Advice from the best

How to be first in your class

For his first day of law school, Wyman studied, currently a third year student and an Indiana editor, wrote to several alumni of I.U.-Bloomington Law School to stimulate my interest, and hopefully appeal to the study group concept. When I was a junior in law school, many students spent substantial time together discussing and even debating cases. Some of this can do no doubt be of assistance to students who have no substitute for close reading of the assigned material. In my freshman year, particularly, I took copious class notes which my wife typed for me. These notes were an excellent aid in preparing for final examinations.

"Finally, in my last two years, I had close association with faculty members who did much to stimulate my interest, and hopefully appeal to the fields of greatest interest to me."

From: Thomas A. Nutting; Partner; Brinson, Nutting, Thacker & Sacks; Kankakee, Illinois.

"I think you will find that your approach to the study of law will differ dramatically from your past educational endeavors. The premium on the ability to apply legal reasoning to a variety of legal problems is much more important than the ability to memorize masses of data, coupled with an effective recitation system at examination time."

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From: James A. Sullivan; Partner; James Anderson Sullivan; Redondo Beach, California.

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The Exordium

A three-year-old is dying!

WE NEED HELP!

As The Exordium enters its third year of publication, we are faced with a serious, yet not uncommon problem: A lack of student input and interest. At our 1978-79 organizational meeting only eleven students expressed interest in working on The Exordium staff. The present issue is the "work product" of a lesser number of persons than that.

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Talents and interests abound

I.U. Law School welcomes new pros

What can a lawyer do?

Biko’s attorney to speak

Notice—Lockers?
**Student organizations offer diversity, opportunity**

For the student seeking relief from the tensions of daily school work, several law school student organizations provide ample opportunity for meaningful extracurricular activity. This article is not meant to be inclusive, but will merely serve to introduce you to the organizations available for your benefit and participation. For further information contact the listed representative or watch the organizations’ bulletin boards in the law school lobby.

An effective means to complement your legal education is through membership in the Black American Law Association-Law Student Division (ABA-LSD). The ABA-LSD, with 35,000 members, is the largest professional student organization in the country. The Law Student Division works independently of and in cooperation with the parent organization in passing law school accreditation.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) is the largest student organization in the law school, primarily in serving as a liaison between students and the law school faculty and alumni. In so doing the organization sponsors several different social events, including student parties, faculty dinners, and Law Community Day. SBA also provides many extracurricular sporting tournaments in softball, racquetball, tennis, golf, backgammon and chess. A ski trip to Paoli Peaks or Nashville Alps is in planning for this year.

The Student Appointments Committee, is a body consisting of three elected representatives from each law school class. The elected representatives are responsible for selecting students to sit on faculty committees, thereby voicing student concerns and needs to the faculty and administration. The appointed students, however, have no vote on the Faculty Appointments Committee, the Tenure Committee, or Administrative Policy Committee.

**Questions for Exordium Quiz Contest**

**Subject: Indiana Law**

1. What Indiana case recently held that a beneficiary under a life insurance policy who had wrongfully and intentionally killed the insured could not receive the proceeds of the policy for reason that the law will not permit a wrongdoer to profit from his or her wrong?

2. Name two Indiana cases which have decided that municipally-owned utilities are exempt from the jurisdiction of the Public Service Commission?

3. What Indiana statute deals with revocation of mincipient wills?

4. What Indiana case held that an application to be discharged from servitude must be made by the applicant to the service to be involuntary within the meaning of the constitution prohibiting voluntary servitude?

5. How many days does a party have after the rendering of a decision to petition for rehearing of the case?
"room to grow"

Branch’ bookstore plans pruned

was announced last spring that the I.U. store might be opening a branch store in the school. These plans have fallen through, but apparently temporarily.

According to Ron Johnson, administrative assistant to Dean Plager, the bookstore outlet definitely be open now, if space limitations at that point. One room on the ground floor in the Law Building has been designated for a proposed bookstore. That room, however, is set aside by the Building Services staff for use by the University in Bloomington, and Connie Dyer, consultant to the U.S. Forest Service for more than three years and has engaged in various research projects for the Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers.

Ronald J. Waicukauski, visiting assistant professor of law, is a 1973 graduate of Harvard Law School and received his LL.M. in 1976 from George Washington University. He spent two years as an associate in the Indianapolis firm of Barnes, Hickman, Pantzer & Boyd before coming here. Waicukauski earned his LL.M. during his fourth year in the Marine Corps. While in the Corps, he spent two years with the Navy Appellate Review Activity, appellate government counsel in appeals to the U.S. Court of Military Appeals, and was trial counsel in Okinawa for a year. Waicukauski was the best oralist in the moot court competition at Harvard in 1972.

New professors profiled

Anyone wanting to retrieve his unsold books from the SBA Book Coop, may do so by contacting any member of the SBA Executive Board and pleading with him/her. Members of the Board are: Bobbi Mettell. Dick Butler, Steve Peters, Tim Teurff, Tom Ebbinghouse, Rich Quinlan, Chris McGuigan, Ellen Baron, Ed Malavenda, Mike Pechette, Abbie Kuzma, and Dave Madeira.

To all those who had to order an SBA T-shirt, they are in. Look for our SBA table in the lobby to pick yours up. Extra shirts may also be purchased at that time for $3.50 each. At the same time you pick up your shirts, be sure and sign up to attend the barbecue the SBA is sponsoring sometime in October.
The dean 'pulls' through

Women's Caucus auction results great

Last March the Women's Caucus sponsored an auction to raise funds for their trip to the 1979 Women in the Law Conference held in San Antonio. With Harry Pratter, per-sonal injury attorney par excellence, the Caucus auctioned off prizes at a rate of only 25 cents an item, time, talent and resources. Some of the things sold were a bird walk with Professor Nolan, a "he takes his bird with him and he's willing to let two people come along," sail lessons from Professor Schornhorst, "(it's only, we all would like to send Women's Caucus on a San Antonio, wouldn't we?)" and a raquetball game with Professor Lamber. Dean Plager's donation of a water-skiing afternoon was purchased by Dawn Kohut and Chris McGuigan. The Dean made good on his offer last week in the article below Chris describes their afternoon on Lake Monroe. -Ed.

On Wednesday, September 5 after 3 p.m. all callers for Dean Plager were told, "I'm sorry, the Dean is waterskiing and eating Kentucky Fried Chicken right now. Would you like to leave a message?" By the time the first callers were being rejected Dawn Kohut and I were already helping Dawn Plager and Ileene Bern-stein to get a power boat onto his pick-up. (Did you know that the Dean of Indiana University School of Law drives a 1968 (maybe earlier) Ford pick-up truck. "A red one". As we were preparing, I noticed how judiciously Dean Plager carries out a recreational afternoon. He carefully checked to make sure the boat was made to ensure the equipment was in place, to check the boat's gas tanks and filled both on the way to the lake, and he and Professor Bernstein packed enough food and beer to sustain four adults stranded on a reservoir for three months. (Well maybe not enough for three months-Dawn and I U of M graduates.)

The ride to Lake Monroe by itself was almost worth the twenty dollars we bid for skiing. Cruising in the back of a pick up over the hills of Lake Monroe might well become a new form of self-help therapy. By the time Lake Monroe appeared at the bottom of a hill, Dawn was raring to go, discussed, clarified and decided exactly what was essential in skiing. Little did Professor Bern-stein know that the donuts she was passing to us through the cub window were giving us strength to discover universal truths.

To energize the trip, there were ready to ski. As we launched the boat, perhaps in an attempt to put ourselves at a level from which we could only improve, each of us calmly described how well we knew how to ski. Professor Bernstein had learned to ski the weekend before and still bore the bruises of her battle to get up. "Once Dean Plager explained to me that my legs were too be at inside my arms instead of straight out, I caught on real quick."

From the way she talked, I expected Professor Bernstein to have at least a little trouble getting up. Indeed, I positively brightened at the possibility of playing ski instructor for a law professor. My expectations were whetted when she needed help fitting her skis. (She asked me twice please." I felt like an aquatic shoe salesperson.) I did get to instruct a little on how to return to the correct starting position from a front float. From the time she said, "Hi it", however, no further instructions were needed. She was out of the water and cutting the waves before I had a chance to be disheartened.

When Dean Plager skied, he entertained me with the boat and his life. He has been skiing for three years and does it very easily. "That's why when Dawn returns to school that she is sug-gested I go faster than his re-quested 23 mph. I thought 'That's what I do?'" Professor Bernstein thought what she do-ing?" "She's testing. Maybe she isn't ready for it yet." Johnathan. Dawn first said she wanted "to drop what? Drop a ski? What does that mean?"

Dawn tried first and Dean Plager and Professor Bernstein were all possessed by a desire to drop and ski on one. This seemed to me to be an especially courageous move on Professor Bernstein's part since when Dawn first said she wanted to "drop", Professor Bernstein said, "Drop what? Drop a ski? What does that mean?"

Dawn tried first and Dean Plager and Professor Bernstein looked on great interest to see how she did. We waited while Dawn kept skiing on two. "When is she going to do it?"

"Probably after she passes those waves."

"Oh. She's lifting up on her ski. What is she doing?"

"She's testing. Maybe she can't get it off. No. she's testing."

Dean Sheldon Plager

"Hmmm. When is she going to drop?"

There weren't any more waves to wait for so I said "I don't know. She must be wooly-woops."

Just then Dawn wiped out. It is important when one drops that the ski to be dropped is lifted out parallel to the water rather than perpendicular. The skier falls when it is perpendicular.

Professor Bernstein thought it might be more efficient if she just got up on one instead of falling around with the drop-ping method. This woman was going for it. As she got into the water she said "I don't know what I am doing." In fact, she was disheartened. She didn't work her sentence when her head went under. Under her attempt at one ski was delayed slightly while she recovered from water inhalation.

On her first try she came the closest a person can come to going up without getting wet. The crowd went wild that she would make it the fourth time on skis. Ac-cuses was not to be achieved for her. Learned that a few days before Professor Bernstein was one and cut the water she was now making in a straight line. It was a semi-success. At one point he decided to drop; he was just skating looking anxious and out of breath. "Oh, he's waiting for the moment," Professor Bernstein explained. He was judicious. He likes to play it right."

The dean dropped times but lost his balance some yards each time he climbed into the boat. "How did it feel?"

"Frightening," he reported. "Since then Dean Plager had not skied at least once because of driver troubles. A minor sin of all skiers.

The sun was by the hole in the sky by the time we finished. My back yard after each turn with Kings and chicken.

"That was-a-great-time worn out."

The ride home inspires articulate one more truth: Judiciousness is quality for a law school student. But for ski balance is better.

Thanks Dean Plager and Women's Caucus. It's what else happen this semester I can say. "Well, it started out..."
In the faculty division of the 8000 meter race, newcomer Bryant Garth won with a time of 31:54. Visiting professor Ron Walczakowski was runner-up in the faculty division.

In the women's division, Susan Margaret finished going away with a time of 35:05. Mary Ann Cupron and Lanette Grate finished closely behind in second and third, respectively.

For the alumni/bar division, Bloomington attorney Tom Berry placed first with a time of 35:31. Ralph Hall and Victor Kiplinger were the next to “(br) wheeze” across the finish line.

The new dean at the Indianapolis law school, Thomas Reed, won the 8000 meter version of the dean’s division uncontested. In the 5000 meter races, the student division, men’s version, was won by Joe Hogsett with a time of 18:35. Hogsett was followed by Dick Schoenbohm and Tom Boyer. For the women, Francie Gell finished in first place with a time of 25:44. Gell was followed across the finish line by Myra Willis and Cathy Bridge.

For the faculty, Tom Schornhorst won the men’s division with a time of 25:20. Ilene Bernstein placed first in the women’s division.

In the alumni/bar division, two Bloomington attorneys led a 1-2 Bloomington sweep. Tom Burger won the race with a time of 25:12, followed closely by Phil Hill. Mike Fruchwald finished third. In the “dean’s” division, our own Sheldon Plager finished far ahead of his nearest competitor (the ghost dean) in bringing home the bacon for the dean’s office.

**Law School foots a new event**

The law school entry in the Bloomington Men’s Summer Softball league, Nick’s Barristers sponsored by none other than ye old Nick’s English Hut, finished in second place in the Men’s BB Division with a 12-3 regular season record. The Barristers, coached by our own Tom Schornhorst, finished the season with an overall record of 13-5, including two disappointing 1-run losses in the American Softball Association tournament.

Nick’s had an opportunity to finish in a three-way tie for first place by winning the season finale against Otis Elevator, both teams standing 12-2 going into the game. Otis, however, opened up an 8-0 lead going into the last inning and Nick’s rally could only produce seven last inning runs. The Barristers were forced to play the season-ender without the services of Schornhorst, who was in Corydon as defense counsel in a murder trial. C’mon Tom, work before pleasure??

Team members included Pat Mellon, Bill Jonas, Dyrl Flannagan, Denver Jordan, Greg Mathews and Tom Fryz. Also Jerry Remy, Shawn Fleck, Pete Schroeder, Greg Knapp, Jim Schaeffer (the team’s leading home run hitter), Steve Lowe, Rick Bartlett, Mike Baniak, Steve Zeller, and Mike Carmin. Faculty members were Bill Hicks, Maurice Holland, and Tom Schornhorst.

**Alums huff and puff**

The law school alumni and students almost missed connections for the annual ALUMNI/STUDENT football game Saturday, September 15th. Too bad for the alums that they didn’t.

Led by a strong defense and the throwing arm of Greg Mathews, the students took away a hard-fought 18-0 victory.

Mathews teamed with Pete Bakus on two TD strikes, and hit split end Dyrl Flannagan late in the game for the law school’s final score. The defense never allowed the alums to cross the students’ 20 yard line in recording the shutout.

The game was nearly cancelled due to a mix-up in the location for the game. While the law school team was down only six points at the end of the first half, before the youth of the law school team and the vigor of Mathews’ arm put the game out of reach.

Much to the credit of the alumni, this year’s game was nothing like the rout engineered by the law school in last year’s game. The alumni team was down only six points at the end of the first half, before the youth of the law school team and the vigor of Mathews’ arm put the game out of reach.

Hopefully the game will remain a tradition in years to come. To be sure, at the rate the alums are closing the gap, they could . . . Well, why build up their hopes?
Alumni offer advice for law school success

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new home. Regrettably, one must labor in the legal vineyard to reap such harvests.

"Looking back over the twenty-three year span of time, I am not sure just how I was fortunate enough to be the Number One man in my class. I could feign false modesty and say the competition wasn't too stiff, but that wouldn't be fair to the substantial number of brilliant fellow students with whom I graduated." I do remember that, except for the three or four times I was ill with such ailments as the flu (long study hours tend to weaken a student's resistance to disease), I did put in 10, 12 and 14 hour study days. I read virtually every case assigned and did most of my own briefing (occasionally I used canned-briefs but I always corrected and supplemented them).

Johnson leaving school

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suing possibilities of some other job in higher education administration here at Indiana University. The purpose of this she says, is to broaden her scope in order that she can grow in the Administration.

"I'd like to continue in the same sort of work;" she declares, "and perhaps someday go back to a law school somewhere. I like law schools, and have several ideas that I would like to try... someday I can." "We shall all miss Sonja," expresses Dean Sheldon Plager, "and all the contributions she has made to the law school in the years she has been with us. I will personally miss her dedication and concern for the welfare of the school!" We all wish her well in her plans for furthering her career.

Most of my "spare" time was spent with my family (I went through law school with a wife and two children), but I also was lucky enough to have three or four hours of each week devoted to sitting around with some of my classmates (over a cup of coffee or a coke) analyzing the courses we were taking. Largely through chance the first year, but more through design in the last two years, these "bull sessions" involved only the better students in the class. After I began working on the Indiana Law Journal most of my discussions of the law outside of class were continued to fellow editors (an obviously elite group).

"In retrospect, I do think that one has to have a certain amount of intellectual capacity because I can recall several people who may have worked harder than I did but who did not succeed in school. Nevertheless, I also believe that if you want to be one of the top students, you your law studies must have first priority. If you will forgive the cliche, you should "eat, sleep and drink the law.""

From: William C. Welborn, Jr.; Partner; Caine & Welborn; Evanville, Indiana.

"Assuming that yours of the 6th was neither a joke nor an exercise in creative writing on your part, I have taken the time to give you whatever information and assistance I can. I fear that it will be very little." "This reply may not sound professional or even business-like; you may, however, rest assured that it is from the heart." "However, you must realize that being first in any class is an extremely temporary honor: it may get you a lot of0 tempting offers and make you feel very good, but that is all. In my case I chose to turn down all of such offers. And I have not had occasion to regret this. All of us are better off for having had the group spent approximately sixty-four years. I love the Law. I think the other exceptions to this. And it is very important, I think. More important, though, I liked one another. "Because, we met, as a study group, at least three times a week.

During these meetings, we kicked around the material in the text, and made an outline of the course for that week. (Where discrepancies between notes, lectures, and text occurred, these were noted.) A copy of the outline was provided each member of the group. At least one meeting a week (more, if necessary) was assigned to going over these outlines. We each took our notes from class and the text and just plain devil out of the outline submitted by m

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Dean’s Luncheon, was MC’ed by Frank Parrish, who is a board member of the I.U. Bloomington Law Alumni Association. The featured speaker was our own Dean, Sheldon Plager. The evening’s activities included the President’s Reception and the Governor’s Ball, and each was open to all Bloomington Law Alumni, and the reception and dinner were highlighted by class reunions and a special recognition of past Alumni Achievement. Special events were: James E. Weigand, I.U. Dean of Continuing Studies, was the featured speaker, and Gerald Moss I.U. Law Alumni Association Board Member, was the Master of Ceremonies.

Saturday was strictly a day for pleasure. Alumni and students were able to take part in either of two sporting events — The "Race Judicata" or the Student-Alumni Football Game. "Race Judicata" was actually a series of distance races which were open to all Law alumni, spouses, and students, and three events featured: the 6-mile, the 3-mile, and a fun run. My Parents, both over sixty-four, loved it. I love the Law. I think love is true of everyone in our study group, the secret, if there is a secret, to the each of us and all of us."