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One L 101: Intro to VLS

by B. Stephan Finkel

"You come here with your skulls filled with mush... and if you survive, you will lose thinking like a lawyer." - John Houseman as the fictional Professor Kingsfield

All very well and good for Kingsfield's students to hear that, but the first-year students at Villanova face a different challenge: non-fictional professors. One of the first things you will learn once the sense of awe wears off (and it will wear off, trust me) is that professors are really human beings. They have egos, faults, strengths, biases, opinions, like everyone else. They will conduct their classes and guide you. But one big differences between their role and that of the college professors you are used to is who is responsible for what. In college, you could get by without really doing the reading. The professor would spoon-feed knowledge to the class in easy-to-swallow tidbits. The subjects were manageable, the note-taking was easy. In law school, the greater responsibility lies with the student. The professor seldom writes on the board, and the notes you take may not make much sense at first. You'll develop an ear for what is important, what is and isn't the law. There is no cramming; so catching up at the end of the semester is useless.

Each class covers cases, which you must prepare for before the class. A case is basically the judge's written opinion, the official report of an actual trial, which states the facts of the conflict, the judge's decision, and the rationale for deciding as they did. To prepare a case, read it over until you understand it. This may mean going through it once, twice, or even twice. If after twelve times you still don't get it, it's probably because it's a case that would confuse Clarence Darrow. Remember, if you struggle at first, it doesn't mean you're stupid, just inexperienced.

A word about the cases you're reading: Your books, rather than explaining the law, present cases. They are casebooks, rather than textbooks. The authors are not writers as such, but law professors and respected legal authorities, and they do not write these books, but edit them by selecting cases which illustrate concepts and the state of that particular area of the law. The cases are all appellate court decisions, which means the first court to hear the case made its decision, and what you're reading is the result of the appeal. An appeal is a review by a higher court of a decision by a lower court, considering whether the lower court made an error. Trial court decisions are seldom published. In law school, the law you learn is what comes out of appeals.

At times, you may wish you had a book that did more than just present cases, but rather explained the law in a easy-to-understand manner. Some books are not on your reading list. These books are called hornbooks, and in the library, you'll find at least one (and probably several) corresponding to every area of the law you will study. Often, the authors of these books will have written a hornbook for that subject as well. It will amaze you how an author who put together such an incomprehensible casebook could produce a hornbook which so coherently and lucidly explains that same law. There's nothing wrong with using hornbooks to get a handle on the law; you're not doing anything against the rules by reading them. Your professor or the librarians will be able to recommend an appropriate hornbook if you would like to look one over.

The beginning is probably the biggest shock you may have in law school. You're exposed to a new style of teaching, the Socratic method, and to a whole new language, legalese. There's a lot you won't understand: latin phrases, English words in contexts you've never seen before, concepts that don't have a plain meaning. The professors expect that, so it shouldn't strike you as a defeat if you don't understand something. The best thing you can do when you don't get something is ask (the librarians are quite pleasant, always helpful, and in fact have law degrees of their own, so they can sympathize having gone through this on their own and going through this every year with each new class of 1'L's), or look it up yourself (in Black's Law Dictionary, or on Law Book and Library's Hornbook Service). The library has several copies of Black's Law Dictionary, so you have to do is give them your i.d. and you can take it out on a seat or desk for as much time as you need. Just stand at the circulation desk and the librarian will strive to get the answer on your own, don't be afraid to raise your hand. It may be intimidating, but embarrassment lasts only a little while. Ignorance can last forever.

Endings are quite pleasant. These students had undergraduate degrees in such diverse areas as engineering, music, chemistry and nursing. The most common major was political science with psychology and English tying for second place. Other typical majors included accounting, economics, and history. Over sixty percent of the incoming students had double majors. Ten first-year students possessed advanced degrees; two were physicians. One hundred and eleven colleges and universities were represented by members of the first-year class.

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Student Dies of Sudden Illness

Roxianne Wyche, who would have been a third-year student this fall, died on June 5, 1988, from a sudden illness. Doctors attribute her death to liver failure.

Wyche, thirty-three years old, is survived by her husband, Dr. Samuel P. Wyche, a son, Samuel P. Wyche III, and a daughter, Erin Alexis Wyche.

Wyche received her degree in nursing from University of Pittsburgh in 1977, and worked as a nurse before attending law school. She transferred to Villanova from the University of Pittsburgh.

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New Writing Prof Named

The new legal writing instructors.

By David Outtrim

The Villanova Legal Writing Program appears to have put last year's problems behind them as they enter the new school year. Returning veteran, Nancy Shultz, has been joined by three new instructors, bringing the department back to full strength. The new instructors bring with them an abundance of experience, both in scholastic achievement and in practice.

Originally from the Poconos, Linda Post comes to Villanova from a private law practice in Montgomery County. She received her B.A. from Susquehanna University and her J.D. from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, where she was the Notes and Comments editor of the Law Review, a University Scholar, and a member of the Order of the Coif. After graduation, Linda spent two years as a clerk to the Honorable Samuel P. Wyche, United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. In addition, Linda has over seven years of experience as a registered nurse before attending law school. She transferred to Villanova from the University of Pittsburgh.

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Building the Bridge

In recent years the Docket has called for more practice-oriented courses, perhaps even entirely a clinical third-year semester. A debate on the relative merits of substantive versus practical courses does not, however, address the real issue of student preparation for the practice of law. The challenge is to enable students to confront knowledge-generating substantive courses.

Doris Brogan refers to it as "bridging" the gap between the substantive and the practical. Doris urges the curriculum committee and VLS professors to investigate the integration of practice modules into substantive courses. Contracts students, for instance, might devote a week to drafting of a simple contract; conflicts students might have another week to become familiar with the eyes of those whose greatest fear is that drug use has diminished America's ability to compete in the world marketplace.

A recent study compared the results of workplace drug-testing in the public and private sectors. So much for the horror stories about stoned postal workers misdirecting mail. Government employees tested positive an average of only 1.1% of the time. (I believe that this average included testing of groups within the armed forces, so one can imagine how low the figures are for non-military employees are.) In private industries, a whopping ten to twelve percent of employees were tested positive. Of course, this likely includes lots of those "false positives" no one likes to talk about, but then the governmental employees' figures are not likely to be any more accurate.

The study further notes that in favor of drug testing in the workplace are that it promotes efficiency, safety, and quality control. The people making those arguments are almost invariably the same ones who keep telling us how superior private industry is compared to the government in terms of providing services. Assuming argument from analogy, if the government is inherently more efficient than the private sector, we must note the negative correlation between efficiency and drug use by employees (as distinct from drug use in the workplace itself). (Drug testing is designed to discover.) Keeping in mind that more than ten times as many workers in the private sector tested positive than those in the public, the conclusion is inescapable. Drug use by employees must not have a truly significant impact on the workplace.

I know this comes as a blow to those who see drug testing as a panacea for America's slipping performance in the world marketplace. I am starting to blame the bosses who, it seems to me, are becoming so much more aware of the usefulness of theory. Drug testing does not promote rational and good hiring and firing decisions. If an employee's performance is not up to par, for whatever reason, it is not merely because of drug use, the employee should be dismissed for poor performance overall, or 2.) the performance must be improved. If drug addiction drains the economy and burdens the health care system, drug testing can only alleviate the symptoms, not provide a cure. As drug testing has become an entire industry devoted to circumventing the regulations, as drug testing has become a proxy for accountability, as drug testing has become a symbol of the ethical vacuum in today's work force.

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by Christina Valente

Christina's World

by Donna Smith

Roxie: A Personal Remembrance

by Christina Valente

This past summer the Supreme Court reversed a verdict in a drug testing case. After that last idiosyncratic barrage of decisions, I would have guessed as a layman that to what sort of decision the Court would reach. But I've reached the conclusion that beyond politics, there are simply no good rationally for drug testing in the workplace.

I won't bother preaching to the converted. Let's set aside legal issues. Let those of us with a strong aversion to threshed pat­ ternalism and a healthy fear of Big Brother invading not only our homes and our garbage cans, but also our bodies, momentarily put it in perspective. We have to see through the eyes of those whose greatest fear is that drug use has diminished America's ability to compete in the world marketplace.

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Undue Process: Registering Your Complaint

by B.S. Finkel

Not long ago, you were probably lying on the sofa, somewhere, by the poolside, lying in wait for your parents, your boss or parents. In short, you’d been living a lie. You could hardly have foreseen the events that were to come. After all, the world was a playground.

It’s likely that you, like the rest of us, made the mistake of thinking that a slice of pizza, a bottle of soda, and a newspaper were all that was needed to survive in today’s world. You were wrong.

There are other things going on in the world than just the events you’re following in the news. You can buy a parking permit, which enables you to park without having to worry about anything other than worrying about other people worrying about you. After all, I don’t have the proper attitude; what have you got? Granted, a lot more than most people. Okay, so it was a stupid question. Get off my back. You mean I have an attitude about your attitude?

What you need is the proper attitude, with which to tackle the year ahead of you. You need to be totally psyche, with sleeves rolled up, adrenaline flowing, mind sharp, energy high, ready to perform. You’re not ready. Before, ready to give it your all. You’re not ready. You’ve got to be one of the kids from “Fame.” To see if your attitude needs adjusting, try taking this brief quiz. It’s just like the ones they have in Games; only it’s in The Docket so it’s nowhere near as interesting.

1) Do you think you’re going to:   
   a) Take a break     
   b) Do your work     
   c) Just relax

You thought that last question referred to:   
   a) Classwork     
   b) Sports     
   c) Your health

2) Are you pleased with the conditions of your life?   
   a) Yes     
   b) No     
   c) Define enough

You should think that last question referred to:   
   a) Classwork     
   b) Sports     
   c) Your health

3) Are you satisfied with the contents of your briefs?   
   a) Yes     
   b) No

That question is below the belt

You thought that last question referred to:   
   a) Classwork     
   b) Sports     
   c) Your health

4) If it’s Friday night, I should be:   
   a) Sitting in the kitchen and Rosa Parks
   b) Watching the presidential debate on prime-time television
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FEATURES

Alums Honored

by Trudy Riddell, Director of Alumni Affairs

On April 23rd, the Villanova Law Alumni Association held its annual dinner/dance at the Aronimink Country Club in Newtown Square, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the dinner is to acknowledge outstanding contributions to the law, the community and, in particular, to Villanova Law School.

In keeping with the traditional theme of “An Inspiration to Excel,” the award was presented to two of our incumbent alumni Congressmen, John J. LaFalce and Matthew F. McHugh. Past recipients have included Professor Emeritus J. Edward Collins and last year, Dean Emeritus Harold Griff Reuschlein and the first graduating class of the law school.

Congressman McHugh graduated from the law school in 1963, where he was an editor of the Law Review. Following graduation from law school, he began practicing law with Donovan, Lemon, Newton and Irvine in New York. In 1966, he became active in civic and political affairs in Ithaca, New York, and was elected Tompkins County District Attorney in 1968. He was President-Elect of the Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce when he retired to Congress in 1974.

John J. LaFalce is currently serving his seventh term in the U.S. House of Representatives having first been elected in 1974. In 1985 the speaker of the House appointed Congressman McHugh to the House Intelligence Committee, which oversees all U.S. Intelligence agencies. In 1988 he was named Chairman of the newly elected Chairman of the Intelligence Community, which has initial jurisdiction over all legislative proposals affecting the intelligence community.

Congressman McHugh graduated from the law school in 1964. He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army from 1965-1967. In 1967 he began to practice law in Western New York and there became active in public service. In 1972 he was elected to the New York State Assembly. In 1974 at the age of 35, LaFalce became the only Democrat and the youngest member of his Congressional District Seat. Upon entering Congress in 1975 he was the first member of his congressional class to have a bill become a public law.

by Joan Beck

Placement Fall Employers

If all employers who have scheduled interviews through the Law School Placement Center keep their appointments, there will be more employment opportunities this fall than ever before. They are scheduled from September 13 to October 31. Ninety-five percent of the employers are interviewing on-campus. Twelve employers are scheduled to interview in New York on September 8 and eight in Washington, D.C. on September 22nd. That adds up to 210 employers already in 1988.

The 1987 fall and spring combined was 218.

While the majority of the current fall interviewers are large-volume employers (they recruit at all law schools and may be very selective in hiring), their interest in Villanova indicates a growing national reputation for the Law School. Second- and third-year employers may also offer opportunities in the fall of 1988 than ever before.

Resume Collection Dates
August 30 and 31; September 13 and 14; September 29 and 30; October 6 and 7; Tuesday and Wednesday — New York City Job Fair Employers.

September 14 and 15; September 26 and 27; Tuesday and Wednesday — Washington D.C. Job Fair Employers; On-Campus Employers (September); Four-In-One Employers (September); September 13 and 14; Tuesday and Wednesday — Four-In-One Employers; October — Cover Letter Collection.

September 12 and 13; September 20 and 21; Tuesday and Wednesday — On-Campus Employers (October).

Alumni Counseling

The Placement Center announces that the Alumni Counseling Program, every student, from first-years to third-years, is invited to participate in the program. If you wish to participate, please sign up on Registration Day or before September 15 in the Placement Center, Room 42.

Our alumni number over 4200 and practice in almost every state, some abroad. Our alumni have not only pursued traditional careers within corporations and law firms, but also non-traditional careers of almost every variety. They possess a wealth of information based upon their own experiences ranging from developing a career path strategy to choosing a location in which to practice. They may not have all the answers, but they are certainly your prime source of guidance and advice.

Hundreds of our alumni eagerly volunteer to serve as counselors, to meet and talk with you and answer any questions you may have regarding the legal profession.

by Maureen Murphy McBride

New Law Review Members

Well-deserved congratulations go out to those first and second year students who are among the top ten percent of their class. For those students whose current grade point averages are not in the top ten percent of their class. For those students whose grades do not fall within this range, the Law Review sponsors an open writing competition during the summer in which all interested students are asked to submit a paper, similar to a Law Review case note, analyzing a particular case.

This year, approximately sixty papers were submitted and, as a result, five second year and seventh third year students were invited to join the Law Review.

From the second year class, new Law Review Members include Richard Avery, Michael Block, Ethan M. Cadoff, Julie S. Coragon, and another second year class, the Law Review Board extends an invitation to those students whose grade point averages are in the top ten percent of their class. For those students whose grades do not fall within this range, the Law Review sponsors an open writing competition during the summer in which all interested students are asked to submit a paper, similar to a Law Review case note, analyzing a particular case.

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**Professor Cannon:**

"To work real hard but take a day off to go to a movie or ballet every once and awhile."

**Professor Valentie:**

"Maintain your independent judgement and hold in reserve, for all you know, the value of the advice you receive from all the experts, faculty, and students. You will find that much ponderously offered by some "veteran" is not worth much but that most of it involves isolated factual impressions with no relevance to you as a person or a scholar."

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**Democratic Convention Report**

By Lisa Kmiec

Perhaps some of you watched the Democratic Convention from Atlanta last month. If so, it may have reminded you of the Water Buffalo conventions that Ralph Kramden and Ed Norton enjoyed. You know, plenty of pawning, generalized chalk, and participants gathered in an amazing array of hats, buttons, and donkey ears.

In part because it was the first to be organized specifically for the peace and the viewing audience wasn't able to see exactly what goes on at a convention, except for those three hours each night. We never did get much information about the other twenty-one hours each day. Former Cherry Hill Mayor Maria Barthuley Greenwald did get to see what happens during those other twenty-two hours. As a Dukakis delegate elected in the June, New Jersey primary, Ms. Greenwald can attest to the amount of work that goes into nominating a candidate and constructing a party platform.

Upon her arrival on the Saturday prior to the convention, Ms. Greenwald was struck by the organization and hospitality of the Democratic Party and the people of Atlanta. "We were truly given the royal treatment from the moment we stepped off the plane." Sunday was a free day, but that night that Jesse Jackson spoke, Dukakis delegates gave Jackson supporters their credentials so that they could hear his views. Ms. Greenwald also remembers as one of the most poignant moments of the convention.

Ms. Greenwald remembers staying up for a long time visiting with former classmates. It was an emotional moment. Here and there, I felt as though I was almost a duty. With a solid legal background, Ms. Greenwald is more easily, and has resources which are less accessible to the modest, who respect their values, and creativity, a lawyer makes a valuable contribution to society. She agreed, "I believe that that's what politics is about."
FEATURES

Unofficial Guide to VLS Hang-outs

In those rare moments when law student undergoes the Jekyll/Hyde transition and turns back into a social out-going human being, there are many places to go out to, with doors wide open welcoming you, waitresses taking orders, bartenders filling mugs, music playing, lights flashing, people having fun. If you can't find any of those places, check out some of the establishments on this list.

These establishments have been earmarked as unofficial hang-outs of Villanova Law students in the past couple of years. This is not to say they are necessarily popular as the current "in" places with law school students, but they do represent a fair survey of social spots that have a reputation among your peers. After a few visits to any of these places, having refreshed your social psyche and outlook on life, you can turn back into that dedicated, conscientious, studious, boring-as-all-law student that exists in all of us.

1. Al E. Gator’s (Gator’s), 625 Lancaster Ave., Haverford
FOOD/DRINK: Good appetizers, delicious burgers, entertainment at a trendy menu. Beer by bottle or draft (no pitchers), not cheap.
AMBIENCE: Same as in every Gator’s. Lots of plants, with strange things sticking out of the neck of the bottle. Wonder why? Serious "meet" market. Dance floor, a few picnic tables, and tradition.
COMMENT: This entry could have been included here did not pay to be included. This bar tends to have the cheapest crowd around. They may be depressed when you tell them you’re in law school. Hell, they may be impressed when they tell you they can drive.

2. The Friendly Saloon (Friend)-ly’s) 202 E. Lancaster Ave., Wayne
AMBIENCE: Decent sandwiches, good drink prices and deals, such as Mug Night, where you buy a plastic mug at the beginning of the night and get it back filled for free the rest of the night.
AMBIENCE: Comfortable bar, namesake bartender creates adequate dance floor, DJ, that routinely plays music way too loud. Look to the door for the back. Basically cozy, slightly cramped, you can still hear the DJ.
COMMENT: To the best of my knowledge, it’s the only place in the area (and possibly in the world) which has served Beef-a-roni as its happy hour buffet.

3. Gullity’s, 1149 Lancaster Ave., Wayne
FOOD/DRINK: Substantial menu featuring the latest trendy cuisines, just don’t order the pizza here. Good selection of beers, even on tap, and you can get rents of imported English or Irish lager or ale.
AMBIENCE: Same as in every other one of these places for the upstairs-mobile, with brass, polished wood and hanging plants. Larger restaurant seating area, no dance floor or music, large screen TV.
COMMENT: Law students really do come here a lot. That may be a plus or minus for you, depending on whether you want to get away from it all, or whether you want to get away from the law.

4. Kelly’s, 1107 Lancaster Ave., Rosemont
FOOD/DRINK: Cheap beer at cheap prices. For food, there’s a full range of chips and pretzels.
AMBIENCE: Remember back when you were in college, when you thought it was the coolest thing to do to go out with about eight hundred of your closest friends and drink and party until you got sick. Well, this is the place where those people from Villanova undergrads go after they get sick. On the plus side, it has pool tables, picnic tables, and tradition.
COMMENT: If you can hang out at Kelly’s and not feel old, you’re probably not ready for law school yet. Still, it does bring back college memories. Excuse me, I think I’m going to bawl.

5. Marita’s Canta, 610-612 Lancaster Ave., Haverford
FOOD/DRINK: This is a Mexican restaurant on one side, a bar on the other. Pitchers, Mexican beers, nacho chips and salsa to go with you beer, variety of spicy Mexican dishes.
AMBIENCE: Clean, well-lit, new-looking — the spiritual opposite of Kelly’s. Generally upbeat, and fortunately they play rock music instead of stuff like Linda Ronstadt singing "Canzones de mi Padre."
COMMENT: After numerous visits, I’ve never actually seen anyone order anything from the dinner menu here, only beer, chips and salsa and the occasional appetizer. Lunch is alright. This is a Mexican restaurant at all? That would also explain the welcome lack of "Canzones de mi Padre."

6. Montana’s, 21 W. Lancaster Ave., Bryn Mawr
FOOD/DRINK: Back a beer, cow-poke, but no spitting on the floor. Menu features western-style barbecue, and other foods that a nutritionist would eat to commit har-kart.
AMBIENCE: Like the name sug­gests, Montana’s is a western motif, for all you Main Line cowboys. Lots rooms, nice bar, not really a law school feel to it. Crowd tends to be a bit young, but certainly down-to-earth.
COMMENT: According to my sources, this bar has the youngest crowd around. They may be impressed when you tell them you’re in law school. Hell, they may be impressed when they tell you they can drive.

7. Chili’s Grill & Bar, 312 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne
FOOD/DRINK: Standard Mexi­can and grill fare, burritos and such, reasonable prices. Yet another area attempt to provide the local Y-crowd with an environment to chow down on fast foods and suit down a few beers with lime slices stuck in the neck of the bottle.
AMBIENCE: Sluck, bright, tilted, lots of plants, with strange things hanging on the wall — decor Round Ground Circle 1992. Depending on your taste, you may feel right at home.
COMMENT: Whose idea was it to hang those things on the wall, anyway?

8. The Main Lion, 629 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne
AMBIENCE: One side is a dell, with semi-affordable food of the traditional variety. The other side is a bar restaurant with more elaborate menu and prices. Large salad bar, raw bar. On tap, small glasses of beer, but a good selection on tap. Take-out beer is available on the floor.
AMBIENCE: Large bar which is really just an outdoor grill. Decent selection of bottled beers, draft. Alcohol prices are astounding, it has a rock ‘n roll type bar, which features live music and DJ’s. Upstairs plenty of space with classy decor. What sets this place apart is the party atmosphere. You can sit at patio tables while you eat and drink. Really does capture some of the feeling of the courtyard at Pat O’Brien’s in New Orleans (a place where the tour­ists go).
COMMENT: Even though this entry could have been included here did because it’s one of the few places in the area you can sit outside and enjoy your food and drink. One other such place is The Bar for formally organized events in Great Valley.

9. Minella’s, 330 W. Lancaster Ave., Wayne
FOOD/DRINK: The classic diner prices at the classic diner prices. But you’re paying for a slice of this nation’s cultural heritage when you pluck down a couple hundred bucks for that piece of apple pie à la mode. Breakfasts here are usually great. No drinks — it’s a diner — but certainly the place to come for coffee at three a.m. after you’ve had your fill of alcohol.
MINELLA’S is open 24 hours.
AMBIENCE: Again, classic diner, with chrome-colored exterior and formica countertops and purple white china. It could trade places with any of the bars, Rock 1 or South Philly, and no one would notice the difference. Well, just the waitresses might, but no diner non-professional.
COMMENT: The waitresses will call you "hon" or "dear," in the tradition of real diner waitresses all over the country. I believe they are required to do so by their union. Diner Waitresses #107.

10. Orlean’s, 1676 W. Lancaster Ave., Paoli
FOOD/DRINK: Cajun foods, bar-
The material they study is the material in the textbook in front of you, and what you would have in that same workload that threatens your future. When the author describes a professor's question about a case in class, you know that your own classmates...
assaulted by articles testifying to agents, labor disputes and strikes, sports and the law. Whether it's testing, personal injury lawsuits, stories among the most boring do. They are not part of what shaped the sports world, and will continue to intermingle with instigation, operation and morality of sports. The action that goes on between the lines is unquestionably guided by what happens behind closed doors. This will attempt to comment on the effect of the law on professional and amateur athletics, without being among the most boring items in the sports section. And I may undoubtedly be guilty of talking outside the box.

One question that strikes me is, why is it what they did wrong? The classification of one as an amateur athlete is obviously destroyed, but who is hurt by such a deal? Realistically, the athletes are not really amateurs, because they are compensated for their performances with scholarships and other perks. It's really a question of semantics. Superstar athletes are compensated for the revenue for the school (how many times did you see Notre Dame on TV last year because of Tim Brown?) — and each appearance adds to the kitty, as does the oil. Commodus and contributions from wealthy alumni is no different from national prestige. It's not a mistake that good coaches often make. The double- and triple-the salary of "regular" professors, sometimes more. Isn't this argument on the part of the NCAA? The only ones not making money are the ones risking their bodies. Such a thing is an education. Big deal. I got an education myself. If I were Bo Jackson, I'd think I'd earned something more for my efforts; at the very least, I'd face a Wheaties box. For the average player, of course, the argument is fine, but how about the superstar who truly deserves compensation? What's the point of making him a Non-Renter? Rhetorical question: What's so important about amateur standing?

As far as the agents go, whether they're morally right or wrong, they are certainly aware that they're breaking the rules, or actually causing the athletes to break the rules. They're making money with the basic education. They do so with a disregard for the fate of the well-being of the athlete, ignoring the stigma or consequences the athlete risks facing, for the sake of keeping the VLS.WC.Q contracts and other lucrative deals. What is all this worth?

Is it worth breaking the law? It is worth breaking the law. Both are two different things. There is no law against offering an amateur athlete money, cars, sex, or services in exchange for his representation by the offerer. In fact, the offerer is discouraging breaking of current NCAA rules by making the offer. The offer is only against the rules when the athlete accepts it — then the rule is broken. Inevitably, the agent is better off, the athlete is worse off, and the NCAA's chicanery is uncovered. The athlete loses the remainder of his college career or — if the rule is broken — he must get to turn pro early, or if he's lucky enough, he can get a benefit.

The school gets punished, fined, sanctioned or placed on probation. The revulsion of the Villanova basketball team and the Temple football team this past season is an example. Each team featured a superstar (Howard Porter and Paul Palmer, respectively) who accepted money from an agent before being eligible and continued to play. In Nova's case, the NCAA expanded the Wildcarts' record from that NCAA season, including their success in the NCAA tournament in which they lost the national championship game to a C.L.A.T. team because they used an ineligible player. The same voluntarily forfeited the six games they'd won that year when it became clear the team was paying Don King.

What is it worth, then, to drive a cab early? Greis, a Villanova basketball team player who had accepted money from an agent before his senior season began. Palmer's statistics, including his senior year contract at, say $200,000 a year, could also be double the salary of "regular" professors, sometimes more. Isn't this argument on the part of the NCAA? The only ones not making money are the ones risking their bodies. Such a thing is an education. Big deal. I got an education myself. If I were Bo Jackson, I'd think I'd earned something more for my efforts; at the very least, I'd face a Wheaties box. For the average player, of course, the argument is fine, but how about the superstar who truly deserves compensation? What's the point of making him a Non-Renter? Rhetorical question: What's so important about amateur standing?

Law school doesn't mean you can automatically lock yourself inside the library for the next nine months, and the only physical activity you get is turning pages. Intense mental activity almost certainly requires a physical outlet, and intramural sport and travel teams at VLS provides many excellent opportunities. As a counterpart to classwork, VLS sports can help you stay in shape, enjoy the excitement of competition that isn't for grades, socialize with your colleagues in what more often than not turns into a social event as well as an athletic one.

The Rugby Club starts up in early fall, playing that rough, physical sport in a schedule that includes games against teams from other law schools, and a team made up of VLS alumni. The Rugby team is always looking for new players, uh, players. Any rugby team has to recruit now, get new players, and tell you about practices and other details. There are also practices in early fall semester. Softball, VLS-style, is played with co-ed teams and friendly competition. That doesn't mean it's not competitive and fun, seriously, although there are instances of instigators picking up their beers rather than sharply-hit grounders through the infield. The King doesn't use the VLS Rugby team as a club to sign up for. When it starts getting colder, young men and women frequently turn often to Inline skating. VLS has a club which takes trips to slopes in pursuit of the perfect run. If you're a skiing aficionado, keep an eye out for the ski club at the club sign up.

The spring sport is baseball. The intramural league plays at St. Mary's gym across Spring Mill Road, and the action really heats up. Even with refs, this can be a very physical brand of ball, not for the faint of heart. There's lots of good competition, and lots of interest for the fans who come out each week to watch the action. Last year's champion, Power of Attorney, is intent on repeating for a third straight year. Opponents are ready to recruit now, lining up to try and stop them.

There is also a men's basketball team which plays in a league with teams from law, med, and other graduate schools. Last season the Advocate developed playing in all kinds of weather, and the games draw an eager crowd eager to watch classes hang heads in scrambles. The rugby team always looking for new, uh, players. Any rugby team has to recruit now, get new players, and tell you about practices and other details. There are also practices in early fall semester. Softball, VLS-style, is played with co-ed teams and friendly competition. That doesn't mean it's not competitive and fun, seriously, although there are instances of instigators picking up their beers rather than sharply-hit grounders through the infield. The King doesn't use the VLS Rugby team as a club to sign up for. When it starts getting colder, young men and women frequently turn often to Inline skating. VLS has a club which takes trips to slopes in pursuit of the perfect run. If you're a skiing aficionado, keep an eye out for the ski club at the club sign up.

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