

# Dicta

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Last year's graduating class is to be commended for its unselfish decision to forego the traditional personal gifts in lieu of a new tradition of donating money to San Joaquin College of Law.

The \$350 class gift from the Student Bar Association will include a plaque to be posted in some conspicuous place attesting to the largess of the Class of 1989. The class of 1990 also is to be thanked for going along with the new tradition.

Second year class representative Leah Cole is working with Dean Pearson and school officials to determine where the money should best be spent. A decision will be made by the end of this month.

## Student Bar Members

This year's officers and members of the Student Bar Association include:

Robert C. Schmalle, President  
Stan Surabian, Vice president  
Jean Pinkerton, Secretary  
Katy Rau, Treasurer  
Glen Wilson, Parliamentarian  
Bill Seymour, Dicta Editor

## Class Representatives:

Delois Tritt, 4th Year  
Barbara Allison, 4th Year  
Bill Gunn, 3rd Year  
Judy Hall, 3rd Year  
Rose Mohan, 2nd Year  
Leah Cole, 2nd Year  
Laurel Gerbrandt, 1st Year  
Cathy Sharbaugh, 1st Year

## Student Directory Upcoming

Stan Surabian and Bill Seymour are in the process of circulating lists with names of all students at San Joaquin as a first step in preparing a Student Directory.

Students will have an opportunity to cross off their names and/or telephone numbers

if they opt out of the directory.

The directory should prove to be an invaluable resource tool as you form up study groups, car pools or just call to find out what assignment you happened to miss.

Printing and binding will cost the Student Bar Association around \$125, and the directories should be in individual boxes by the end of this month.

## Outline Time is Here

Conversations around school indicate this year is no exception to the confusion plaguing new students.

Again, the most frequently asked questions center on that great mystery, "The Outline."

Now is the time to begin. A major section of Torts--the intentional ones--is over but still fresh in your mind and the chaos of Negligence has yet to turn your brilliant, logical mental processes to jelly--which it soon will.

Before the cerebral cobwebs gather too much dust, sit down with your class lecture notes, (see OUTLINES, p. 2)

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commercial outlines, hornbook and whatever else you have handy. The object of this brain-busting session is to reduce everything you've accumulated under the intentional torts section into a 4-5 page study guide.

One approach might be to follow the outline called a Table of Contents in the casebook.

Another that might work would be to start with some general principles about the intentional torts and issues like transferred intent. Then list the elements for plaintiff's cause of action for each tort. The defenses defendant might raise, since they tend to be essentially the same, would finish off the outline.

Don't get emotional about it. It's your study guide and it's a mystery only because it has to be unique to you if it's going to work. Dean Pearson has kindly provided you with an opportunity to find out what a law school exam looks like. Consider, after you get the blue book back, what information you needed to answer the questions and how that information should be organized--and memorized--to allow you to spot the issue, barf its elements and see if the fact pattern meets each element.

Once you've determined that, you know what your outline needs to have in it.

#### School Rings Available

Class representatives are looking for input on whether students are interested in a school ring.

If there is sufficient interest, the rings will be made

available--in the \$200-\$300 price range.

#### Closeout on Clothing

For those with a budget more in keeping with law student status, school T-shirts and sweatshirts are going at bargain prices.

The clothing was purchased as a fundraiser for the Bar Association and sales were brisk--profit wasn't.

Remaining T-shirts will be on sale for \$2.50 each, and sweatshirts will go for \$5.

Look for the big clearance sale table near the copy machine.

#### Moot Court Update

Suspicions confirmed--2nd year students not only are dismal public speakers, they can't write either.

Worse, if possible, Andrea Butler just died. And instructor Sarah Schmidt dampened class spirits by rejecting a suggestion the moot issue is now moot.

It makes an interesting competition for those arguing Andrea should be allowed to continue living--talk about suspending one's disbelief.

At any rate, the Student Bar Association is donating \$400 to help defray expenses at the various competitions both here and around the country.

Cheer up Sarah, you may yet be able to produce a silk purse. If not, they still shoot horses, don't they?

#### Roast Bench

The search is still on for a distinguished jurist to roast at the Spring Banquet.

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