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by Sally Schalk

Should you be wondering what to do with your free time now that you’re a law student, don’t ponder too long (or you’ll run out of it). The first few weeks of law school instill a sense of urgency in everyone. ‘Eat, drink, and sleep’ may top your ‘Things To Do’ list. Don’t be surprised when you scream at a slow tempo conductor or murder a dull-witted cashier in a check-out line, or discover you’ve worn the same shirt for three days.

Later, you may decide spending two and one-half hours on each case every night is not paying off. You may even give up those two-page briefs and begin to look around for new diversions.

Exercise isn’t a bad idea and intra-mural teams are available in the bulletin boards. If you want a fourth for doubles or a bridge partner, post a notice. Teams are listed while they are in the information stages. Be sure to check Registered Trademarks before naming a team after a particularly greedy criminal case, lest you find yourself playing against a team of the same name.

If you haven’t exhausted Valpo’s cultural offerings, now is the time to spend an hour or an hour-and-a-half doing just that. Theaters may be found in Merrillville or Michigan City. Theater of the classics is that. Don’t bother hiring a detective to investigate the area’s fine arts.

The Student Bar Association (SBA) sponsors Law Day activities, speakers and social events. All students belong to the Association, which is affiliated with the Law Student Division of the American Bar Association. Representatives from each class along with officers, are elected by the student body. Anyone may vote. The Forum does NOT, center to withstandable popular belief, run candidate endorsements.

Last year’s students showed a renewed interest in SBA. The organization offers many opportunities throughout the year for student participation. SBA is a potentially effective association for student self-government, but can only work as well as its members.

Do you enjoy playing Hemingway or Poison Pen? The Forum may have a place (but not a typewriter) for you. We like quasi-poets, artists, layout experts and letterers to the editor, too.

Second and third-year students may participate for academic credit in the National Mock Court Competition sponsored by the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. Valpo has open competition for team positions every spring. Current members have the option to return. The regional competition is sponsored by the Chicago Bar Association.

Last year the team took their arguments to the three-day regional competition at the Daley Center in Chicago. Valpo traditionally battles schools from Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin. Four teams from our region make it to the final competition in New York City.

Valpo also participates in the nationwide Mock Trial Competition sponsored by the Texas Young Lawyer’s Association and the ABA Law Student Division. Team members are selected by faculty team coaches. All of the participating teams receive the same case and must prepare arguments for both sides. The cases alternate between criminal and civil each year. Last year’s involved the bribery of a police officer.

Practice and preparation for Mock Court and Mock Trial teams are extensive. Those involved have a unique opportunity to refine research, writing and oral skills. Mock Trial cases are tried as if before a jury, before real judges. Witnesses are paid professional actors and actresses. Students may get a chance to play witnesses for the team during their

Getting the best out of Valparaiso

by Dave Heidorn

Doesn’t it seem that just when you get ready to leave an area, you begin to find out about all those great hole-in-the-wall places to drink, the best restaurants, the most interesting ways to kill time, the best places to spend money?

Well, three years of law school is a very short time, and just before you get ready to leave you’ll be too worried about taking the bar, your loans and finding a job to really enjoy yourself. So help you make better use of your consumer dollars and precious law school hours, The Forum has compiled a list of some of the best places and things to do around here.

Of course, we guarantee nothing, accept no responsibility for you enjoying yourself in law school (be serious), and urge you to go out and find some things on your own since this is by no means a complete or even well-researched bit of service to the community.

Best Grocery

Grocery stores somehow create the best steaks in town are at the Old Style. It’s next to the Coronet Dress Shop across from the courthouse downtown. Two bars decorate the place: the one you sit at and the one that sits. And so do the old guard of our faculty.

Best Natural Resource

It’s always amazing to find people who spend three years here but who’ve never gone out to the National Lakeshore. Lake Michigan has its own fresh water dunes and they’re right in our front yard. Just head north on 49, head east on 12 and north again when you get to the information center. It’s easy to find and walking in the woods or on the beach in any season is the very finest activity in this area. The state park is easiest to find (don’t turn off 49, but at least during the summer, its best asset is screaming teenagers. Not
Another fine(ally) mess we’re in

Once again, V.U. law students are plagued with an undesirable and unfair final exam schedule. The “final” exam schedule happens to work out fine for a few lucky people, but the majority of us are left high and dry.

Many students, for example, will be forced to take two exams on the same day, or within a three-day period. To put it mildly, this new policy will cause many students to do poorly on their exams. Students are asked for our input on this matter, but The Forum wonders if any input was actually considered. Some problems we have with the new system should be mentioned:

First, the “final” final exam schedule was passed out as students waited in line to register. Rather short notice, isn’t it? Most assumed that this fall’s final exam schedule was to be made up in the same manner as in past years.

The old method allowed students with heavy exam loads to change one or two exam times. The new take-it-or-leave-it approach will place disproportionate burdens on people who must necessarily play the law school competition game: that doesn’t seem fair.

The faculty thinks we should be happy to know that the fall exam schedule will not change again and again as in past years. This finality will allow us to plan our fall semesters with the assurance that there will be no last-minute changes. We would be thankful to the faculty were it not for other concerns.

Apparently Professor Sth advised us facetiously, we hope to “sign up for courses whose exams fall neatly into a pleasing pattern.” We might discuss the latest assignment or the latest gossip. For many law students, the time they spend in the library is valuable study time which must be utilized to its fullest extent. With two exams at home or jobs after class, many of us need to prepare for class in the library, whether or not the schedule be fair.

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To put it mildly, this new policy will cause many students to do poorly on their exams. The faculty wishes to keep our library quiet and conducive to the study we all need to do. Second and third-year students may be especially conscientious to set a good example for the first-year students so that they never develop the bad habit of carrying on conferences in the library. We all have done it. Yes, it is so much easier to chat there than it is to move to the lobby, or the lounge, or the Union or even to refrain from extracurricular conversation. There are, however, other times and places to do this.

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Dear Editor,

Whomever devised the registration procedure we had to endure this year must have been formed by a group of Chinese torture experts. Who else could have conjured up such horrors? Having learned that registration was to begin at 7:30 a.m. on the appointed day, I thought I would be doing great by showing up at 7:25 a.m. How wrong could I have been! Some there since 6 a.m., seemingly hundreds of irritated and befuddled law students were already warring their way through the front doors, across the lobby, into the library, down the stairs, and, alas, into the registration area. I couldn’t believe my eyes. We stood, literally for hours, moving at a snail’s pace toward our ultimate destination—computer cards and a doughnut! Was that the administration’s way of testing our loyalty or just a very, very bad joke?

Sincerely,
Anonymous

Letters to the Editor

--One What-A-Job to the SBA for their plans to remodel the law school lounge.
--One What-A-Job to Dean Farago for getting us permission to park in any of the lots on campus when the law school lots are full.
--One What-A-Joke to the dim-witted who designated the parking situation on campus.
--One What-A-Job to whoever thought of providing doughnuts to students on registration day.
--One What-A-Joke to the person who thought up the schedule as it stands now.
--One What-A-Job to Channel 32 for putting GREEN ACRES on the air during Chapel Break.
--One What-A-Joke to each person running for student office in the upcoming elections.
--One What-A-Joke to each person who voted Ronald Reagan into office.
--One What-A-Joke to anyone who contributes material to this fine publication.
--One What-A-Joke to anyone who feels the need to impress others with their WHAT-A-JOB/WHAT-A-JOKE awards for this edition of the paper.
--One What-A-Joke to the people with noisy shoes who stomp like elephants through the library.
--One What-A-Joke to those who have kept up with their studies so far.
--One What-A-Joke to Dean Farago because he is fun to pick on.

Anonymous

Watch for it!

The 1st Annual Mark Scarp Memorial Golf Classic

Sponsored by The Forum
Best Drugs

Sleever's downtown may not be the cheapest place in town, but the drugists who work there are always friendly and answer all kinds of questions. You'll probably find out more from them than the Health Center.

Best Breakfast

Consistently a good place to get breakfast, friendly and answer all kinds of questions. It's downtown, in case you haven't been down there. It's a typical place, more from them than the Health Center...but not too much. The Annex around the corner from Round The Clock once was everything you always wanted in a greasy spoon. Now it's not very consistent, slow and unappealing. If you'd care to drive 14 miles south to Hebron, right in the middle of downtown (such as it is) is The Country Kitchen. It's owned by the same people who own Round The Clock but the food seems more homemade and it's cheaper. They buy homemade pies from women in town cheaply that are just short of a satisfying sexual experience. Worth the drive.

Best Auto Mechanic

Are you kidding? If I tell you he'll be swamped and I won't get my car done. But for sure he doesn't work for one of the gas stations on Lincolnway near campus. They're not fooled by us studying to be lawyers. In fact, they all know we're mechanically helpless and at their mercy.

Best Free Activity on a Weekend

Find a place on one of the courthouse benches facing Lincolnway after dark on Friday or Saturday night. Lots of pre-olds from Kouts and Boone Grove and other places cruise the strip in their beloved autos getting joy out of life. Best when Bob Armstrong is singing and yelling at each other going by. It'll make you nostalgic for high school because it is kind of inside (if not in the garages). If you could have had a nice car, too. American Graffiti lives.

Best Men's Clothing Store

There isn't even a mediocre one, unless you wear vinyl white belts.

Best Escape

Chicago. It's only an hour and fifteen minutes to the Loop by car.

Best Book Store

There are only three places to buy books in Valpo. One place is the University Book Center here. Corpurse they still haven't come in. The only store of the three that attempts to carry anything interesting is the Norvicr Store at 204 E. Jefferson downtown. The somewhat pretentious selection is nice but too small for serious, professional book browsing. It's a fortte of a wonderful children's section. After reading law maybe that's the best kind of reading we could do.

Best Jewelry Store

Binder's downtown is the best. They advertise with us, too.

Worst Escape

It's a toss-up between the law school lounge and the state prison in Michigan City.

Best Steak Bar

Jackson's Bar on Axe Street just north of U.S. 30 serves them up thick and medium rare in about a minute at almost any time you go there. Northside's on 40 North just south of the railroad tracks comes close with their cheeseburger platter but not close enough.

"Hey, Dean, what am I doing here?"

by Deb Wildhage

Remember those elementary school days when the first assignment for English Composition class was something of that effect? "What year will I be when I grow up?" For the majority of students attending this law school, the answer apparently was, "lawyer." However as fate would have it, the questions now are a bit more complex.

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What did you do this past summer?"

I nodded. "A useless degree, but I can do anything with this degree, if not for law school?"

"I don't know. Guess I could have gone with this degree, if not for law school?"

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"I learned to take verbal abuse from my father. "I learned to take verbal abuse from my father."

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"I learned to take verbal abuse from all kinds of people. I held a mean shirt. I can hold my breath while cramming a size nine foot into a size seven shoe. Besides, retailing was not my only option. I have a Bachelor of Science in Training and I can hold my breath while cramming a size nine foot into a size seven shoe. Besides, retailing was not my only option. I have a Bachelor of Science in Training and I

Organizational Notes

W.L.S.A.

The Women Law Students Association (WLSA), open to both male and female law students, seeks to assist its members in making the necessary adjustments associated with law school. WLSA also provides a forum for issues facing women in both law school and the legal profession. Last year's activities included a wine and cheese get-together, fundraising events, a Christmas open house, and a student-faculty potluck. A fall event is the Association's Law Week, which traditionally sponsored activities, a wine and cheese get-together, fundraising events, a Christmas open house, and a student-faculty potluck. A fall event is the Association's Law Week, which

D.T.P.

We are the Rentner Senate of Delta Theta Phi (DTP). Our national law fraternity has some 80,000 members. At Valparaiso, DTP is 41 strong. DTP is an active organization. Annually we sponsor two major law school activities. Our fall event is the Law School Convocation, where new students are introduced to the incoming 1-Ls. The spring semester event is the Fraternity闯ional law week event. Such notables as Professors Berner, Gromley, and Farago have been speakers, basing and burned in the recent past. We also sponsor speeches throughout the year. The most recent speech was on "R.A.'s." by Professor R. Jaeger (author of Williston on Contracts).

The officers of DTP this year are Maggie Mawby, Dean; Alan Funk, Vice Dean; Bob Gold, Treasurer; and Colleen Gunders, Secretary. We welcome any prospective members and want to remind you of the Friday Happy Hours (4-7 p.m.) at our house (corner of Lincolnway and Greenwhich). Prospective members are welcome at any DTP meeting. Watch the bulletin board for the dates and times of our meetings.
Body Heat is toasty hot and seems like the touch of someone’s entwined body in a damp bed on a still, silent, humid night of a too-long beach-nostalgic August. The colors are all whites and Fifties’ black with a few ex- pressiveness and backgrounds and sweat- ing characters neatly balanced on the perilous black line of the line of the Rule Against Perpetuities, believe it or not.

John Heard plays a lazy young lawyer practicing law in a small Florida coastal town, someone with a dormant perilous blade of the Rule Against cushy American middle class who may school without trying, a product of the in women and borderline lawsuits, walking through his office door. waiting for the big

Turner, the beautiful, reasonably middle-aged fat cat Richard Crenna Sears. Now he plays games of raking beach mansion between his weekend exasperating heat wave she and a consuming, dangerous passion.

by Joseph Taylor

1. Women beware: the women’s joke in the library does NOT afford any privacy to its occupants. It was designed by the same architectural engineers who designed Carnegie Hall.

2. The student lounge at the law school is not the place to relax. The student union is located in the same building where you bought your law books a few months ago, near the coffee lounge. The union offers reasonably good food (it’s not the White House, but it’s okay) and a better atmosphere.

3. The nearest ones are at the union. These tickets are good for $1.25. Solution: walk, ride your bike, or drive.

4. Several courses do not go by their given names. U.C.C. is Commercial Code, Contracts is Business Associations, D. & C. is Debtors’ Protection and Creditors’ Rights, P. & P. is anybody’s mortgage, and L.A. is Legal Assistant.

5. The student lounge is supposed to be a quiet area. The library is a better place to study, and there are plenty of machines.

6. The best times to study at the law library are 5-7 p.m. and from 10 p.m. - 1 a.m. The best time to sleep is from 3-5 p.m.

7. If you want to take Clinic during your third year, you must take Intro to client counseling before the end of the spring of your second year.

8. If you want a free social life, you must join the law fraternities. 14. Friday and Saturday are traditionally the best days to go out. It is the experience of a well­ loved engineer of the Rule Against Perpetuities.

9. If you are interested in the social life of the law school, you must take Intro to Clinic. It is a required course.

10. Bert Zinjanzirh Goodwin is really a lovely guy. He’s just been misunderstood.

11. We can get discount movie tickets by joining the system. These tickets are good at all General Cinema movie theaters. The nearest one is at Southlake Mall.

12. The union sells fairly good pizza for several dollars less than other pizza joints.

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15. Parking has long been a problem for law students. During peak hours (8-10 a.m. and noon-time) there are not enough spaces in which to park. Solution: walk, ride your bike, or complain to the Dean and the President.

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