policy or to specific charges against a teacher. The consensus opposed creating a forum on circumventing established university machinery, especially where, as was felt to be the case, the charges are unfounded.

Cohen reiterated throughout the debate that, although he felt his memorandum adequately dealt with the issues raised by BALSA, he now hoped to deal with them within the college, and avoid setting a precedent for students going elsewhere within the university with their grievances.

Following the meeting, BALSA President Donet Graves told The Gavel that his group would take their cause to the university if necessary.
Therefore, she reasoned, the law or a school, there would be no tax." Ms. Griffiths explained that wives' salaries only serve to increase the means they will pay a higher tax if both parties are for forty years and the wife had helped inherit this savings with tax. Yet, if the savings were given to a church this puts the family in a higher tax bracket and if both parties are separately. She concluded that for her she helped to earn and save. If you seek power, seek to be just and to give every person a chance. Perhaps this is where the procession of educated women will lead us.

Moot Court Regional Begins Here Today

Cleveland-Marshall will be one of twelve law schools from Ohio and Michigan that will be participating in the 1975 Region VI Moot Court Competition. Oral arguments will be held in Cleveland on Thursday, November 5, Friday, November 6 and Saturday, November 7. Thursday's and Friday's arguments will be heard in the Common Pleas Courthouse at 5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The final round on Saturday will be at the Federal District Courthouse.

The other Ohio teams are Ohio State, Cincinnati, Dayton, Toledo, Ohio Northern, Capital, Akron and Case Western Reserve. The teams from Michigan are Wayne State, University of Detroit and Detroit College of Law.

Cleveland State's Moot Court team will be represented by Leslie Brumbach, Jim Dacek, Dennis Lager, Steve Mitchell, Mike Murray and Jim Samuels. The competition is open to the public.