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THE EDITOR'S PAGE

With the attention of the bar, and the public, drawn for the past several months to the vigorous campaigning of the Baltimore mayoralty election and the earlier gubernatorial and national elections, it is most appropriate to turn our attention to the behind the scenes activities of the politicians and their backers. In line with that thought, the Review is pleased to present "Regulation of Campaign Finance — The Maryland Experience" by Mr. Dwygal B. Pettengill, Instructor in the Department of Political Science at Goucher College and Associate Director of their Field Politics Center. Mr. Pettengill has made a searching analysis of the current Maryland Corrupt Practices Act and has found that it fails both in theory and as applied in practice to reach its avowed purposes — publicity and curbing excessive spending. Tracing the original act and its amendments to the present day, with a documentation of current evasive practices to avoid the effect of the Act, he shows that as the law now stands its only

chances of success depend on an increased public morality. Partial blame for the failure of the Act is laid at the door of the courts, but the author feels that an increased awareness of political donations and spending may lead to an increased public interest and consequent strengthening of the Maryland Corrupt Practices Act. A native of Maine and product of their public schools, Mr. Pettengill received his A.B., 1951 and M.A., 1952, from the University of Florida, and is among the candidates for a Ph.D. in political science at the Johns Hopkins University, expecting to complete his work for this degree during the coming summer.

NEWS OF THE LAW SCHOOL

As part of the Law School's regular activities, the Student Bar Association Speakers Committee under the Chairmanship of Charles R. Kase, Jr., and with the advice of Professor William P. Cunningham, presented several fine lectures to the student body. They were: Practice Before the People's Court of Baltimore City, by Hon. Allan W. Rhyhart; Real Estate Law Practice, by Joseph S. Knapp, Jr.; Criminal Procedure and Practice, by John C. Weiss; Tax Practice, by C. Gordon Haines; Juvenile Court Practice, by Hon. Charles E. Moylan; Common Faults of Lawyers in Trials Before Me, by Hon. Emory H. Niles. A panel discussion on Law Office Management was presented by Richard H. Lerch, John F. King and John H. Mudd. Several fine films were also presented. The Review is pleased to express the gratitude of the school and the student body to all who cooperated to make this program possible.