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## NYU Finally Tops Columbia in Rankings.

The School changes its name to A Law School at NYU. “We Win!” says Resvesz

In the latest US News & World Report law school rankings, NYU reaps the bittersweet fruits of years of labor: a tie for fourth with Columbia. The reaction from the administration was swift and decisive. New York University School of Law will henceforth be called “A Law School at New York University”.

Dean Revesz explained his decisions, which has overwhelming support from alumni, as the most economical way to move the school higher in the ranking tables. “Any NYU Law Student knows that their university is far superior to our uptown neighbor on the basketball court, as evidenced by regular thumpings administered in every Dean’s Cup of the Noah Feldman era. It will now be clear that we’re superior alphabetically as well as athletically.”

The Dean credited past efforts at improvement, including the hiring of renowned faculty and investment in an innovative professional responsibility program, but said they had taken the school as high as they could. “The magazine lists tied universities in alphabetical order,” said Revesz, “and for a one-time cost of a few million we can cement our position ahead of Columbia”. The change is not just focused on this year’s ranking – there is no other school in the top ten that would prevail over ALSA NYU in the case of a tie.

Any connection with the recent four page memo outlining the decision not to offer a dedicated space to the \*ALSA groups at the law school formerly known as the New York University School of Law was vehemently denied. However, Clayton Gillette and Dean Revesz were seen by intrepid Not the Docket reporters sharing a drink and a chortle. “Space, they’ve got their space now”.

A Law School at NYU is expected to remain a member of FAIR.

### A Visualisation of Dean Revesz’s Vision

2007 Rankings with old name	2007 Rankings with new Name
1. Yale	1. Yale
2. Stanford	2. Stanford
3. Harvard	3. Harvard
4. Columbia	4. A Law School at NYU
4. New York University	4. Columbia.

See why this is super-duper important?



Not the Docket Artist Rendering of the new logo. Maybe NYU will do a better job

## In Other News.....

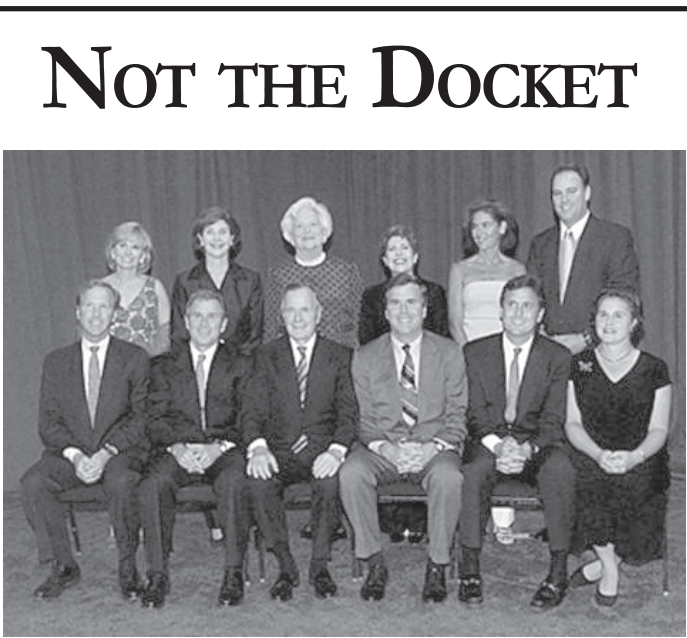
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# NEWS BRIEFS

## PILC Announces Mandatory Meetings

Every other Monday, from 12:30-1:30, there will be a mandatory PILC lunch meeting to discuss public interest careers. One slice of pizza per person, please.

Every Tuesday, from 1:00 - 4:00, there is an optional meeting to discuss EIW and the impact on Public Interest careers. A different employer will appear at each session, explaining why they do not provide training that is suitable for a public interest minded student. The meetings, though optional, are mandatory for those wishing to receive summer funding.

On the third Friday of every month, from 9-noon, brunch will be served to all those who wish to enjoy another program. There is no fixed agenda, but rest assured it will be edifying.

A minimum spend of \$2,000 at the 2007 Public Service Auction can buy an exemption from all mandatory meetings. Optional meetings are still required for students interested in receiving funding.

## 1L's Required to Re-Register for Electives

Technology and Scheduling Dean Barry Adler has announced that due to "a glitch", all 1L students will be required to re-register for their admin course and their 1L elective. Work already done will not be counted towards final grades in the new classes, and "it is extremely likely that new books will need to be purchased."

Adler apologized for the problem, said it was unavoidable, and promised his contracts class from Fall 2005 a pizza party in compensation.

# ALSA-NYU Jerky Profs Derail 3L Ditch Day

The sanctity of 3L Ditch Day was severely threatened last week when every last jerk professor at the law school announced that they would be taking attendance that day.

Students who had been looking forward to celebrating this unofficial annual holiday, traditionally held on the second Thursday (because, you know, no one has classes on Friday already anyway, right?) of April since their 1L year were severely bummed out by this awful news.

"Oh, this is just great. For the past two years I've walked through the halls of the law school noticing that they were conspicuously 1/3 less full on 3L Ditch Day. I ached for my opportunity to blow off a day of school like the students who came before me and now I found out that they're going to be taking attendance in Professional Responsibility. That's just great!" complained one student.

Another student commented, "I was totally planning to go to the mall with all my buddies to hang out in the food court all day and sneak in to a couple of movies, but I don't know what I'm going to do now that I risk being marked absent to Criminal Procedure."

A third student commented, "My schedule was so perfect! I had everything planned out so that, when 3L ditch day came along, it would mean that I'd have a five day weekend and I could go surfing in Costa Rica! Now I don't know what I'll do! I've already paid the deposit on my cabana!"

A final student, when told of the announcement that attendance would be taken on 3L Ditch day, said "Ah, this totally sucks! Even for gym? They're not going to take attendance in gym, are they?"

When asked for comment, the Law School Administration said that they were unaware of any "so-called 3L Ditch Day" and had long planned to announce that attendance would be taken on the second Thursday of April. In light of the news, one student commented, "Well, they might take my 3L Ditch Day, but they can't stop me from pulling off the most awesome 3L prank ever!! I don't want to say anything, but it involves a five chickens, some balloons, Dean Revesz's car, and the service elevator! Trust me, ALSA-NYU has never seen anything like it!"



These 3Ls look happy now because they are looking forward to ditch day. But these smiles about to turn upside down when professors take attendance.

# Friendly Conservative totally changes NYU students' minds

No longer confined to the federalist society listserve, one conservative has broken out. Arthur Jacobs is paving the way for others like him.

Noted psychiatrist Bob Smith pointed out to *Not the Docket* that a positive interaction with a token conservative can change the perception that many liberals have of their right-wing colleagues.

Friendly and easy-going, Jacobs can often be found drinking beers and chilling in the local bars, slowly changing people's mind about his kind.

"I usually hate conservatives" said one member of NLG, "but he is so friendly and open minded and goodlooking that I must totally reconsider." The student hadn't reconsidered enough to let her name appear in print. But, she continued, "We had a few beers and what he said made so much sense. I will be working in a firm next year and I don't want my taxes to be high"

The full power of Jacob's friendliness came last week in Primus' Constitutional law class when one student raised his hand and said "Some of my best friends are conservative, but aren't they the ones who voted Bush into office?"



Charlie Brown, another nice guy

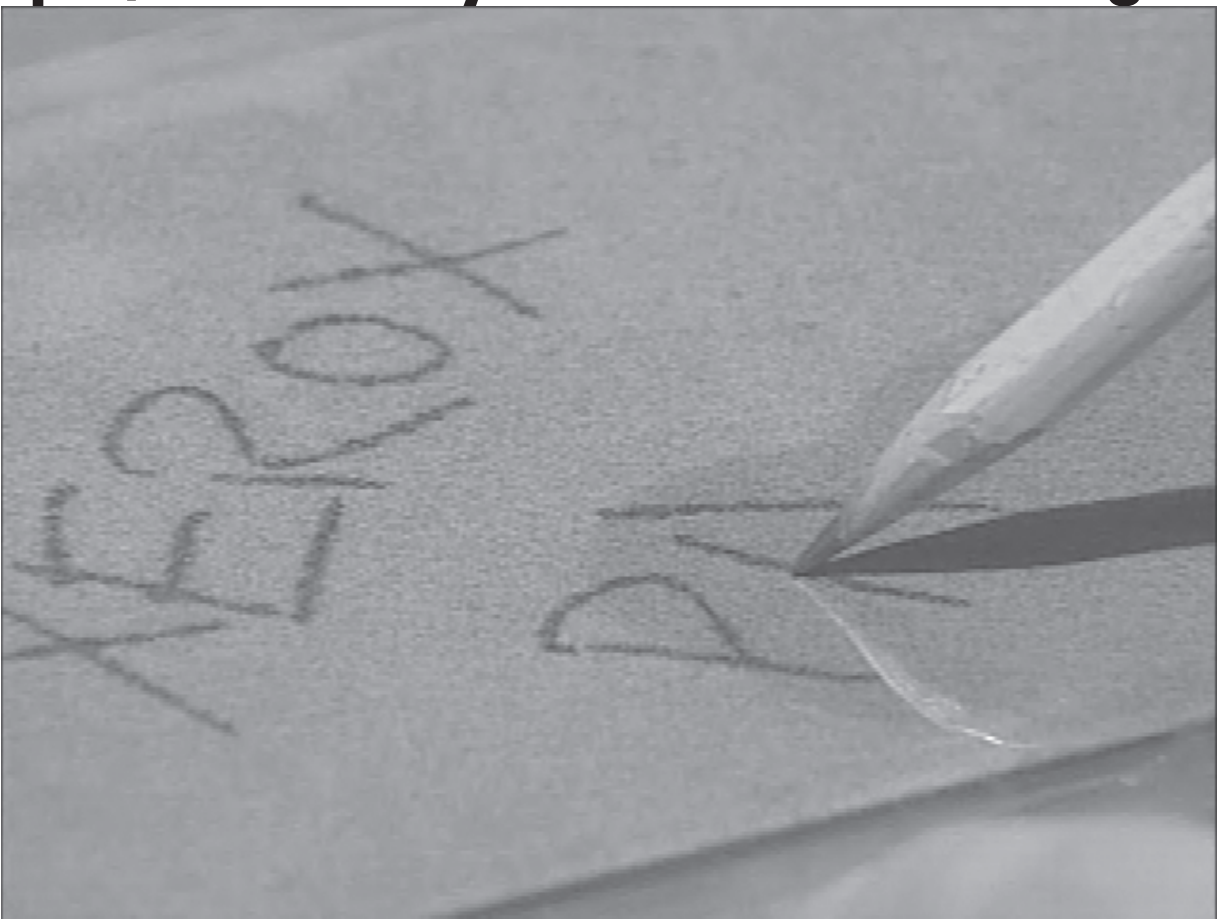


# General Counsel for Americo Industries to Deliver Keynote Address, submit A-Paper, and Finally “Get That Damn Degree”

Thomas Macratcher (NYU, '76), General Counsel for Americo Industries, is scheduled to deliver the keynote address at next week's Colloquium on Law and Legality and his A-Paper. Macratcher is expected to leave a stirring and inspiring address entitled "Breaking the Law: Don't" for the students at the Colloquium on Law and Legality along with a 30-page, double-spaced document in 12 point Times New Roman with the Department of Records and Registration.

Macratcher, who began his career as an associate at Moon & Bushnell LLP in 1976, quickly climbed the ranks of that firm and made partner in 1980. In 1984 he opened the firm's Singapore office and in 1988 accepted a position overseeing the firm's operations throughout Latin America. Throughout this time, Macratcher would occasionally look at the well-thought-out, but not entirely complete outline and introductory pages for his A paper he had drafted while enrolled in "Constitutional Legal Improbabilities and Unlikelihoods", a seminar offered during the first semester of Macratcher's 2L year, and feel a touch of guilt that maybe he should get around to working on the second-half, or at least talk to his adviser about it again.

In 1991 Macratcher accepted a position as Chair of Legal and Business Affairs with NorrisTech Unlimited before taking his current position as General Counsel for Americo Industries. During his first year at Americo, Macratcher oversaw the company's successful acquisition of Allenburger Foods and finally Blue Booked the first draft of his A paper. Apart from his legal work, Macratcher sits on the Board of Directors for a variety of museums and cultural institutions and when he is not being seen at the opening night of the latest opera he could be found fleshing out a few final points on his A-



The First Draft of the A paper in question

paper . . . well, up until last week, that is. Now that his paper is complete, Macratcher is thrilled to be returning to NYU to deliver the keynote address at the Colloquium of Law and Legality and to "finally get this stupid thing turned in."

When asked to comment on his paper, Macratcher had this to say: "Well, the title of the paper is 'Bowers v. Hardwick: A Standard as Strong as a Rock That Shall Last Through the 20<sup>th</sup> Century and Into the 21<sup>st</sup>' . . . so, yeah, maybe the facts are a little outdated, but it was pretty much done by the time Lawrence v. Texas was decided, so I wasn't about to start it over."

## Killing Two Birds With One Stone: O.C. Punks Out All Who Oppose Him!

In a move widely viewed as putting to rest two controversies that have plagued his administration, SBA President Oliver Carter announced the creation of one new club dedicated to students from the Carolinas and a new Ultra-lounge for the new club. The new club was given official law school recognition at a hastily called SBA Meeting held at 2 in the morning last Wednesday in Carter's apartment. The SBA officers present at the meeting admitted "Carolina Allied Law Student Association" (CALSA) into the elite fraternity of clubs by the narrowest of margins, as the new organization won status by a single vote.

Noting the lack of office space for the new club, Carter announced, in a 27 page email sent to the entire student body, the creation of a hip new ultra-lounge in "one of those fancy rooms in Furman that everybody can see from the hallway . . . no, not one of the ones on the third floor, nobody ever goes up there, I'm talking about the ones where people are studying all of the time, or eating lunch, yea, I'm, I mean we're, taking over that place

and we are going to pimp it out!" Carter later verified that he was, in fact, talking about "the really big room named after that one really rich law firm, not the tiny studying room." Of course, the announcement was buried somewhere in the middle of page 24 of the email, as the first 22 pages were actually Carter's notes on the Chevron doctrine from his first year Administrative Law class.

Carter also announced in the email that the new club qualified, under a recently added provision of the SBA Constitution, for "Super-duper Extended Family Funding." Under this rule, every dollar spent by the club qualifies it for 10 dollars in matching funds from the SBA. Carter explained that, "most groups can't afford much because they have problems like having lots of people in them, or like bringing in speakers to talk about things that interest them. We don't care about any of that. We're small, and we're buying a 42" plasma TV with surround sound speakers to hang up on the wall. And yes, we're keeping the other TV that's already in there."

The announcement came

as a surprise to the supporters of proposals that had been rejected earlier in the semester, the creation of an All-Alsa Space, and the creation of a Texas Club. The latter were confused about the creation of a Carolina Club considering one of the SBA's main concerns that led to the rejection of the Texas Club was duplication, considering the existence of Southern Exposure.

Carter addressed these concerns in an interview with this reporter, where he stated, "Hello!!! Last time I looked everyone from Texas wanted a club for only ONE state. That has NEVER happened. There isn't a California club, there isn't a New York club, there isn't one for people from Alaska. The Carolina club is for people from TWO states. Two is more than one, thus we are infinitely more worthy of being a club."

"And did I mention that there is a new by-law that there can only be one new club a year?"

When asked to comment on Carter's splendid mathematical retort, Texas club supporter Ian Samuel stated, "I'm pretty sure that Oliver Carter

might have something to do with the creation of this club, and there might be some favoritism going on here."

Knowing that any response by Carter would be questioned, this reporter went to other SBA leaders and asked them if favoritism had played a role in CALSA's creation. Emily Blumsack, SBA officer, indicated, "There was definitely not any favoritism in creating a club for my leader and friend Oliver. I always do whatever he wants, so it wasn't any different than any other time. I definitely didn't play favorites on this proposal."

Another SBA officer replied, "What, is it against the law to do whatever the president wants just because you get paid money to do it?"

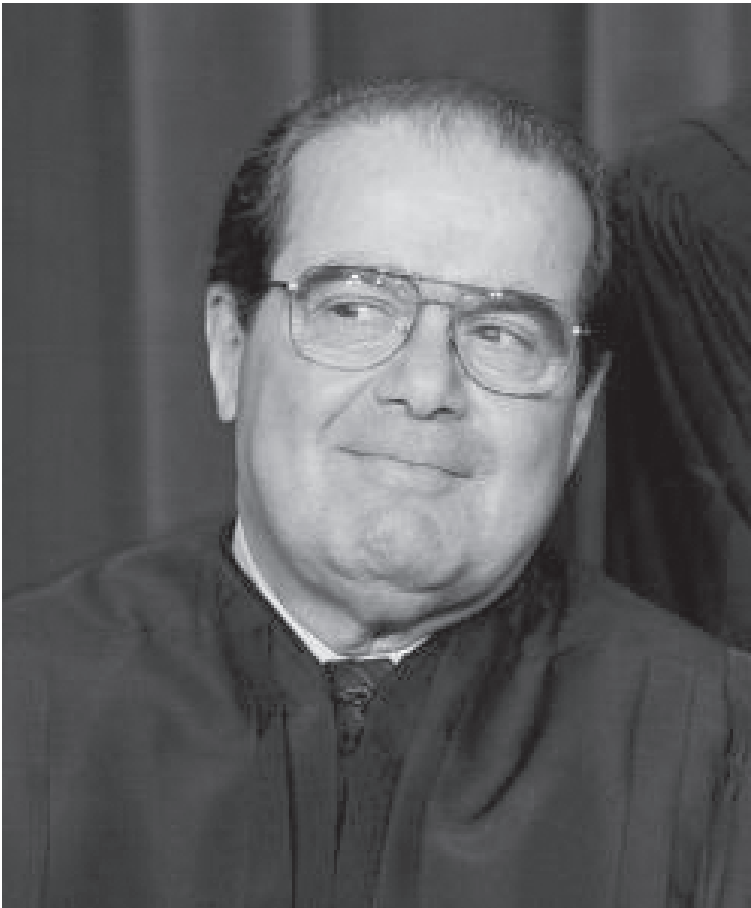
Of course, those who proposed the All-Alsa Space have an even bigger bone to pick with the SBA, as apparently now a club with 4 members is being given a space that a coalition of upwards of 100 students weren't allowed to create.

Responding to concerns that the space would be better used if minority students were allowed to have a space of their own, Carter could no longer hold his tongue.

"How many people do you know who are from North Carolina at this law school? I know of 4. Now that's minority status! And no, people who went to Duke as an undergrad don't count. Duke sucks. J.J. Redick is overrated, and North Carolina basketball rules in like a million ways that Duke can only dream of. Go Tar Heels."

Asked to get back on track, Carter elaborated, "I'm well aware of the concerns of the Alsa Space coalition. We even had a meeting about their space. Hey, that wasn't my decision, that was Dean Revesz' decision. Good thing we passed a new SBA resolution when we were out drinking at a bar last week that allowed the SBA to give one group every 20 years a 'sweet pad' they can call their own."

"Oh, and people who aren't from Carolina are welcome to come to the new lounge. I guess it wouldn't be much of a CALSA space if there were more Non-Calsas in the space than us four, but I suppose we'll figure all that out later."



The Honorable Justice Antonin Scalia: not appearing at NYU this year.

## Crazy Monkeys Take Over Law School

Last Sunday, crazy monkeys took over the law school. Since there weren't any classes held, and most law students were not in the building, a public event was featured at the law school. Dr. Johnny Henderson, Ph.D., preeminent monkey biologist from the State University of New York, Buffalo, was the speaker. The event took place in Greenberg Lounge in Vanderbilt Hall.

Mr. Henderson had spent years collecting monkeys from all over the world who had been declared clinically insane.

Most of the monkeys came from zoos, where they were unable to relate to the other monkeys. In the zoos, the monkeys were observed to be constantly laughing, while the other, normal monkeys were trying to eat and relate to each other.

Also, in the zoo, the crazy monkeys threw dung at any human passing by who annoyed them.

Mr. Henderson would learn about the crazy monkeys, fly to wherever they were, and buy them from the zoos, who didn't really want them anyway. The monkeys were unruly, and caused trouble.

Mr. Henderson described picking up one particular monkey, called John Henry, from the Alabama State Zoo. According to Mr. Henderson, the zoo director told him, "We don't like this monkey's kind. He's a troublemaker and a rabblrouser, and we don't like trouble in these here parts."

So Mr. Henderson got a bargain rate, and collected 21 monkeys in all.

He had a facility devoted to the crazy monkeys in Buffalo, called Monkeyface Place. The monkeys lived without cages, although they were not free to leave the facility. Mr. Henderson attempted to communicate with them and learn why they were crazy.

"To me, these monkeys are not crazy. If they were human, you would say they think outside the box. They are crazy to the point of sanity. By that I mean, they see what is going on, they know what time it is, and they refuse to be followers. If they were humans and had homes and CD players, when everyone else was listening to Coldplay and Britney Spears, they would be listening to Paul Simon and Cat Stevens," Mr. Henderson said.

The monkeys were in cages for the presentation on Sunday, however. After a successful presentation, Mr. Henderson let John Henry, the crazy monkey from Alabama, out of his cage. John Henry then promptly released some of the other monkeys, who released the rest.

Soon, 21 crazy monkeys were running around Vanderbilt Hall. Mr. Henderson was laughing at first, but he was seen kneeling and crying when one of the monkeys accidentally knocked his white Russian (drink) off a nearby table.

Faculty members and students, working late on Sunday, were subjected to crazy monkeys chasing after them. Luckily, before the dung throwing could begin, Mr. Henderson got his monkeys under control. He started playing the crazy monkeys' favorite album, Paul Simon's self-titled album, and he mixed up a fresh batch of white Russians.

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