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## Bhargava Orates on Dire State of School Integration

#### By IAN MARCUS AMELKIN '09

Coming off the heels of interviews and table talk at the annual Public Interest Career Fair, the Public Interest Lecture Series welcomed Anurima Bhargava from the NAACP Legal Defense Fund (LDF) to Lipton Hall in D'Agostino on Monday, February 12, to explain the voluntary school desegregation cases recently argued before the Supreme Court. More broadly, Bhargava discussed the state of public education in America 53 years after *Brown v. Board of Education*.

Towards the end of her alarming speech, Bhargava summed up the assault on programs that sup-

port diversity in public schools as "using the words of Martin Luther King to kill his dream." Opponents of affirmative action and voluntary desegregation claim to be championing a race-blind society while continuing a frontal attack that has had a disastrous impact upon this nation's schools. Bhargava explained that when Proposition 209 banned race as a factor in admissions to the University of California system, it re-

sulted in last year's UCLA freshman class of 5,000 having only 100 African-American students. This statistic was just one of many that underlined the theme of Bhargava's speech: American education is in crisis and the Supreme Court might continue to dig the hole deeper this term.

Bhargava has worked for the LDF since 2004 in the Education Project and previously for the New York City Department of Education. During her time at the Legal Defense Fund, Bhargava has been working to protect school districts attempting to voluntarily promote diversity in the community because, as Bhargava believes, "integration is not *the* key but it is a key" to closing the achievement gap between white and non-white students in America, which has been the focus of the debate on education in the media and politics. The U.S. Department of Education and the Justice Department have opposed programs that consciously promote racial diversity, including forcing the stoppage of graduate fellowships in science for minorities and women. Still, a select few want the Supreme Court to go further and completely end attempts by communities to voluntarily seek diversity in public schools.

Both the Louisville and Seattle school systems employ modest integration programs that affect only 2-3% of the kids who go to school in their districts. The communities both support the initiatives in public opinion polls. Plaintiffs in cases regarding the integration programs are white students who did not receive their top choice of schools. Bhargava explained that at their essence these cases were about who gets "to sit at the table together." She said, "These cases are about how we want our kids growing up" in this country and a loss in the court can be devastating. Bhargava stated that if the LDF loses "[t]he impact



could be far reaching; the question is whether it will be legal or constitutional to voluntarily to do anything about racial equality" in American schools.

She asked students in the audience to explain why Americans go to school with 20 year old textbooks and "2 year old metal detectors," and she went on to say that if these cases go that the clock will be turned back to before Brown. She painted a bleak picture of American schools and challenged the students in the audience to act and work on these important issues. Bhargava received her BA from Harvard College and her JD from Columbia Law School, but she still showed the NYU crowd love by opening her speech by stating that NYU Law is "where [she] gets [her] inspiration." However, it was the first year students of NYU who were inspired by Bhargava's lesson of hard work and determination in the fight on behalf of America's children in what Bhargava considers a "broken system." For more information on the Legal Defense Fund see www.naacpldf.org and for information about upcoming Public Interest Lecture Series speeches check the weekly Docket.

## Students Sponsor First Annual Diversity Week

#### BY DAVID PETERSON '07

Starting Tuesday, February 13 and continuing until Thursday, February 15, students from CoLR, the ALSAs, and OUTLaw

came together to host the first annual NYU School of Law Diversity Week in the Edgar Poe Allen room on the first floor of Furman. Throughout the week students, faculty, and staff gathered to discuss the value of diversity within the le-

gal community as well as to brainstorm ways in which both NYU Law as well as the legal profession generally can work to become more diverse.

On the first day of Diversity Week the events focused on diversity within legal education. We began with a well attended panel on the schoolto-prison pipeline. Lawyers from organizations such as Advocates for Children and Bronx Defenders discussed the work that their groups do to combat the increasing criminalization of New York City youth. CoLR organized lunchtime panel on *Loving v. Virginia*, the seminal Supreme Court case from 1967 striking down as unconstitutional state laws banning interracial marriage. Lawyering co-director Babe Howell



a panel on clerkships which included Judge Harry Edwards of the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit, as well as a student-faculty mixer. There, undergraduates were invited to speak with current law students and faculty about the law school experience. On Wednesday, the focus was shifted to love and law school, in light of Valentine's Day. We hosted a and her parents were featured panelists. There was also a group discussion on how students could work to improve the culture at law school. In the morning we showed the movie Something New, a romantic c o m e d y

about an interracial relationship. Finally on Thursday, the theme was Community Organizing and Life after Law School. A lunchtime panel featured three recent alumni working in the public interest. We wrapped the week up with a brainstorming session on ways to further diversity efforts

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## NYU Moot Court Hosts Immigration Law Competition

#### BY ADAM R. PERLMAN '08

NYU Law boasts one of the most active and multi-talented Moot Court boards in the country. In addition to participating in the National Moot Court Competition, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Competition, and a host of specialized tournaments across the country, the Board also puts out an annual casebooksubscribed to by 110 law schools—that is the most widely recognized and utilized set of moot problems in the nation. With such diverse involvement in what might be called the front-line and the backroom of mooting mixed metaphors, it might surprise many to learn that until recently, NYU didn't host an interschool moot court competition. In just its second year, though, NYU Law's Immigration Law Competition (ILC)-held Februay 22-25-has not only remedied that oversight, but begun laying down its own tradition. Heather Keegan '07, this year's ILC Editor, put together a successful program, praised by participants and panelists alike. In a coup for Keegan and the competition, ILC landed a mighty triumvirate of final round judges: First Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Kermit Lipez, Eleventh Cirthors Julia Fuma '07 and Andrew Hodgetts '07, this was something of a trend. Though many participants had tended to favor writing briefs on the respondent's side, in oral arguments, the judges seemed to opt more often for petitioner. The double-issue problem concerned an issue of jurisdiction-authored by Hodgettsand one of asylum-authored by Fuma. The problem was about a woman named Clara Bowden who lived on a small island nation named Zadienia. One day she met an American tourist named Archie Jones and married him and moved to the United States. While she may or may not have loved Archie, she also happened to be escaping a forced marriage to a drug addict and alcoholic back home. Sadly, she and Archie did not last and filed for divorce. The immigration judge told Clara that she had to return to Zadienia because he did not believe that

cuit Court of Appeals Judge Stanley Marcus, and Acting Board of Immigration Appeals Chairman Juan Osuna.

Of the final round, the circuit judges remarked that the quality of oral argument was largely commensurate with what they hear regularly. Chairman Osuna, meanwhile, admitted the level of argumentation would actually be at the forefront of what he normally hears.

In the final round, the panel was treated to a battle between Petitioner Brooklyn Law and Respondent Harvard—last year's inaugural champion. The Crimson settled for second place this year, though, as Brooklyn took top spot.

According to problem au-

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## Commentator Opinions

The Purpose of "The Wall"

#### By DIANA REDDY '08

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For ten years now, the Coalition for Legal Recruiting (CoLR) has stood outside of faculty meetings, holding signs in silent protest of the lack of diversity on the NYU School of Law faculty. It is among the most fundamental of our activities in support of the overriding goal of CoLR: promoting diversity at our school. In recent times, however, public awareness of it has declined, and we feel it is important to explain ourselves, our goals, and our motivations.

CoLR strives to achieve diversity in a number of ways at NYU: we honor and support the faculty of color and allies, we assist undergraduates of color from local colleges with the law school application process, and we provide opportunities for students to discuss alternate perspectives from those heard in the classroom through the Critical Reading Group. Most recently we helped plan and carry out diversity week, bringing the ALSAs together in a week of activities, community, and politics.

These activities, taken alone, are not enough. Each of these activities supports the administration and faculty in their efforts to promote diversity. The Wall moves beyond this support role, and challenges the faculty-each time they come together-to keep race on the table. Our whole point is that we want race discussed openly at NYU. We demand that faculty ask themselves why there are so few faculty of color at NYU. We demand that they ask why the way race is often discussed in class feels so limited and unsatisfactory to many students of color. And we demand that they discuss why race matters in the hiring decisions they make.

Recently, we have been ques-

tioned for our decision to hold The Wall on days where there are job talks preceding faculty meetings. There is a concern that we will alienate the applicant, or scare them. It makes people uncomfortable. We intend to continue bringing up diversity at job talks. As long as open discussion of race makes people uncomfortable, open discussion of race is an imperative. We want applicants to know that there are students at NYU seeking to make this a more diverse place; in fact, we want applicants who are glad that such students exist. We want faculty who support our decision to talk race in the law school. We want students who will engage with us in respectful dialogue about race at the law school. Lastly, we want you to join us in the challenging and rewarding struggle for diversity at NYU.



These people enjoying themselves at Diversity Week are sitting by a wall, but it's not The Wall. You'll have to go to a faculty meeting to see that. Alternatively, you could read the article to the left. It's not exactly like seeing The Wall, but it's almost as good.

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## SBA Elections Are Approaching, and It's Time to Get Involved

#### By JOHNATHAN SMITH '07

Though it's difficult to believe, the end of the academic year is approaching, and it is therefore time to begin thinking about next year. In light of that sobering thought, I would like to encourage all returning students to seriously consider getting involved with the SBA next year.

It is often easy to be very dismissive of the role of SBA on campus. It is tempting to say that all the SBA does is throw parties and send annoying emails once a week (both true). However, the SBA does a lot more.

First and foremost, the SBA coordinates the student groups. There is no doubt that student groups do a lot to improve life on campus, and as an SBA member you have the ability to work with groups to ensure that their programming and events are the best they can be. Whether it is assisting them financially through the

budget allocation process or providing suggestions for publicity, fundraising, or dealing with the administration, one of the major goals of the SBA is to help out student groups anyway we can, and as a member you could contribute in this important process. Additionally, the SBA represents the students' voice during meetings with the administration. Whether it is dealing with Dean Revesz or any of the other deans on campus, the SBA makes sure that student concerns are not minimized or trivialized. The law school is currently considering major changes over the next few months and years, including revamping the registration system, and thus having a strong and active SBA is crucial. There are many other projects and tasks that the SBA is engaged in, but as the preceding paragraph hopefully makes clear, there are many exciting and interesting projects to get involved in.

Many students may be reluc-

tant to run for a position due to lack of experience. However, many current members of the SBA are on the board even though they were not involved with the SBA in previous years (I, for example, was not involved with the SBA at all during my first two years of law school). While previous experience is helpful, it is by no means required. What is most important is your ability to work hard on behalf of the students at this institution and a desire to see things on campus improved.

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Elections will not be held until the end of March, so you still have plenty of time to consider whether or not you would be interested in serving on the SBA. If you have any questions about any of the positions or about the SBA generally (or anything else for that matter!) feel free to email me at Johnathan@nyu.edu or any of the other SBA members. We look forward to hearing from you, and to seeing your names on the ballot!

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## Luring Prospective Students... With a Zip Disk?



### AN EDITORIAL BY THE STAFF OF THE COMMENTATOR

Admitted students who visit our school's recruitment website are greeted by this banner. While we appreciate the charming blend of 19th Century books and 20th Century technology, we fear that the ZIP 100 MB disk may not be the symbol of cutting-edge coolness that it once was. Our suggestions for a worthy replacement:

- 1) A ZIP 250 MB disk with 2.5 times more storage capacity!
- 2) The Vanderbilt Hall library turnstile.

The Class of 2010 is forming now. How long will it take to zap the zip?

## Diversity Week!

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#### on campus.

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Besides the range of panels and events, one of the major goals of diversity week was to encourage greater communication on campus about the importance of diversity. As Alexis Hoag '08, one of the cochairs of CoLR, noted, "Despite the varied curriculum and available resources, diversity isn't discussed enough on a campus-wide level. For those that don't want to address or think about the gross differences that exist in the legal profession and the law due to race, class, gender, and sexuality; it's possible to avoid these issues altogether."

There was a tremendous turnout throughout the entire week. For many events the Poe Room was completely packed. Johnathan Smith '07, one of the organizers commented: "It was great to see so many people come to the events during Diversity Week. Hopefully this sends a clear message to the administration that diversity matters, and that the law school should work even more diligently to ensure that this law school is doing all it can to support efforts designed to increase diversity."

## 12 Teams Come to NYU to Battle Over **Treatment of Zadienian Refugees**

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her marriage was entered into in good faith. The jurisdictional question is whether a circuit court can review an immigration judge's decision on whether a marriage is in good faith. The asylum question is whether or not Clara can be granted asylum on account of being a Zadienian woman because she will forced into marriage if she returns to Zadnienia.

As the final round judges commented, both questions are of real and vital concern. The issues of jurisdiction are still shaking out after the REAL ID act was passed. And for the asylum question, how the persecution of women qua women invokes the protection of immigration law is an unsettled, shifting topic—so much so that the judges, when asked, declined to express their personal views on the matter, as they may well sit on

just such a question. Problem authors Fuma and Hodgetts were commended for designing a problem that dealt with



A real picture of the made-up island Zadienia.

such a pressing, passion-inducing issue-avoiding the pitfalls of statutory slogging that can plague immigration problems.

In formulating the case, both Fuma and Hodgetts give credit to Keegan, who has an impresbased In

Keegan's A-paper.

Yet a well researched, well

written problem does not guar-

antee outstanding competition.

Keegan, Fuma, and Hodgetts

were all impressed, though, by

the mastery of material that many

sive background in immigration

law. In addition to spending her

summers working on immigra-

tion-related issues for Legal Aid

Motion, Keegan has studied immigration law at ΝΥU, w i t h among othersprofeso r Cristina Rodriguez, who is advising

a n d

Bronx-

The Furman Hall brick television.

A Macintosh laptop.

achieved. Fuma, in particular, noted she was struck by not only the breadth, but the depth of knowledge exhibited. Though the problem au-

of the participants had

thors admitted that at times it could be both somewhat amusing and frustrating to see teams bogged down in fictional statistics rather than the relevant law, the level of competition from all twelve teams was noted by all who attended the competition. "It was funny that I just made up the fact in my fake country report that 60% of Zadienian women experience domestic violence in their marriage and suddenly people are arguing about what these numbers mean," said Fuma.

The far-flung roster of competing teams included squads from California (Davis, and 2006 finalist Hastings), Michigan (Detroit-Mercy and Wayne State), and Kentucky (University of Louisville).

## New York State Bar Legal Ethics Graduation Award

Each year the New York State Bar Association makes a cash award of \$750.00 to a graduating law student (3L or LL.M.) from each law school in the state for work in the area of legal ethics. The award is given at graduation to a student for an accomplishment in one of the following areas:

1. A proposal outlining how members of the Bar can demonstrate their commitment to professional responsibility or legal ethics; 2. A written article, essay or exposition, on the subject of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics; or 3. A substantial action or activity in furtherance of legal professional responsibility or legal ethics, performed or instituted in the year of this competition.

All written submissions of winners will be reviewed by the NY State Bar Association for publication in the New York State Bar Journal next year.

Nominations and self-nominations should be made to Stephen Gillers in Room 422 Vanderbilt Hall by April 18. If the nomination is based on written work, please submit an electronic file as well as a single-spaced hardcopy of the work (or if published, a copy of the published work).

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## The Mirage of the State: Fragmentation, Fragility, and Failure and the Implications on Law and Security

## Thursday, March 1, 2007, 9:30AM – 5:00PM New York University School of Law Lipton Hall, 108 West Third Street

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9:30 - 10:00 REGISTRATION AND CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST

- 10:00 10:15 OPENING REMARKS Clayton Gillette, Vice Dean, NYU School of Law Herbert Rubin, Founding Partner, Herzfeld & Rubin, PC Gina Magel, Senior Symposium Editor
- **10:15 10:30 INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS** His Excellency **Dr. Zahir Tanin**, *Permanent Representative of Afghanistan to the United Nations*
- 10:30 12:00 PANEL ONE: DEFINING THE PROBLEM: THE CHARACTERISTICS AND CONSEQUENCES OF STATE WEAKNESS

<u>Panel includes</u>: Aziz Huq (moderator), The Brennan Center for Justice at NYU, and Adjunct Professor of Law at NYU, Patricia Taft, Senior Associate, The Fund for Peace, David Bosco, Contributing Writer, Foreign Policy Magazine; Visiting Scholar, American University School of International Service, P.L. deSilva, Lighthorse Partners

12:00 - 1:30 LUNCH BREAK

## 1:30 – 3:00 PANEL TWO: WEAK STATES IN THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

Panel includes: Benedict Kingsbury (moderator), Professor of Law at NYU, Rosa Brooks, Los Angeles Times, Georgetown University Law Center, and Open Society, Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou, Associate Director, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research, Harvard School of Public Health, Doug Brooks, President, International Peace Operations Association, Brigadier \*\*\* Bergquist (US Army Retired), Special Operations Staff Director for US Central Command during Operation "Enduring Freedom" in Afghanistan

### 3:00 – 3:15 COFFEE BREAK

3:15 - 4:45 PANEL THREE: FASHIONING A SOLUTION: POLICY ALTERNATIVES FOR DEALING WITH

### WEAK STATES

**Panel includes:** John Hirsch (moderator), former US Ambassador to the Republic of Sierra Leone, Adjunct Professor of International and Public Affairs, School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University, **Bruce Jones**, Co-Director and Senior Fellow at the NYU Center on International Cooperation, **Rick Barton**, Co-Director, Post-Conflict Reconstruction Project and Senior Adviser, International Security Program, Center for Strategic and International Studies, **Kirsti Samuels**, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance, **Tara McKelvey**, Senior Editor, The American Prospect, and Research Fellow at the Center on Law and Security

- 4:45 5:00 CLOSING REMARKS
- 5:00 6:00 RECEPTION

This event is <u>free</u> and open to the public. No pre-registration is required. Five CLE Credits will be available for full day attendance. For more information and program updates, please visit: http://www.law.nyu.edu/journals/jilp/symposium/

## CURRENT ISSUES IN EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

Friday, March 23, 2007 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM New York University School of Law Vanderbilt Hall, Greenberg Lounge 40 Washington Square South, New York, NY 10012

The New York University Journal of Law & Business is proud to announce its Spring 2007 Symposium. This symposium will bring together leading academics, as well as the foremost public and private experts on corporate governance to examine today's most challenging issues in executive compensation. The symposium will give special attention to the efficacy of recent legal, regulatory, and market efforts to curtail excessive executive compensation, as well as the societal and economic implications of actual and perceived executive compensation abuses, particularly in regards to public trust and perceptions of corporate integrity.

Schedule of the day's events\*:

8:30 - 9:00 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 9:15 am	Dean's Welcome and Opening Remarks
	Dean Richard Revesz
	Ilana Golant, Editor-in-Chief, NYU Journal of Law & Business
	Robert Peters, Developments Editor, NYU Journal of Law & Business
9:15 - 10:30 am	Panel 1: The Role of Regulators in Executive Compensation
	Moderator: Professor Helen Scott, NYU School of Law
	Stephen Lindo, Willkie Farr & Gallagher LLP
	Michael Nissan, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP
	Darius Palia, Rutgers Business School
	A. Richard Susko, Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton LLP

#### 10:30 - 10:45 am Coffee Break

#### 10:45 - 12:00 pm Panel 2: The Role of the Courts in Executive Compensation

Moderator: Jeremy Goldstein, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Justice Jack B. Jacobs, Supreme Court of Delaware Martin Lipton, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz Melvyn I. Weiss, Milberg Weiss & Bershad LLP

12:00 - 1:30 pm Lunch Break

1:30 – 2:45 pmPanel 3: The Role of Market Participants in Executive Compensation<br/>Moderator: Chancellor William Allen, NYU School of Law<br/>G. Chris Andersen, G.C. Andersen Partners, LLC<br/>Adam Chinn, Wachtell, Lipton, Rosen & Katz<br/>Frederic W. Cook, Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc.

#### 2:45 – 3:00 pm Concluding Remarks

\*Four Transitional NY CLE credits will be awarded to those attending the <u>entire</u> session. For directions to NYU School of Law, Vanderbilt Hall, please visit www.law.nyu.edu/depts/ admissions/visitors/directions.html. Law Students for Choice and the American Constitution Society at NYU Law Present:

## Reproductive Justice: What Now and What Next

Featuring:

Rachel Sussman, State Team, Planned Parenthood Federation of America Brigitte Amiri, Staff Attorney, American Civil Liberties Union, Reproductive Freedom Project Aishia Glasford, Policy Analyst, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health Caitlin Borgmann, Assistant Professor, CUNY Law School, http:// lawprofessors.typepad.com/reproductive rights/

Dr. Albert George Thomas G, Associate Professor at the Mount Sinai Medical Center; Chief of Family Planning Services, Mount Sinai Medical Center; Chief of Ob Gyn, North General Hospital in Harlem; Chief ofynecology, Bronx VA Medical C enter; Medical Director, The Door, a center for adolescent health

> New York University Law School Furman Hall, (245 Sullivan Street) Room 210 Monday, March 5th, 6:30 P.M.

### Wine and Cheese Reception to Follow

Join us as we discuss what does reproductive freedom means today. What new struggles are being fought under the banner of reproductive justice? What legal and social arguments are made on behalf of reproductive justice, and what arguments are being made against it? What are these battles — what's happening in communities, at the state level, in Congress and the federal courts? Are activists, attorneys, and the community aligned, and if not, what adjustments should be made and by who?

All are invited for what promises to be a riveting discussion.

## Law School Wins U-Games Crown

#### By Julia Fuma '07

Yes, lawyers are really smarter and stronger than everyone else. For the second year in a row, the law school has won the U-games.

The U-Games are an annual competition thrown by the New York University Department of Athletics. Each school of the University participates, but the favorites to win are usually the School of Law, the Medical School, and Stern. The U-games have a number of events varying from the conventional (basketball and volleyball) to the unusual (rock climbing and dodgeball) to the just plain weird (limbo and sumo wrestling). This year we edged out the Stern business school my a mere ten points.

Our teams were strong in all areas of the competition. Our basketball won the silver medal. Steve Hong '07 placed second in the limbo competition. Sean Gray placed second in rock climbing. Andrew Butville '07,

NYU's male sumo wrestler, successfully made it into the bronze medal match. Unfortunately, he mangled his toe nail and had to come out. Andrew Lopez took his place and won the match.

Despite the law school's early success, the entire games came down to a single nail biting tug of war game. The law students were sure they would lose this match. Stern's team looked like ten big houses. All their players wore weightlifter's gloves to improve their grip. Stern had also beaten several teams earlier in tug of war. You could say they were the kings of tug of war. The match began, as usual, with Stern pulling the rope towards its side of the basketball court. In pervious matches, once the marker had begun to move in Stern's direction, no team had been able to do anything to the marker but slow it down. Once Stern picked up momentum there was no turning the fates around.

In Law's match, the marker moved so close to Stern's winning hash mark on the floor that the judge kneeled over and shut an eye, as though looking for a photo finish. The situation was hopeless. Then, the Law team did the impossible. The marker reversed course, moving back towards the center. Unbelievably, it started to move past the

center to the Law hash mark. The public safety officers tried to restrain the Law spectators to the sideline, who had started to move off the sideline towards the tug squad to exhort them to Pull!

Pull! Pull! With the last ounce of strength, the Law team miraculously pulled the rope over their winning hash mark as the NYU Law fans swarmed them with cries of triumph. There were hugs, and applause, and cheers, just another day in the world of law school athletics.







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The February 22 U-games pitted teams of students, faculty, staff, and alumni against each other in a host of events ranging from limbo competitions to sumo wrestling matches. The School of Law dominated the competition, winning by ten points.

Team	Basketball	Volleyball	Table	Foosball	Sumo V	Vrestling	Rockwall Limbo		bo Rock Pap		r Dodgeball	Tug of War	Banner	T-Shirt	Spirit	Mascot	Final
Name			Tennis		Men	Women		Men	Women	Scissors							Score
Admin./Fac./Staff										2nd							10
Alumni															1st		15
CAS			1st					Зrd									20
Dental			Зrd		1st							3rd		2nd			35
Gallatin							1st		2nd				1st				40
GSP	Зrd															2nd	15
Law	2nd	1st		2nd	Зrd	3rd	2nd	2nd				1st					80
Medicine		Зrd		1st			3rd	1st		3rd	Зrd		2nd				60
Steinhardt					2nd					1st	1st					3rd	45
Stern - UG			2nd						1st							1st	40
Stern MBA (G)	1st	2nd		Зrd					3rd		2nd	2nd		Зrd	2nd		70
Tisch						2nd								1st			25
Wagner						1st							3rd		Зrd		25

Teams earned 15 points for each first place finish, 10 for each second place finish, and 5 for each third place finish.