

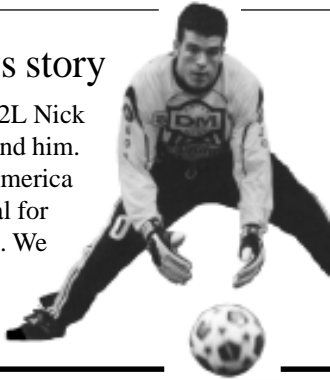


### Choose your first job with caution

After law school, Benita Pearson '95 couldn't pass up working for Cleveland's largest firm. Five years later, she wanted out. CAREER, PAGE 6

### A goalkeeper's story

If you're looking for 2L Nick DiCello, you won't find him. He's somewhere in America stopping shots on goal for the Cleveland Crunch. We caught up with him. SIDEBAR, PAGE 10



### 'Survivor,' but for judges

Last fall's nasty Ohio Supreme Court election ads got columnist Michael Cheselka thinking about a new 'remote control' over the bench: letting seedy network execs choose our next justices. OPINION, PAGE 8



# THE GAVEL

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THE STUDENT NEWSPAPER AT CLEVELAND-MARSHALL COLLEGE OF LAW

## 3L awaits trial for attempted murder, assault in Flats brawl

By Kevin Butler  
GAVEL EDITOR

At a time when most Cleveland-Marshall students are worrying about nothing but their spring final exams, Alan Fried will have something else on his mind.

In May the third-year law student and former national wrestling champion is scheduled to stand trial for one count of attempted murder and two counts of felonious assault, each stemming from a fight in the Flats last Halloween.

Prosecutors allege that Fried and his two codefendants, brothers Frank and Fred Lima, waited 45 minutes for a pair of Baldwin-Wallace students outside the Beach Club and then assaulted them, leaving one with possible life-shortening injuries.

According to a published report, Assistant Cuyahoga County Prosecutor Richard Bell said Frank Lima had been involved in  
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Ed Alberts of Slight Buzz, with C-M alum Jim Matthews and bassist Garden keeping the beat, brought a rock 'n' roll "remedy" to Becky's.

## Hundreds support 2L in therapy

GAVEL STAFF

Approximately 300 students from Cleveland-Marshall and Case Western Reserve showed up at Becky's on Dec. 21 for a benefit concert to support 2L Teresa Pluth.

Pluth was hospitalized Nov. 16 after suffering a stroke. Student donations,

which totaled more than \$3,000, helped offset the costs of her medical care and physical therapy.

2L Michael Cheselka emceed the benefit and several C-M students' bands played.

Turn to page 10 for more on the event by staff writer Dave Steiner.

## Tuition hikes on horizon

### Law increase may be highest at CSU; president says C-M not pulling weight

By Ed Pekarek  
BUSINESS EDITOR

Amid eliminated scholarships, rumored staff cuts, disputed procedural changes and an ongoing "selective" hiring freeze, Cleveland-Marshall leaders seek pragmatic solutions to belt tightening while students face imminent tuition increases.

Cleveland State will increase tuition for all students, including law students, according to university President Claire Van Ummersen. "We need to find ways to increase revenues and decrease expenses," she told the *Gavel*. The tuition increase will be "a minimum of 6 percent with the possibility of higher rates in graduate schools."

The arts and sciences and business colleges are the "CSU

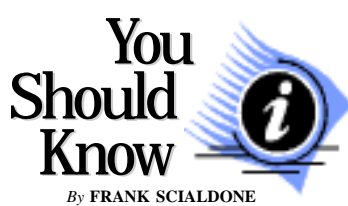
breadwinners," according to Van Ummersen, and subsidize other schools within the university including C-M.

"The college of law has experienced a declining enrollment during my tenure with no measurable decrease in faculty or staff," she said.

Van Ummersen attributed the trend to C-M having a .63 revenue-to-expense ratio, the lowest at the university. A ratio of 1.0 indicates a college with balanced revenues and expenses.

Dean Steven Steinglass said C-M's declining enrollment has been strategic. "We have gotten smaller by design," he said.

C-M Associate Dean Jack Guttenberg noted that recent law enrollment dropped from  
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By FRANK SCIALDONE

## Joining the ABA, OSBA

Student bar association memberships provide an opportunity to interact with the practicing bar, not to mention free merchandise and discounts. While not the only associations law students can join, the American Bar Association and the Ohio State Bar Association provide some nice benefits.

**ABA:** With a minimal membership fee (\$20), the ABA provides coupons for free Legalines commercial outlines and discounts on other study aids and bar review courses. Membership also provides rental car discounts and a subscription to the ABA's monthly magazine, which is the equivalent of \$7 an issue. For information, call (800) 285-2221.

**OSBA:** Students can obtain a free membership that includes e-mail legal updates, a subscription to *Ohio Lawyer* and hotel discounts. Call (800) 232-7124.

**Other tips:** Nearly free Microsoft software is available through the CSU bookstore staff. Law students can buy Office 2000, which includes Word, for \$10 — no strings attached.

## Black judges walked the hard road to success

### In BLSA-sponsored Black History Month talks, judges encourage perseverance, integrity

By Tricia Hurst  
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Two black judges with storied pasts urged Cleveland-Marshall students to capitalize on the opportunities of law school in speeches during Black History Month.

Judge Patricia A. Blackmon of Ohio's Eighth District Court of Appeals and former Cleveland Municipal Court Judge Jean Murrell Capers spoke in the moot court room on Feb. 7.

The two speakers entered law at different times in the country's history and recounted how they became lawyers and overcame obstacles.



JACK KUSTRON—PHOTOJ.COM  
Jean Murrell Capers '45, a former city councilwoman and municipal judge.

"I think it's important to understand where we were and where we are now," Blackmon said.

She and her nine siblings were raised by a single mother whose husband left her the day the young-

est child was born. She refused public assistance and taught her children to "walk through obstacles and never be afraid."

Blackmon came to the law by way of the stage. When she was in the 10th grade and thinking about biochemistry she played the prosecutor in "The Scarlet Letter." In the audience that night was a law student from Texas Southern who later encouraged her to become a lawyer.

She didn't know until then that she had the gift of persuasion. She said we sometimes need people to recognize our talents.

Blackmon went to Tupelo College in Mississippi, where she majored in African American studies, political science and history before coming to C-M.

At C-M she took part in the Le-  
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## Classes tougher, but tutoring maintains pace

By Steven H. Steinglass

One of the commitments the faculty made in our five-year strategic plan for Cleveland-Marshall was a determination to ask more of ourselves and of our students. Consequently, we have made several changes in the curriculum. We ask more of ourselves by way of expanded office hours, practice tests and additional writing assignments. We ask more of ourselves and our students by adding a third semester of legal writing to the curriculum and by increasing the number of credits assigned to certain core courses and first-year legal writing.



### The Dean's Column

In short, we have created a more rigorous program of legal education. But we did not do so without also creating new opportunities and expanding existing ones to help our students meet the greater challenges our strategic plan requires.

For example, this year the university has given us additional resources to fund a tutorial system based on ones that have been successful in other graduate programs. Our two "model" classes are Heidi Gorovitz Robertson's and April Cherry's property classes. In Tayyab Mahmud's contracts class, his research assistant performs similar duties. These upper-level tutors work diligently with first-year students to provide additional opportunities for self-evaluation and improvement. Our student tutors review material, create and grade practice tests, assist with class assignments and, in general, help students just beginning their law school careers become more self-confident and successful.

Assistant Dean Errol Ashby's academic assistance program is another initiative designed to help first-years in torts, civil procedure, contracts and property. Every day but Sunday, four to five upper-level student tutors are on hand in room 206 and in the student services center. You do not need to make appointments, but you do need to check with Dean Ashby to find out when the tutors are available.

The legal writing and research program has hired a number of upper-level students as tutors to help develop writing skills and check the work of first-year students. Legal writing tutors have offices in the legal writing area and work at various times on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Their hours increase as exams approach.

Finally, Associate Dean Jack Guttenberg and legal writing instructors Barbara Tyler and Karen Mika have developed several test-taking strategies to prepare students for success on the bar.

*Steinglass is dean of C-M.*

**Note:** On Nov. 21, 2000, professor Stephen Werber announced plans to retire at the end of the school year from his role as faculty adviser to the moot court team, a position he has held for 20 years. This semester the Gavel will run a series on Werber's influence on the team and school. The first article — a first-person retrospective by a team veteran — appears below.

By Victor Radel

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I first encountered professor Stephen Werber during the "rite of passage" commonly referred to as the IL spring intramural moot court competition. As is the case with every new member of moot court, I was immediately struck by his enthusiasm and dedication to the moot court program at Cleveland-Marshall. While that first memorable encounter involved a stern lecture on the C-M standard of excellence, a standard that I and other moot court members were expected to maintain, it also provided a glimpse into how our school's national reputation has been developed and maintained over the years under professor Werber's stewardship. It wasn't magic, it was Werber.

At that very first meeting, Werber used words like *family*, *teamwork*, *responsibility*, *hard work*, *trust* and *unity* to describe the moot court program at C-M. More importantly, he delivered those words with a sense of passion, urgency and humor. When he finished addressing us, I remember sitting there thinking that I dare not let this guy or the moot court program down. For a brief moment, I swear I saw the ghost of Vince Lombardi walking across the frozen tundra of Lambeau Field. I later learned, however, that the professor, unlike coach Lombardi, did not subscribe to the "winning is the only thing" mantra. Nevertheless, it quickly became clear to me that moot court was not simply a "club" to Werber, it was a way of life. When you "make" moot court, you became part of his extended family.

Although I did not realize it on that first day, I soon discovered that the professor's exceptional drive mysteriously gets trans-

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## Reflections on the man who made moot court an institution

ferred to every other new member of his family. His spirit and enthusiasm are infectious. The sense of pride, hard work, dedication and responsibility he instilled in me on that very first day has lasted throughout my tenure on moot court. Furthermore, three years have passed since that first meeting

and I can honestly say that Werber's enthusiasm and dedication have never wavered. In addition to his work as an advisor, he has become a true and trusted mentor and friend to us all.

Years from now, when I think of Werber and moot court, I will not dwell on specific competitions, trophies or award winning briefs. Instead, I will recall that he never lost sight of his mission as an educator and a friend, a mission that went well beyond teaching us the basics of brief writing and oral advocacy, which he did very well. Instead, I will recall how he focused on facilitating the growth and learning that occurs when young people from various economic backgrounds, races, religions and other walks of life come together to work toward a common goal.

Over the years, Werber has demanded much of his students. However, he did so with such grace, humor and commitment that you often felt guilty when you did not win a competition "for him." Looking back, it is now clear to me that the professor wasn't about winning. He never lost sight of the fact that moot court was a learning experience.

Of course, as those of us who have received the infamous red "bullshit" stamp on a sub-par draft brief can attest, professor Werber suffered no fools over the years. Slackers, posers and the non-committed need not apply for membership in his family. He was stern, but he was fair. Under his wing, we learned how to win (and we won quite a bit) and, perhaps more importantly, we learned how to lose with dignity. Despite our program's national prominence and his own notable past successes, Werber never expected anything more from us than our best effort. We weren't expected to win, we were simply expected to compete.

I will always be grateful for the opportunity I had to work with my own personal coach Lombardi. Professor Werber was much more than an advisor or a coach. He was a friend to the students of moot court.

*Radel is a 3L and a member of the moot court board of governors.*

## Barristers' guests to be treated to haute cuisine

Student Bar Association is completing its plans for this spring's Barristers' Ball, which is scheduled for April 28 in the grand ballroom of Cleveland's Renaissance Hotel.

SBA's Dan Markey, a 2L, is overseeing the planning of the annual semiformal dinner and dance attended by law students, faculty and alumni. He said this year's ball will differ from last year's, which was held at Cleveland Browns Stadium, not only in location but in quality.

"This year's dinner will be a sit-down, four-course meal instead of a buffet," Markey said. "I think that the quality of the food at the Renaissance will be a treat."

Markey said he hopes to keep tickets at last year's price



### Notes in Brief

— \$45 per person — but Senate will not vote on the price until March 4.

"Last year, we had some minor cost overruns on the Browns stadium," Markey explained. "Pinched between those concerns and our objective of keeping this affordable for Cleveland-Marshall students, we worked hard in the off season."

SBA is considering hiring bands for the event, but may instead hire a DJ depending on costs. Festivities begin at 7 p.m. and end at 11 p.m.



The site: Renaissance

**More from SBA** — 3L Roger Bundy was elected by Senate to fill the treasurer's vacancy left by Newton Cargill, who graduated midyear. 2L Bernie Hessley was elected to replace Bundy as speaker of senate.

**Snyder elected to top ACLU post** — Professor Lloyd Snyder has been elected president of the Cleveland chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union. Snyder is an authority on free speech.

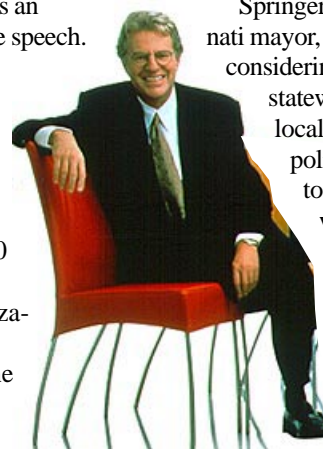
**SPILO nabs \$550 award** — Student Public Interest Law Organization received a \$550 award from a national organization for its leadership in the area of public interest law.

The National Association for Public Interest Law sent the award to SPILO's president, 2L Jennifer Lukas Jackson.

**Rumored candidate Springer set to join legislative forum** — TV host Jerry Springer is among the panelists scheduled to speak at the March 30 legislative forum planned by SPILO, APILSA, the *Gavel* and other student groups.

Springer, a former Cincinnati mayor, is reportedly considering running in a statewide election. Other local, state and national politicians are expected to attend the forum, which aims to examine careers in public service and explore campaign finance issues.

The Hon. Jer-ry! Jer-ry! Jer-ry!



## Classrooms targeted for upgrades

C-M hires outside consultant to map out plans for smarter lectures, wireless networks, projectors

By Frank Scialdone  
MANAGING EDITOR

Recent library computer lab upgrades have reduced the drudgery of waiting in front of blurry terminals to retrieve e-mail and the like, but a new technology improvement plan may bring interactive technology into the classroom.

Law students were welcomed back this semester with faster lab computers and clearer monitors, as the PCs have been the target of the first wave of technology upgrades. The improvements were completed during the semester break. Computer processors have been enhanced from 166 MHz to 900 MHz, the RAM has been doubled and Office 2000 has been installed on all the lab computers.

Seventeen new monitors have been installed and older monitors are expected to be replaced as funds are made available, according to Michael Slinger, associate dean and law library director. As a result of a proposal to make computer upgrades, the university awarded funding for the project from student technology fees.



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Library director Michael Slinger says he hopes to install sophisticated presentation equipment like smart podiums in more classrooms at C-M.

The focus of future improvements will be on getting technology into the classroom, according to Slinger. He hired Georgetown Law Center CIO and consultant Pablo Molina to map out classroom technology plans.

"I would like to be able to see us bring in some more sophisticated equipment like a smart podium" and projection cameras, Slinger said.

A smart podium "centralizes all media in the room so professors, with the touch of a button, can alternate between video, projection screens, the Internet and other computer and audio-visual devices," according to Tammy S. Korgie, who wrote about law school technology in the New York State Bar Association's *State Bar News*.

Ultimately, Slinger wants to see a wireless network for the entire law school. The library staff has already installed a "beta" version of a wireless network in A059 and purchased 20 laptops to use in that classroom. Wireless classrooms, which eliminate the need for cabling and networking, cost much less than wired classrooms, Slinger said.

### More improvements slated for moot court room

The state has provided money to the university from a fund dedicated to upgrading technology in Ohio's public schools. The university allocated \$55,000 of that money to the law school, primarily to upgrade the moot court room.

While the moot court's sound system was upgraded last year, future moot court improvements will likely focus on the projection system and potentially adding viewing screens. However, Slinger said he is waiting on the report from the consultant. The goal is to move toward instructor-controlled video presentations, he said, noting that an assistant is currently needed to control any presentations. Slinger is hopeful that moot court improvements will be made by the beginning of next semester.

Slinger said he encourages student suggestions regarding technology upgrades.

## Barristers' Ball

at the Grand Ballroom in the  
Cleveland Renaissance Hotel  
Saturday, April 28, 2001



"See  
You  
at the  
Ball!"

## JUDGES: Study, endure



GAVEL FILE

Judge Patricia Ann Blackmon '75

Continued from page 1 — gal Career Opportunities Program, which is an academic regimen targeted at non-traditional students and those with less accomplished academic credentials. She said she never gave much thought to the opinions others may have had about affirmative action.

"I was grateful to be at this school. If there was any animosity I didn't see it, didn't know it, didn't recognize it. I don't think I would have cared," Blackmon said. "I wouldn't allow anyone or anything to interfere with grabbing this opportunity."

Blackmon also had a warning for today's students. "Grades mean something," she explained. "When you excel in law school you will excel in the legal profession. You cannot just go through the motions. What makes you strong in law school will make

you strong for the bar."

Two important qualities that are found in lawyers, she said, are honesty and integrity. "Honesty is the truth you tell others and integrity is the truth you tell yourself."

In 1945 Capers was one of the first black women to graduate from C-M and she made history in 1949 when she was elected to Cleveland City Council.

Her career began in the schoolhouse. She had become a teacher because "that was the best profession" and her parents had always taught their children that they were the best. While teaching may have been the best, Capers added, "Law is the greatest profession of all."

Capers said practicing law requires attorneys to be "Harriet Tubman-smart" — that is, wholly committed to serving others.

"Relationships with people is what the law is all about," she explained. "That's why there is never a dull moment."

She passed down some of her father's wisdom to the audience. "There are two places where you are all equal. Everybody has the same brain and everybody has the same 24 hours in a day. It is what you do with these that determines where you go."

The speeches celebrating Black History Month were sponsored by the Black Law Students Association.

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# C-M would be well served with criminal law clinic

Existing clinics do much to prepare students for real lawyering, but we should add another

By Mat Rieger

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's your first day on the job at some hotshot downtown law firm. You've recently found out that the bar exam was a success and it seems like you've secured

**Analysis** your spot in the career and life you've always dreamed of. You ease back and stretch out in your leather swivel chair just long enough to enjoy it before there's a knock at the door.

You are greeted by a middle-aged man in a wheelchair. He proceeds to tell you that he has recently been arrested for possessing marijuana he uses for his glaucoma, his arms ache as he has to drag himself up the stairs of his apartment building because his landlord refuses to install ramps and elevators, and his wife was recently killed by a drunk driver while crossing the street.

Perhaps that's a little extreme for a first client. Nonetheless, this doesn't sound like anything you learned in law school.



C-M staff attorney Kermit Lind, left, and Judge Richard C. Pfeiffer Jr. discuss policy at the community advocacy symposium.

You are confident that you have a wealth of legal knowledge. You realize that you could recall the elements negligence without even thinking; you know what hearsay is; you know all about rule eleven sanctions and the statute of frauds; hell, you could probably even fake your way through a three-minute monologue on the history of substantive due process.

However, none of that seems to matter at present. Right now you would give all that knowledge away and still agree to pay for it if you could just have an inkling

of an idea as to what you're supposed to say to this guy.

This doesn't have to be your fate. Cleveland-Marshall offers a variety of clinical programs in various fields that provide up-and-coming attorneys with an opportunity to learn the practical side of working as an attorney. Among these are the Fair Housing Clinic, Fair Employment Clinic, Law and Public Policy Clinic, Community Advocacy Clinic and, perhaps soon, the Criminal Law Clinic. In each, law students are afforded expe-

rience in legal work under the direction of local attorneys and law professors, while at the same time earning credit toward a degree.

Clinical work is unlike any other educational experience students can take from the study of law. In these settings, students learn some of the practical aspects of lawyering such as dealing with clients, negotiating settlements, drafting motions for the court, working with other attorneys, organizations and individuals and much more. In short,

clinical programs are essential in training students to be effective attorneys. It's encouraging to know that C-M affords its students these opportunities.

Recently, I learned that local criminal defense attorney and C-M alumnus Miles Camp has approached the school's administration with an idea to add a criminal law clinic and a course in the practice of criminal defense to the curriculum. Having a great interest in criminal law, I was and remain enthusiastic that others and myself may have an opportunity to earn law-school credit while gaining valuable educational experience in the practicalities of criminal defense.

C-M offers a number of courses pertaining to criminal law and many students demonstrate an interest in working on both sides of the criminal justice system. The addition of these programs will further the law school's reputation as an institution that provides its students with unique learning opportunities in a variety of legal fields.

I would hope that C-M students, faculty, staff and administrators would seriously consider and support the addition of a criminal law clinic and a course in the practice of criminal defense to the curriculum.

Rieger, a 2L, is president of C-M's Criminal Law Society.

## BUDGET: Scholarships cut, tuition to be raised

Continued from page 1 — approximately 1,000 to 800 students. "Nationally, the numbers are down 20 percent, and overall Ohio is down 40 percent," he added.

C-M leaders have developed a private-public strategy to overcome some of the financial obstacles that face the law school. The plan is to appeal to friends of C-M — estate planners, major benefactors, alumni and local corporations — to sponsor programs directly or make general donations, according to Guttenberg.

The efforts are beginning to yield results. "Private donations to C-M have doubled in the last year and we expect that trend to continue," he said. He noted that C-M alumnus and defense attorney Miles Camp has volunteered to establish a criminal practice clinic recommended by C-M's faculty, but no decision has been made yet.

"We are strategically seeking donors to directly endow these clinical programs," Guttenberg said. "Unless we find the funds from somewhere, [clinical program development] is not going to happen this year."

Projects such as the remodeling of the garden lounge for clinic space also remain at large.

### Scholarship, library cutbacks

Two community service half-tuition awards have been eliminated because of budget cuts, according to financial aid director Catherine Buzanski and C-M pro-



FILE  
Jack Guttenberg

bono adviser Pam Daiker-Middaugh.

Guttenberg explained that C-M provided higher tuition awards than in prior years. "We overcommitted funds," he said. "Scholarships for this academic year were more than in the past."

Guttenberg said three main categories are being evaluated for fundraising: scholarships, faculty support and building upgrades.

A C-M library employee who requested anonymity said the library had been forced to relinquish control of its purchasing of ordinary supplies. The employee said the library must now submit such requests to a CSU central buying authority, presumably to create economy of scale savings.

But law library director and Associate Dean Michael Slinger denied any change in purchasing policy. "There has not been any change in our method of ordering anything; nor has there been any loss of autonomy," said Slinger. "Things are just as they have always been."

Slinger said the vacant library acquisitions position is another budget casualty and characterized the situation as "complicated." "The acquisitions librarian position is currently a victim of the uni-

versity hiring freeze," he said. "The position of assistant director for academic technology is proceeding right now. As this search is currently active, I cannot discuss the particulars."

Although budget cuts are affecting several areas of the college, Guttenberg said technology upgrades for the library and rooms 11, 12 and 237 are proceeding thanks to state funding specifically earmarked for technology improvements.

### Tuition hike imminent

A budget planning session Feb. 23 resulted in a proposal for 2002 that included a uniform tuition increase of 6 percent for all colleges to meet half of their operating budgets. The second half of each increase "falls within the purview of the provost and will be based primarily on the revenue-to-expense ratio," Van Ummersen said.

The university's provost, James McLoughlin, will determine the breadth of the tuition increases after consulting with each college's dean and will announce his recommendations March 15.

McLoughlin said that CSU is trying to work more closely with each college's dean to reach a balanced budget and to "provide each dean with the discretionary funds to 'backstop' an important project or program." The CSU board of trustees is expected to approve the tuition increases in late June.

## FRIED: Prosecutor says 3L's skills warranted serious charge

Continued from page 1 — an argument with B-W students Nick Ford and Jordan Salyer earlier in the club. After the Lima brothers and Fried were removed from the club, according to Bell, they waited for Ford and Salyer to emerge and fought them outside. Fried allegedly punched and kicked Ford while one of the Limas held him down.

Bell told the *Plain Dealer* that doctors believe Ford may develop a higher risk of stroke at an early age because of the injuries. But Fried's attorney, Angelo Lonardo, expects medical evidence to show otherwise. He told the *Gavel* that Ford may have little more than a concussion.

"I've had a lot of murder and attempted murder cases, and the medical records have always been much more severe," said Lombardo, who has been practicing since the late 1970s. "Attempted murder usually involves someone firing a gun and missing, or a stab wound."

According to Bell, who handled Fried's indictment, the grand jury charged Fried with the attempted murder of Ford because of Fried's history as a wrestling standout, which dates back to his years at St. Edward High School and Oklahoma State University. Allegedly, the same skills that led Fried to the 1994 NCAA wrestling championship in the

142-pound weight class gave him a potentially deadly advantage over the alleged victim.

Lombardo explained that Fried pleaded not guilty to all three counts because the facts are inconsistent with the charges. He said he believes the evidence will show Fried did not participate in the fight with Ford and acted in self-defense against Salyer.

In addition, the prosecution's allegation that the defendants waited 45 minutes for Ford and Salyer is "way inconsistent with the facts," Lombardo said.

James Valentine, the assistant county prosecutor assigned to the trial portion of the case, either did not receive or did not return the *Gavel's* messages.

Fried is an assistant Cleveland State wrestling coach but has been reassigned elsewhere in the athletic department pending the outcome of the case. Originally scheduled for March 26, the trial was continued to May.

### Graduation news

C-M's commencement ceremony will be held on May 19, 2001, at 2 p.m. in the CSU Convocation Center.

A letter will soon be sent to graduating students regarding regalia, photography and tickets for the ceremony.

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## Book research no longer best, despite protests

By Karin Mika

*Q: What are your thoughts on computer vs. book research? Do you suppose that books will become obsolete?*

A: I don't know if all legal research books will become obsolete, but certainly some of them will, either because of practicality or of the cost of producing them. Shepard's Citation is probably the No. 1 example.

As opposed to many of my colleagues, I do not subscribe to the belief that there is an inherent problem in becoming overly dependent on the computer to do research. If the computer is used correctly, it would cut down most every research project down to less than 25 percent of the time that it normally takes. This would be a blessing for bosses and clients alike — and we're not talking Lexis and Westlaw here. Most of the information you get from those databases can be acquired from other Internet sources. It just takes more time to hunt them down

The key phrase, however, is "if the computer is used correctly." Too often legal research is confused with printing everything the student can find on a particular topic. If that's how computer research is conducted, I suspect the book research wouldn't be much better. It has to be understood that the computer is no more than a speed reader of all the books in the library, and if the student does not know what book he or she would be looking for, the student can't possibly know how accomplish the task on a computer.

I am often told that practicing attorneys complain that law students can't research without computers. I think the real complaint is that law students tend not to know how to use the computer with economic efficiency.

To that end, what is probably required is more instruction in computer research, not less instruction. Students need to understand the utility of using the computer in some instances while appreciating the advantages of books in other matters. For example, it would be senseless, inordinately time-consuming, and possibly an act of legal malpractice to shepardize a case with the books when it can be done accurately in 10 seconds on the computer. By the same token, it would be absurd (and costly) to spend hours reading a full title of the U.S. Code on the computer when the student can scan a book pulled from the shelf.

All of this knowledge takes exposure to both media, as individual sources and used in tandem.

*Mika is the assistant director of legal writing at C-M.*

# Be careful what you wish for

**N**O ONE ENJOYS HAVING been ill-advised by a hyperactive ego or having fallen prey to a battle waged by the unconscious against the conscious mind. Unfortunately, I recently had the displeasure of experiencing both.

## Alumni Advice

For more than seven years, I pursued a career in financial accounting with the equivalent of a *Fortune* 100 corporation. In 1992, after some soul searching, I decided to follow my childhood dream of becoming an attorney. Wanting to avoid being looked upon merely as an accountant with an interest in the law, I resigned from my full-time position and delved headlong into the study of law at Cleveland-Marshall.

My story holds few surprises: a one-time inner city youth, the product of a single-parent home, overcomes adversity and does well — almost.

During and after law school, I was fortunate enough to be employed by several top-notch law firms of varying sizes in the Cleveland area. With each move, the firms and my pay grew larger while my responsibility and sense control over my destiny decreased proportionately. Five and a half years out of law school, I found myself working at the largest firm in the city (the second largest in the world at the time), having very little control over my life and wondering what went wrong.

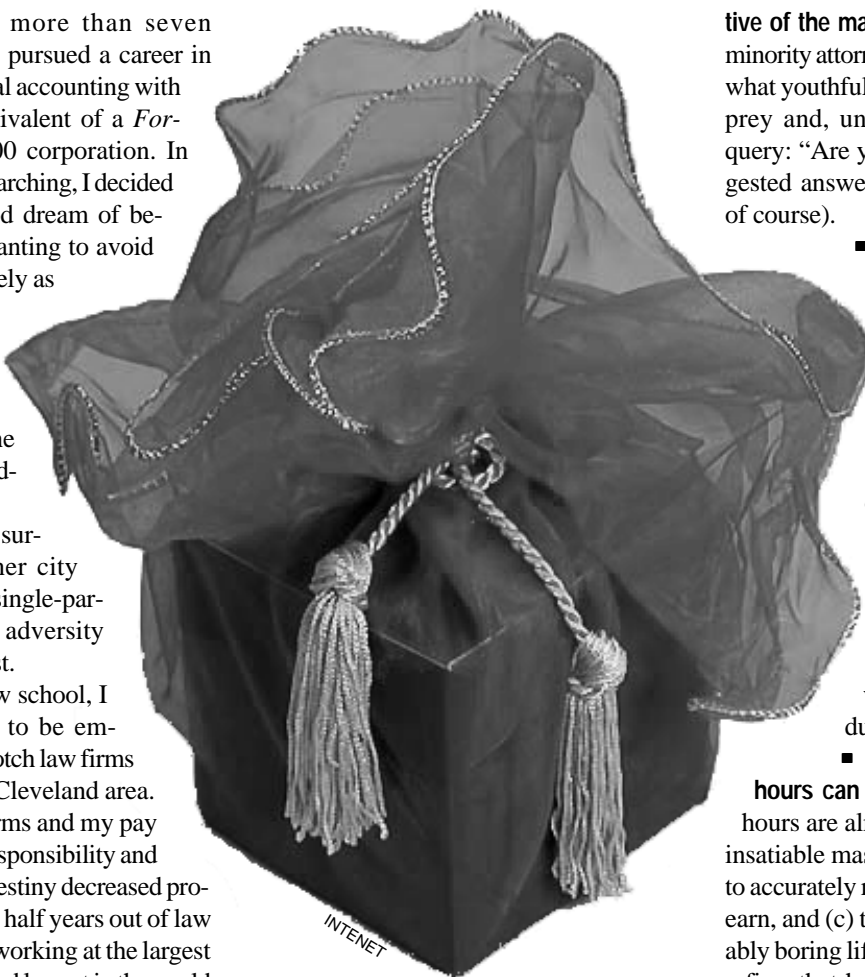
I sluggishly realized that reality and poor planning had obscured my vision of practicing law. I had been acting out somebody else's dream, not my own.

A shot fired across the bow is hard to ignore. Hence, I shoved my now-less-than-hyperactive ego aside and looked at what was left of my legal career from a new perspective. I decided to learn from my past experiences and to attack the future aggressively. Unfortunately, most of the lessons I learned from my legal work experience were not the subject of my law school studies. Many of them should have been.

At the threshold, every law student who plans to practice law in a law firm environment should (before matriculating) at least figure out what he or she wants to achieve in the legal field and seek wise counsel in developing a plan to accomplish that goal. Once that step has been completed, several issues

## Save yourself — plan your first job wisely

By Benita Y. Pearson



A high salary and prestige made her large firm a gift too hard to refuse, Pearson says. But five years later, she knew she made the wrong choice.

remain that may thwart even the best-laid career plans. Law students and young attorneys should know the following:

■ **Where you attended law school matters.** Practitioners debate this point, but when it all boils down, the law school name on your diploma either carries weight or it doesn't. This is certainly true relative to your first legal job and sometimes beyond that. Those who studied at C-M know that it is a good school. Everyone else has to be convinced. Never forget that; your non-C-M colleagues won't.

■ **Gender matters.** Men and women play on the same field, but the same rules do not always apply to each. It is important that young attorneys of both sexes recognize this. For example, in most law firms, men typically stroll the halls in their shirtsleeves. A

woman, however, without a suit jacket is inevitably presumed to be a secretary or, at best, a paralegal. Female attorneys should dress "appropriately" at all times to avoid misidentification — unless being incognito is more desirable.

■ **Race matters, if you are not representative of the majority race at your law firm.** A minority attorney, especially one with a somewhat youthful appearance, is presumed easy prey and, undoubtedly, a magnet for the query: "Are you having fun yet?" The suggested answer: "I smell blood" (inaudibly, of course).

■ **Shake hands cautiously.** Be prepared for this old trick. Men (and some women) may squeeze your hand hard enough to fill your eyes with tears. Don't cry. And don't be foolish enough to extend your hand again without first establishing some ground rules like "I feel ethically obligated to advise you that intentionally inflicting physical pain on opposing counsel can be considered a violation of our code of conduct."

■ **Required minimum billable hours can be deadly.** Minimum billable hours are almost unavoidable and entirely insatiable masters that require (a) discipline to accurately record, (b) integrity to honestly earn, and (c) true self-loathing (or a remarkably boring life) to endure. Be sure to choose a firm that has a billable hour requirement you can live with.

C-M alumni are omnipresent in the Cleveland legal community. With or without a formal mentoring relationship, recent graduates as well as law students should not hesitate to seek out C-M alumni and learn from their experiences. The more energy put into determining what you want out of your legal career and developing a plan to meet your goal means fewer false starts and the greater the likelihood that you will achieve your dream.



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## Fall interviews net 109 job offers, 71 acceptances

By Frank Scialdone  
MANAGING EDITOR

This year 81 employers took part in Cleveland-Marshall's fall interview program, 51 of which conducted on-campus interviewing, and 71 students walked away with jobs, according to a student survey conducted by the Office of Career Planning.

C-M students participated in 702 first interviews and 266 second interviews. Law firms and other employers made 109 job offers, 71 of which turned into

summer clerkships or jobs for students. Some students declined to respond to the survey, so the figures for job offers, second interviews and acceptances may be a low estimate of actual numbers.

Contrary to popular belief, the majority of job offers in the fall interview program went to those not in the top 10 percent of the class, according to Jayne Geneva, director of the career planning office. For instance, just nine out of 17 2L day students in the top 10 percent received jobs.

"Employers are willing to look at students across the spectrum," she said. Clinical experience and externships are extremely helpful to improve job prospects.

C-M students with science and engineering degrees that were interested in intellectual property law had particular success in the fall interview program and obtaining employment in general. "If we had 100 of those students, we could place 100," said Geneva.

The benefits of participating

in the fall interview program extend beyond obtaining employment, according to Geneva. She said it gives students an opportunity to hone their interviewing skills, clean up their resumes and prepare for future opportunities.

In addition to most of the mid-sized and large firms in Cleveland, new participants in the fall interview program included the Akron-based law firm Brennan, Manna & Diamond, the CIA and the Miami-Dade state prosecutor's office.

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## Bush restores professionalism to presidency

By Frank Cwiklinski  
STAFF WRITER

Is politics a professional calling? When I think of a professional, there is, of course, a certain expertise that separates the professional from others. But expertise is only one of the qualities that make up a professional. Professionals are supposed to adhere to some creed of conduct or manifest a certain level of character in their everyday lives.

At the onset of his administration, former President Clinton pronounced that his presidency would be the most moral of any in the nation's history. Maybe we misheard him. Perhaps he said he would be the most *oral* president. There has been plenty of ammunition in the last few weeks — removing the W's from keyboards would have been a funny prank in junior high, and I'm quite sure all of Clinton's pardons truly went to those most deserving — but I won't get into specific allegations against the administration.

I just want to know: Whatever happened to not showing even the appearance of impropriety? That's a professional standard. Just because Clinton's conduct was within the letter of the law doesn't make it right.

One encouraging trend in presidential politics that is that past discretions by an individual are forgivable. We are all human, and as humans we have faults, skeletons lurking in our past we're not particularly proud of. As we develop into adults, however, we learn from these life lessons and move on, becoming stronger, more mature individuals as a result. Hopefully in the future this trend will continue. It is disheartening to see people disqualified from public service because of irrelevant dirt that's thrust into the headlines.

Although past indiscretions are forgivable, once you take an oath and accept a leadership role in the government, your conduct should be beyond reproach and set a moral tone for others to emulate. My best advice to future politicians can be found in a few maxims:

- Half-truths are lies and indicative of cowardice.
- Someone else's past act doesn't make repeating it less wrong.
- Decisions on principle are much easier to live with than decisions based on polls.

I applaud President Bush's dedication to setting a professional tone in the White House and his decision not to embroil himself in the lingering scandals from Clinton's last few weeks, and instead to concentrate on moving his agenda forward.

The new president's actions reflect a conscious decision that the nation's priorities are more important than any short-term personal or political gain. I have a rekindled faith that politics can indeed be a professional calling.

*Cwiklinski is a 2L.*



Justice Alice Resnick elected by TV execs? Only in the twilight zone.

life, investigative reports, comedy central or to tell the truth?

And the judicial candidates will wonder:

Will those aspiring to be movin' on up have to worry about the mole or simply endure a situation where you bet your life, hoping that a few hours of jeopardy lead to a bonanza if the price is right? Could the selection process more closely resemble Temptation Island if it is discovered that our panel of experts include the fugitive, the sopranos, two guys and a girl, Dharma and Greg, all my children and the FBI?

And who will be considered for the bench? Will it be the bold and the beautiful, the young and the restless, those who espouse law and order in general, or only those who are hell-bent on protecting the rights of the rifleman? Will it be the person who wants to be a millionaire? It's not only Ryan's hope that the candidates who begin their interviews by exclaiming "Let's make a deal!" won't be chosen — it's ours too.

Imagine these candidates, realizing they have only one life to live, one life of ducking the crossfire, devoid of friends, hoping their biography means as much to the profiler as the information contained in the X files or, worse yet, the Rockford files.

Only the clueless fail to realize that it is too much to expect providence to bestow a guiding light on the voters, or that each citizen be touched by an angel on the way to the polling place. No, the last word in judicial selection, as the world turns, comes from the voters themselves. We would be least served by the network executives who wish to decide for us who's the boss.

*Cheselka, a 2L, is a politics and public relations consultant in Cleveland.*

## Vote by remote

### What would happen if we left it to the network execs to pick our judges?

**T**HOSE WHO EXPLODED the outer limits of negative political ads during the 2000 campaign for the Ohio Supreme Court may have figured that Ozzie and Harriet wouldn't complain, given the ratings garnered by similarly horrible "reality-based" programming that formed the low-water mark of last year's televi-

Michael Cheselka

*The Weak in Review*

to the election process, demanding financial accountability need not be a mission impossible.

Those same network executives would ask us to reprogram

sion season.

To their surprise, the Waltons as well as the Simpsons would agree that, with regard

the way we elect judges in Ohio and propose a new season of "merit selection" for next year's fall lineup. If we TV critics and law scholars agree to that, we may rightly wonder:

Will the election's survivor emerge from some fantasy island, or will the decision to elect the judges be made in a little house on the prairie? Which will the selection committee opt for: real

## Lessons learned from the Basement brawls

By Maureen Connors  
STAFF WRITER

Spending an evening in a crowded, sweaty room filled with 21-year-old scantily dressed women and 35-year-old men showing off their chest hair and gold chains is not my idea of fun. Throw some obnoxious drunks in the crowd and the evening is as pleasant as a trip to the dentist.

I grew out of going to the Flats a long time ago. Perhaps it was when my cousin was stabbed outside a club a couple of years back. Perhaps it was when every other weekend, someone drowned in the river. Shootings, drugs and sex: Clubs are being shut down left and right for violations that all boil down to one thing — safety.

Think those bouncers are there to protect women from getting groped or to keep the innocent from being harassed by the intoxicated? Guess again. I'm sure Dustin Snodgrass and Delsean Littlejohn regret going to the Basement on Jan. 22. Maybe they were rowdy and maybe they were drunk — and it's bad enough to have to put up with that in the Flats — but now they have fractured skulls and plates in their heads.

Fun in the Flats, right? Bouncers in these clubs have a worse chip on their shoulders than bad cops do.

It's a disease; you give them a little bit of authority and it goes straight to their head. Next thing you know, the club patrons are unconscious from a beating.

Basement bouncer and chief of club security Mike Naegele was sentenced to seven years in prison for felonious assault and his co-bouncer Jason Berman was sentenced to four years for the Snodgrass and Littlejohn beatings. Charges were brought against other bouncers and the Basement's owner, Gary Bauer, who pled his charges down to a misdemeanor assault.

As we all study the law and prepare for examination under a microscope to ensure we have fit character, wouldn't it make sense to stay away from clubs that are being raided for drugs and sex and whose bouncers beat the patrons? One bar fight or drug bust on your record could prohibit you from taking the bar exam. Why put yourself in a situation you have no control of? Is it worth risking a law license for a single night of clubbing?

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**The East Bank: where alcohol-related violence is staggering.**



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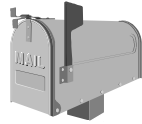
## ILSA helps students heading overseas

**T**HANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR including the information about the success of the International Law Students Association's international environmental moot court team (Notes in Brief, December 2000). Although ILSA was not mentioned in the article, ILSA sponsored the team, with support from the faculty, administration and staff. Since the piece followed immediately the piece on professor Werber leaving the school's moot court team, I thought it might be misleading without mention of ILSA.

I enjoyed the article about the students participating in a study abroad program. I wanted to let you know that ILSA receives information about study abroad programs and posts program posters outside L.B. 11 (not L.B. 12, as was mentioned in the article). Additional information may be found in ILSA's international law notebook on reserve at the law library's circulation desk. Other members of the law school community receive mailings; I've seen posters in classrooms and around the school.

The American Bar Association also lists study abroad information on its Web site, [WWW.ABANET.ORG](http://WWW.ABANET.ORG), which some students have found helpful. In addition, the National Jurist magazine should be publishing its annual study abroad edition in January.

### Mail Pail



#### CSU offers scholarships to students considering study abroad programs.

Students might also be interested in knowing that CSU's Office of International Services and Programs offers scholarships to students for study abroad programs.

**Moira Arsenault**

*Arsenault, a 3L, is president of ILSA.*

#### Budget story well done

I read with interest your story about the law school budget ("Budget woes threaten C-M," December 2000). I thought you did a fine job of examining how the campus budget concerns affect students at the law school. Nice work.

**Betty Clapp**

*Clapp is the adviser of the Cleveland Stater, an undergraduate newspaper.*

#### Correction

In December 2000's Annual Guide to Student Organizations, we inadvertently published an outdated description of the Student Public Interest Law Organization, which did not accurately reflect what the group is currently working on.

The updated description would have included SPILO's sponsorship of the Hate Crimes Symposium, the Community Garden Project, the Public Interest Career Fair, the spring speaker series and the legal take-in program coordinated by the Cleveland Bar Association. It also would have mentioned SPILO's efforts to bring Ralph Nader here to speak last fall.

The *Gavel* regrets the error.

#### Agree?

Do you take issue with an opinion in this edition? Do you have a special perspective that would help shed light on the subject? Tell us. E-mail [GAVEL@LAW.CSUOHIO.EDU](mailto:GAVEL@LAW.CSUOHIO.EDU). Submissions must be signed. We reserve the right to edit for clarity.

## Moms merit stay-at-home paychecks

**By David Wims**

CONTRIBUTING WRITER

America must address the problem of female inequality. For far too long, women have been second-class citizens in this country. Women are impaired in such areas as employment, property acquisition and family life. A change in the status quo is overdue.

In employment, women have been disadvantaged in several ways. Corporate America has invented the "ideal worker." This is the employee who can work 60 hours per week, or as much overtime as needed to get the job done. To do this requires support at home in the form of cleaning, childcare, cooking meals, etc.

Because women are often mothers and rarely the beneficiaries of such support, they are often eliminated from consideration for jobs requiring "ideal workers." Unfortunately, these jobs are often the better jobs. This is discrimination in employment that disparately impacts women. This is particularly ironic in America, as this country claims to be a family-based society. Yet we allow employers to erode the foundation of family by requiring excessive overtime in pursuit of profit.

Women are also disadvantaged in property acquisition and family life. For example, a man and woman enter a marriage. Let's say the man happens to be an "ideal worker" for a successful corporation. His wife stays at home and takes care of the children — labor that would require payment if done by a third party. However, she sacrifices her career to raise the children and take care of the home. The children may perceive the father as superior and the head of the household because he performs "market work."

Let's say that after 10 years of marriage the couple gets divorced. The woman receives no wage for the labor she performed in the home and the man gets to take the "ideal worker" wage with him. Even if she receives alimony and child support, she still has not been compensated for her 10 years of labor in the couple's home. She may be unprepared to enter the workforce and earn a decent wage because she hasn't performed "market work" for 10 years. Essentially, she has relied to her detriment on her husband's promise of lifelong support. As a result, the woman and children are impoverished.

America should destroy the perception that employers are entitled to "ideal workers." We also need to devise a system of compensation for stay-at-home mothers who do not perform "market work." Finally, we should redesign the family entitlement system so that divorced women are not financially disadvantaged.

We must rethink and restructure many of our norms as a society as they relate to women. And let us remember that women are our mothers, grandmothers, sisters and daughters. We have exploited them long enough. They deserve better, and nothing short of absolute equality will do.

*Wims is a 2L.*

## Eleventh-hour lessons on overzealous punishment

Oh, no, another pardon. Former President Clinton — who Republicans in their never-ending love-to-hate-him relationship won't let out of the spotlight

even to retire — pardoned fugitive financier Marc Rich and his crony, Pincus Green. Rich was one of only 450 people Clinton pardoned, according to his *New York Times* op-ed piece, during his eight years in office. While the concerns regarding a possible *quid pro quo* are legitimate, the larger picture remains blanketed in black.

Consider these facts: Today, the United States has approximately 2 million people behind bars and another 4.5 million people under the control of the criminal justice system through probation or parole. The United States, land of the free, appears to have surpassed Russia to lead the world with the highest rate of incarceration. The prison ranks have been growing at least as far back as 1990, and under the Clinton-Reno Department of Justice more criminals have been locked up during the past eight years than during the tenure of any other president in recent history, including Bush I and Reagan combined.

The government's own statistics show time and again that most serious and violent crimes have been dropping for years. So, when will the pro-incarceration fanatics relax a little with this knowledge? Moreover, the drug war — a platform many politicians have no problem standing on — is a war waged largely against our own citizens. Prior to the 1980s, declarations of wars were reserved for situations where one state would

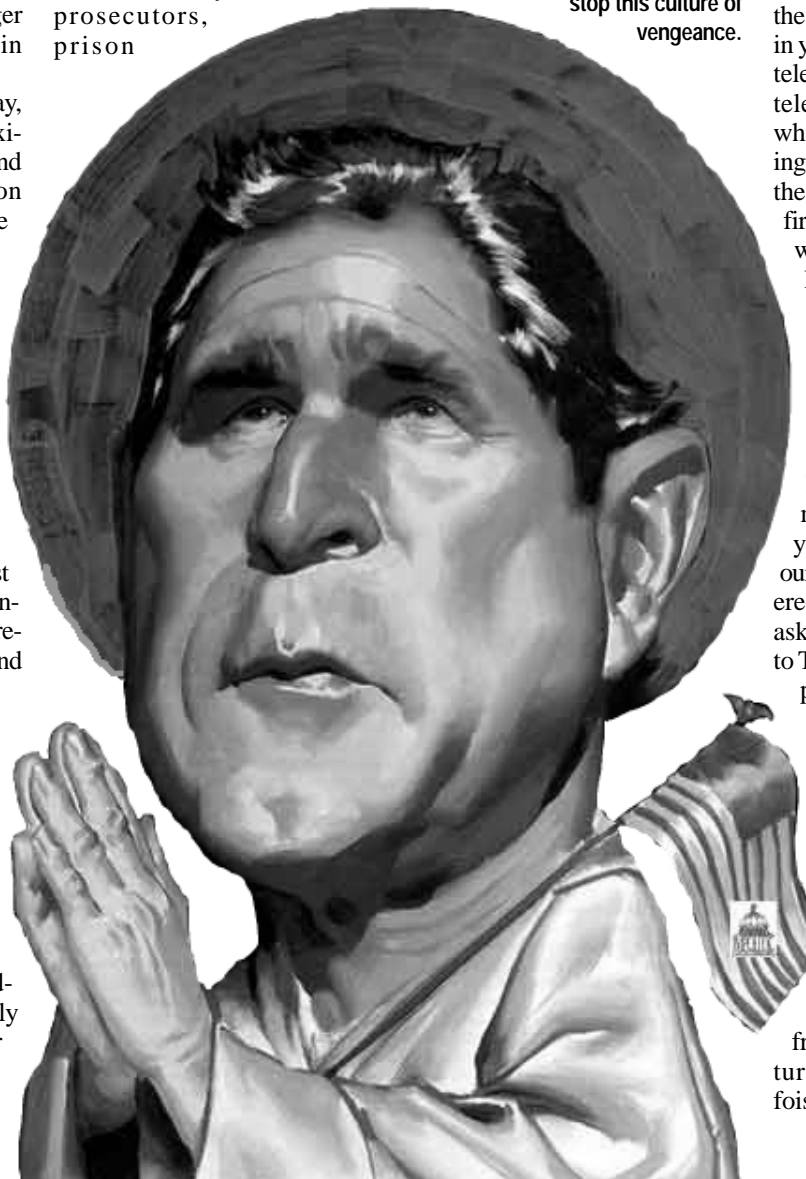
### Backlash over Clinton's last-minute pardons overshadows a bigger problem facing the get-tough Bush administration

declare it against another. So much for that.

Whenever examining the political legitimacy of one public policy or another it's usually a good idea to follow the money. Here, there's money to be made by judges, bailiffs, court reporters, defense lawyers, prosecutors, prison

workers, probation and parole officers, cops, bondsmen, victim's rights advocates and countless others, largely at the expense of the taxpayer. Americans, with their long-standing position against paying and rais-

**St. George of Austin can stop this culture of vengeance.**



ing taxes, won't want to foot this multibillion-dollar bill forever, and jail space is limited. Many prisons are packed to the bars with prisoners and are fertile grounds for federal lawsuits: How many people can these prisons possibly hold? How many more prisons can we build "not in my backyard" anyway?

It seems that our culture of punishment knows no boundaries. Few, not even Timothy McVeigh, are arguing against the death penalty. A recent question is not whether McVeigh will be the first federal prisoner executed in years, but will his execution be televised? And if we're going to televise it, why not get drunk while watching it, too, like during London's Middle Ages where the word *hangover* was probably first coined: You drank too much while watching the hangings last night. You're *hungover*.

That Clinton pardoned less than a handful of people locked up in federal prisons is inconsequential to the criminal justice system as a whole. There are literally millions more passing through or, more likely, getting stuck for years and years and years. And our present chief executive snickered on national television when asked a question that alluded to Texas' application of the death penalty, a state that lags behind only four others in the world at the number of executions carried out per year.

The power to pardon is set forth in Article II of the Constitution, giving the executive broad powers to grant "Reprieves and Pardons." It's a pity presidents don't use it more often, perhaps starting with some of our free citizens and the radical culture of vengeance they have foisted upon us all.

*Petrus is a 3L.*



# 300 gather at benefit for schoolmate

C-M students, others raise \$3,000 for 2L who suffered stroke last fall

By Dave Steiner  
STAFF WRITER

More than 300 Cleveland-Marshall students and community members attended the benefit concert for the Teresa Pluth Fund at Becky's on Dec. 21. The student-initiated benefit raised money for the medical expenses of Pluth, a 2L who suffered a stroke last November.

The marathon event, which was held on the last day of exams, began late in the afternoon with the music of local artist Jim Miller and continued through the early



4L Heather Summers and her band, The Curve, play the benefit for 2L Theresa Pluth on Dec. 21 at Becky's.

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morning hours. The benefit show featured five area bands — Miller, Tap the Bow, the Curve, Slight Buzz and Simoom — many of whom are led by C-M students.

Door prizes, free beer and food were available to those in attendance, which included students from various Cleveland State programs, Case Western Reserve

University and elsewhere.

The event also attracted local media attention, including two TV crews and a newspaper reporter.

More than 25 volunteers from

the C-M community helped organize the event. Numerous student organizations also donated their funds and efforts to make the fundraiser a success.

Professor Heidi Robertson, the only known C-M faculty member in attendance, seemed to enjoy herself at the benefit.

"I'm glad I went to this, in part because I could see firsthand who our students are and what they are capable of. I was incredibly impressed by their talent — those who organized the fundraiser, those who played in the fantastic bands and those who attended the event to show their support," Robertson said. "It was wonderful and heartwarming to see our students pull together to do something so good."

Combined with independent outside contributions, the benefit raised more than \$3,000 for the fund.

## Know thy place, 3Ls

By LeA Schemrich  
STAFF WRITER

You know you're a third-year student at Cleveland-Marshall when:

- You do your first balancing test since leaving torts — weighing a poverty-stricken law clerk experience against the ability to buy groceries and pay the mortgage.

- You can get into Kevin O'Neill's classes without being waitlisted.

- The professors who teach upper-level classes begin examples and explanations with "I once had a case . . ."

- Bar exam classes, books and study aids have exhausted your savings.

- You become decidedly nervous when you see former C-M students still looking for associate positions.

- A quick calculation of how much you'll have to pay out in student loans leaves you wondering if it's not too late to become a tax or patent lawyer.

- You're either ready for your first pair of glasses or you need a stronger prescription for your current lenses.

- You are now accustomed to eating dinner between 9:30 and 10 p.m.

- You hold out hope that the bar passage rate for C-M will climb above 60 percent.

*Schemrich is a 3L.*

### COURT JESTERS

Gregory Sedmak



"You take this one. I don't want to be the lawyer filing this tort."

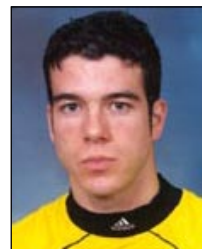


## Focus On: Nick DiCello

### Professional goalie crunched for time

**Note:** "Focus On," a regular feature of the Gavel, profiles some of Cleveland-Marshall's more interesting people.

Although his schedule is not kind to him, Nick DiCello takes it all in stride. Every day and on the weekends, he practices and plays backup goalie on



CRUNCH  
2L Nick DiCello

one of the most successful indoor soccer teams, the Cleveland Crunch of the National Professional Soccer League. By 6 p.m., he's at Cleveland-Marshall, struggling in class with other part-time 2Ls. Did we mention he's on law review? It's a grueling day, but in an interview with the Gavel, DiCello says he wouldn't have it any other way.

**What do you do for the Crunch?** I am one of three goalkeepers on the team. Currently, I play behind a veteran goalkeeper, Otto Orf, but I am seeing increased time recently and most of my playing time comes on the road.

**How long have you played soccer?** I've been playing as long as I can remember and obviously when you love a sport enough to dedicate a significant portion of your life to it, you dream about playing professionally. After playing soccer at Lehigh, I lived in Atlantic City and played for an outdoor professional team there for a year. When I returned to Cleveland, I tried out for the Crunch and was fortunate enough to make the team.

**What's your weekday schedule like?** The Crunch practices daily from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and then I usually head down to school and study.

**What about weekends?** The team usually travels on the weekends and most games are scheduled on the weekends. I travel with the team. Usually our trips last about two to three days. I most definitely study on the road and hotel lobbies

have become extremely familiar to me.

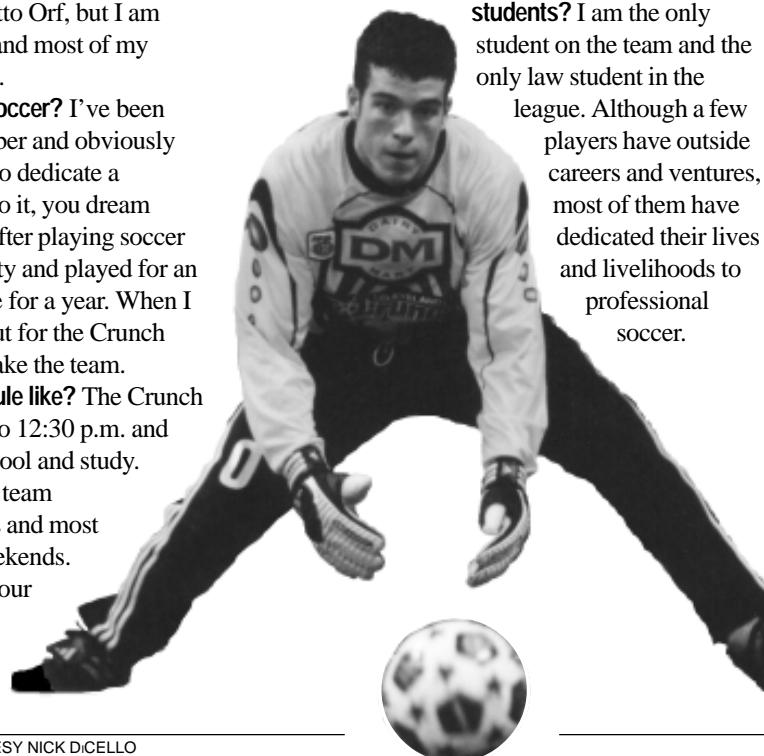
**What will you do after law school?** I am a third-year player and have just signed a three-year contract. My contract will end around when I graduate from law school and I will then have a decision to make. Honestly, I am not that sure. I love playing soccer and the team is becoming a second family for me. However, we know what a sacrifice law school is and I can't wait until the hard work pays off.

Obviously I would like to be a starting goalie and I think my opportunity is coming. Right now I can't say what I will be doing in five years — soccer, law or somehow both.

**Why law school in the first place?** I see injuries end careers every year and players are constantly coming and going, being replaced and traded. I knew I wanted something to fall back on and that my professional career would eventually end.

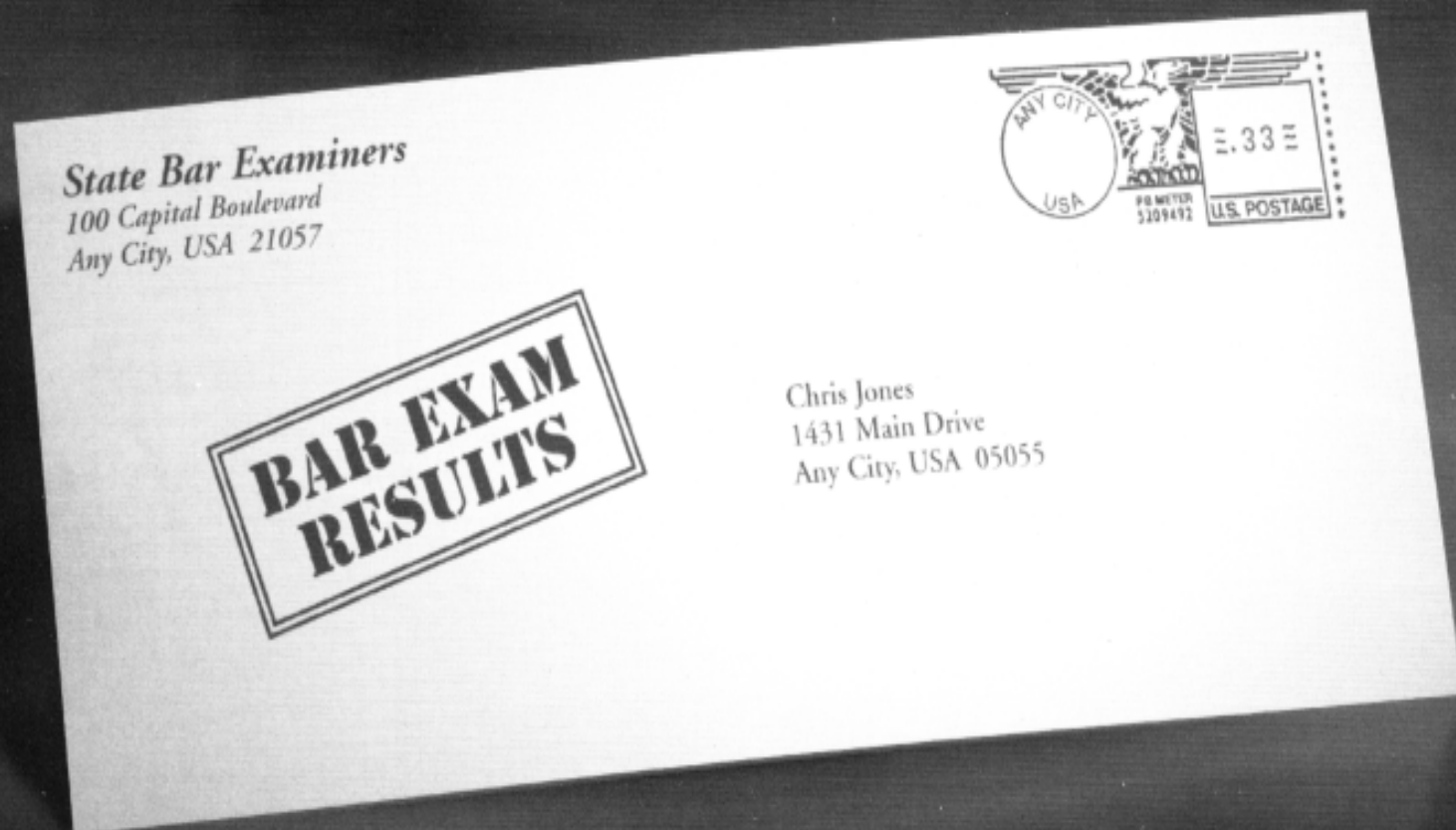
**Are you aware of any other players who are students?** I am the only student on the team and the only law student in the

league. Although a few players have outside careers and ventures, most of them have dedicated their lives and livelihoods to professional soccer.



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