### ELW Flourishes in New Location, Firms Happy to Foot the Bill

**By Robert Gerhidy '09**

For the first time in its 29 year history, NYU Law’s Early Interview Week (EIW) shed the cozy confines of campus buildings like D’Agostino Hall and embraced the glamorous Embassy Hotel in Battery Park City as its new home. This year’s EIW event was held at the all-suites hotel August 18-22 and hosted 363 law firms who provided a total of 14,386 interview slots for 435 L2 and 80 3L students.

While employer turnout and available interview schedules were both down slightly from 2007, and from the event’s peak in 2006, Irene Dorzback, Assistant Dean and Director of the Office of Career Services (OCS), explained that the event was a success. “The employers were, overall, very very happy [with the move to the Embassy Hotel],” said Dorzback, “and from an [OCS] perspective everyone thought it was more professional. Our signage was picking up the difference,” reported Dorzback.

The move to more professional surroundings did not come cheap. One of the greatest hurdles for OCS in orchestrating the move from on-campus to a hotel proved to be sticking to Dean Ricky Revesz’s requirement that the move be revenue neutral.

“[That was Ricky’s directive:] we could not spend any money on this move. We had to do a very complicated budget that essentially resulted in the firms work on their assignments, a space in addition to the ballroom, a room for Law Review members to use to work on their assignments, a space to gather in preparation for their interviews.

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**By Liz Kesten ’11 and Anirag Gupta ’11**

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Prof. Rascoff has a storied history involving terrorists, Iraq, and the NYPD. And we’ve got the interview to prove it.

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### A Few Statistics: NYU Law’s Incoming Class

“New York University School of Law has taken on 937 new full-time students this semester, according to the Office of Admissions. The JD class of 2011 alone consists of 448 students; they are joined by 425 LLMs, 50 transfers, and 14 visiting students. Not included in the grand tally, and likely not seen by most of the school, are the 54 full-time LLMs who have chosen to start in Singapore.

As in past years, the incoming students hail from a variety of locales. The LLM class has representatives from over 50 countries. The JDs, in addition to having a range of undergraduate experiences and backgrounds (see below), have found their way to Greenwich Village from 43 states, Canada, South Korea, China, Zimbabwe, and England.

**JD Class of 2011:**

**Top Feeder Schools**

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2. UPenn (22)
3. NYU (19)
4. Berkeley (11)
5. Cornell (16)
6. Princeton (13)
7. Stanford (10)
8. Chicago (9)
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### Fire (Alarm) in the Dorms!

**Three False Alarms in Law School Housing Plague the First Weeks of the Semester**

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One was a scheduled fire drill, but the other two were caused by individuals—one a worker mishap, the other an unknown individual pulling fire alarms. Mercer Hall hasn’t escaped the fire-alarm frenzy: a bag of “granular material” thrown down the garbage chute caused a smoke detector to be set off on August 27.

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NYU Law: Making 1L Year Even Worse, One Step at a Time

By Andrew Gehring '09

There wasn’t much I enjoyed about my 1L year. Highlights in- clude the end of exams in the fall semester, the facial-hair-growing contest I had with my friends, and the end of exams in the spring semester. In all, I’d say it was a pretty rough year. But it wasn’t as bad as it could have been because the school had an event during orientation that really softened the blow to the head that is 1L year: a discussion with 2Ls and 3Ls about their experiences going through the same thing that I am, and I go through. That hour-long talk is the only thing I remember from orientation—or, at least, the only thing I remember fondly—and this year it was eliminated. I participated in the event as a 2L, too. Looking back on it, I like to think that I did some good—made a few jokes, informed 1Ls of the The Commentator’s existence, and imparted some worthwhile advice. One of the 1Ls in my section even said to me after I gave him my email address that he had been thinking about the school and asked me for sharing my thoughts. Certainly, it was too early in the year to tell if it would do him any good, and he could have dropped out at this point for all I know, but at least in the time he thought I’d done him some good.

I can’t tell you what that discussion was replaced with at orientation. But towards the end of September 15, a full 20 days after orientation ended, the new school term started. I think the experience was replaced with “inspiration” or some such. I don’t know what that was. But it was more enjoyable. I got to kick back for the 2008 Orientation Schedule” (depending on what else goes on in the intervening two weeks, my next editorial might very well be about the well-intentioned debacle known as “the new website”)—but it seems unlikely both that (a) whatever reason for the omission of YES, I sympathize with the university’s plight. When the YES Network debuts a few years ago, it engaged in a long battle with Cablevision over a similar issue. Eventually, the problem was resolved, but many fans lost an entire season of Yankees-viewing (although not listening to announcer Michael “Bombed” Kay for a while you’re probably a good thing). The fact that some Yankees fans still cannot watch their team because of YES’s high subscription fee boggles the mind and just proves how the team cares more about money than about its fans.

Major League Baseball (MLB) is not free of guilt either. The MLB enables fans to shell out a huge sum of money to be able to watch out-of-market games. But under MLB rules, anyone who purchases MLB TV on the Internet cannot watch games in his or her local area. So even if a Yankees fan in NYU Law housing wanted to pay for MLB TV, he or she still could not watch the team.

It’s really sad that, in this day and age, teams and the MLB are so insensitive to fans’ needs. Baseball was once a game of spontaneous play, a pastoral refuge in an increasingly industrial and urban society. As the fictional rendering of Shoeless Joe Jackson put it in Field of Dreams, “I’d have played for food money.” But even in Jackson’s day (and he should know this better than anyone), greed was so prevalent in the game that baseball was almost destroyed. The quarreling over the YES Network is just an aspect of that still-thriving greed.

After solving the mystery of the lack of the YES Network, I could move on to more important things, like actually doing my reading. But after some procrastination, I discovered that NYU TV also doesn’t carry MSG Plus (formerly Fox Sports New York). No New York Islanders games? No Rick DiPietro and Bill Guer- in? My dreams of uncovering a Pulitzer-worthy conspiracy are still alive.

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Taking Notes, the Law School Way

By Melissa Grececi ’09

Understanding the hierarchy of authority is fundamental to persua sive legal writing. Similarly, your choice of writing instruments when taking notes should be a carefully considered exercise in self-discipline and organization. Lest a competitor mock your note-taking for sloppiness, I now offer 1Ls this useful guide on effective selection of writing instruments.

Do not even think that you may simply pick something up out of the bottom of your backpack and begin to mark your reading without giving advanced thought to the tool on which you rely. Every aspiring note-taker needs a basic understanding of the tools of her trade, so familiarize yourself with the following:

There are pens, which are broadly divided between “assorted colors” and the more traditional “black or blue” school. Pens undergo secondary categorization into inks—roller-ball, felt-tipped, and fountain being the most common. There are also inkless pens, which should be avoided because of their inability to be erased. The basic fountain pen is too often used to scribble in notes, but don’t get too crazy—radical use of metallic gel pens or slim markers is routinely frowned upon.

When marking through pages of repetitive statutory text, try to focus your mind on the original purpose of each of these inscribers. Though available in an assortment of brilliant colors, they just saturate everything without giving clarity to nobody, and confusion to everybody. And those hi-liters! Though available in an assortment of brilliant colors, they just saturate all the pages and end up confusing everything. So choose wisely. Consistent and judicious use of an assortment of well thought-out instruments is the best way to successfully take notes. To stray from these venerable traditions of instrument selection would be to render your note-taking illegible.

Finally, there are the venerable traditions of instrument selection which I trust you will all maintain. The exacting legal mind has no patience for error, vagueness, or human foible of any sort, so make sure that you don’t screw up your career with a hodge-podge of imprecise instrument selec tions. To do anything else would certainly fall below the standard of professional responsibility that we young lawyers should strive to uphold in our every action.
EIW: This Ain’t Your Daddy’s Interview Scene

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For EIW to use as a satellite office, an employer check-in space, and a luncheon area. OSCs also had to organize shuttle bus service between campus and the hotel, and to provide food for students throughout the day. Altogether, Dorzback estimated the cost of the event at approximately $216,000—including $30,000 to outfit the hotel ballroom lounge with computers, printers, internet access and other technology support during the week. Previous EIW events held at EIU cost just one time tap of approximately $40,000. However, Dorzback and OSCs verified in advance that the firms would support the $176,000 increase. “For them, it’s a drop in the bucket,” explained Dorzback. “That thing is that [the firms] said, ‘This is NYU, of course we’ll pay.’ I don’t think students always realize that when there are cuts to be made, it’s not going to be a cut here, it’s going to be a cut at another school.”

Law firms compensate NYU for the costs of EIW by paying per interview schedule. Each interview schedule represents approximately 20 interview slots and costs an average of $300 to defray the $216,000 total. At 290 interviews, Skadden bought up more schedules than any other firm. Clearly second with 265 interviews. The registration fee is not the only investment firms make in this recruitment event; hospitality suites and catering expenses can easily add another $4000 or more for many firms.

Dorzback explained that the use of hotels by peer schools together with limitations on catering and strict fire restrictions at D’Agostino “crystallized the need to go Else where at the height of the week when firms were trying to rack up the quality of their recruiting, making a big splash on campus, and so what we perceived to be a luxury for many years [an on-campus EIW event], became sort of sub-par.”

The move to the Embassy Hotel fixes many of the logistical problems, but it created some new issues as well. While firms this year were able to use non-exclusively subsidized hospitality suites (filled with more swag and branding materials than ever before), student interest in the suites decreased from past years. “When you think about the [suites] allocated for 2L versus 3L students with more firms shifting their interest to the more expensive—20’s and 30’s or no 3Ls at all. However, Dorzback does not expect the current economic climate or the decrease in employers and interview slots to translate into a lower yield for this year’s event. According to survey data gathered by OSCs, the 427 2Ls who participated in the 2007 EIW took an average of 28.6 interviews, leading to 14.9 callbacks. Of those callback invitations, the average 2L attended only 7.4, yielding 5.3 summer employment offers. While survey data on this year’s EIW will not be available until later in the year, Dorzback does expect any major changes.

“I expect the number of callback invitations to be a little bit lower, but not by much. I do not expect the number of callbacks taken to change; although, I think it should change. I think students should be taking more callbacks in this market than has been the pattern,” said Dorzback. As an example, Dorzback pointed to last year’s statistics for students with less than a 3.0 GPA (unofficial GPA, of course). These students averaged 8 callback invitations, but took only 4.8 of them. While these numbers do not distinguish between students who declined callbacks and invitations immediately and students who cancelled callbacks

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as far as apprenticing at the upscale French restaurant Le Cirque during her 3L year. Yet she realized the impracticality of that career path after having received an elite—and very expensive—education...

Upon graduating from law school, she went on to clerk for federal district court Judge Anne Thompson in Trenton, New Jersey. During her clerkship, Milgram discovered a passion for criminal law, and she has not looked back since. “I love trying cases,” she said. “It’s the best thing I have learned how to do.”

Milgram’s career has spanned local, state, and federal governments. After her clerkship, Milgram joined the Manhattan District Attorney’s office as an assistant district attorney. She began her career prosecuting “tough suckers,” people who engaged in the non-violent crime of sucking tokens out of purposely jammed New York subway turnstiles. Though not very glamorous, she noted that “it was an incredible learning experience on procedure.”

In 2001, Milgram went on to work in the criminal section of the United States Department of Justice’s (DOJ) civil rights division, where she rose to become the lead federal prosecutor for human trafficking crimes. At the DOJ, Milgram successfully prosecuted numerous cases concerning hate crimes, sex trafficking, forced labor, and domestic servitude. In this capacity, she oversaw attorneys and advised local, state, and federal prosecutors and law enforcement agents. She has “learned the most from the victims” with whom she interacted while at the DOJ. They taught her that justice does not always entail winning a case, but rather “doing the right thing.” For her work, Milgram was awarded the DOJ Special Commendation for Outstanding Service in December 2004 and the Director’s Award in September 2006.

Dorzback still finds it puzzling.

“Doesn’t make sense to me that people would be that sure of what the yield was going to be,” said Dorzback.

Despite ongoing concerns about the economic decline, early anecdotal evidence shows that the reputation of the law school may be justifying students’ job search optimism. “I think when you graduated from a preeminent aca
demic profile I would not have thought would yield very strong schedules to be the norm, and I’ve been very pleasantly surprised. Based on the reputation of the school, and with the limited informa
tion I have so far, we are doing pretty well,” explained Dorzback.

The largest state agencies in the nation. As Attorney General, she supervises New Jersey’s criminal justice system, defends the state against law suits, and heads the Division of State Police. Since taking office, she has spearheaded investigations into public corrup
tion, internet safety, mortgage fraud, college student loans, and consumer rights.

Despite Milgram’s illustrious career, she experienced challenges as a young, female Attorney General. She recalled being asked in meetings on multiple occasions after her appointment, “Where is the Attorney General?” She also recounted attending her first National Association of Attor
ey General’s meeting, where she was labeled “the hottest attorney general” by several Midwestern attorneys general. But she main
tained that the joy she derives from her job has easily counter
ted her career’s low points.

Milgram was pushed during audience questioning about her controversial decision last year to order local police officers to in
quire about the immigration status of suspects. Milgram described the issue as one more complicated than its portrayal in media coverage and invited constructive criticism in order to right any ongoing wrongs. She was also questioned about the “trick” to her success, to which she answered, “There is no one path to success, and the only advice I can give is to not follow other people’s advice but do what your heart says.”

Speaking to law students in the audience, Milgram, said, “If I can become Attorney General to be New Jersey’s AG, all of you can be
come Attorneys General, partners at public or private firms, chief prosecutors, heads of think-tanks, and the like.” She advised taking “jobs you love, ones that you will do well and ones that will allow you to develop a skill.” But she emphasized, public service “makes us better people. At the end of the day, we are judged by our kind
ess, integrity, and justice.”
Rascoff Brings New Insight on Terrorism and Law to NYU

By Molly Wallace ’10

Professor Samuel Rascoff’s resume begins with one of the more impressive educational trilogies out there: Harvard, Oxford, Yale. Add to that a Supreme Court clerkship, some time at the Pentagon, and a stint at Wachtell, and you start to get a sense of what NYU Law’s recent faculty addition brings to the table. But when I met with him he was more eager to discuss his time at the NYPD than any of these more exalted institutions.

Rascoff, who is currently teaching Counter-Terrorism and the National Security Constitution (as well as the Administrative and Regulatory State in the spring), started building his credentials in the national security field as far back as college. He studied Arabic and Persian, and he interned at the State Department and the Pentagon. While his interest in counter-terrorism was results-driven, he saw the importance of approaching the subject from an organizational standpoint. “I am interested in defining authority and structure within the government that would prevent attacks effectively, wisely, and legally,” explains Rascoff. “I knew I couldn’t have that without going to law school.”

Rascoff has found that NYU suits this approach to the law.

Professor Rascoff joins the law school faculty this year after working with NYU Law’s Center on Law and Security, the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq, and the NYPD.

Though he is a new professor, he is familiar with the university from his four-year affiliation with NYU Law’s Center on Law and Security (CLS). “This is a place I feel at home,” he says. He cites the school’s emphasis on a regulatory approach to the law as one example of how NYU’s program “fits into my worldview about how legal research and teaching should relate to practice.”

And he should know. Though Rascoff has remained involved in academics through CLS, he has had plenty of practical experience: he has been special assistant with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Iraq and Director of Intelligence Analysis with the NYPD, for example.

“We are all taught that individuals can make decisions which, grandiose as it sounds, may fundamentally change history,” Rascoff says, speaking of his time in Iraq. “I had a front row seat to decisions that had enormous implications for our national security. Unfortunately, those involved did not always understand the gravity of what was going on.” He cites post-war Japan and Germany as historical experiences the government could have drawn on to inform its efforts in Iraq. “In Germany, there was an enormous effort from inside the United States government to reach out to experts, and they did a really thorough job. But they also had many more ‘boots on the ground.’ That really was a defining issue in this occupation, especially early on.”

Rascoff had a different experience altogether at the NYPD. “In some ways the NYPD’s counter-terrorism program is the polar opposite of the CPA,” he says. “It operates on a shoestring budget, and it has a very clear mission: protect the five boroughs from the next terrorist attack.”

Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly (LLM ’74) recognized that relying on the federal government for security was not working, as was tragically demonstrated by the 1993 and 2001 attacks on the World Trade Center. He decided New York City needed to do more to protect itself and started a local counter-terrorism program.

Rascoff explains how he fit into Kelly’s vision: “I was brought in to create a new capability that police didn’t have, which was to analyze intelligence to understand the threat specific to New York City rather than to the whole country.” Though the budget did not compare to what the federal government had provided, the lack of budget instilled discipline. “It forced pragmatism,” says Rascoff. “People could not spend money proving pet theories or ideologies.”

Focus was not the NYPD’s only advantage over the federal government. Rascoff also cites local knowledge. “Some intelligence guy who is on a three-year tour of duty wouldn’t necessarily be able to understand the complexities of New York City,” he says. “You need to be in touch with people who understand the city, and that means turning to people who made a career out of it and relying on people who have cultural and linguistic understanding of the full range of communities that compose New York. Federal officials that are here on a rotating basis won’t be able to do that.”

As Rascoff starts to summarize the national security lessons that can be learned from the NYPD’s approach, our interview is interrupted by other professors filtering into the room. Rascoff, unfazed, continues. “We need the right people: people who understand local languages and cultures. We need better methodologies. And we need to understand that in a globalized world—”

“Want to join us?” Professor Richard Stewart invites Rascoff to participate in the assembling conference, which deals with a climate change conference planned for Abu Dhabi. “Actually that sounds really interesting,” Rascoff responds before turning back to me. “Sorry, where was I?”

“Something starting with ‘understanding that in a globalized world—’”

“Uh, hmm . . . Professor Stewart?”

We look to Stewart. “Understanding that in a globalized world what is local is global and what is global is local.”

Actually, we agree, that works.

Solution on page 7.
Hello! I'd like to welcome all of the 1Ls, transfers, LLMs, and JSDs to NYU Law, and to welcome back all of the 2Ls and 3Ls. I hope everyone had a fantastic and restful summer and is ready to do this crazy thing called law school for one more year.

My name is Carly Leinheiser, and I'm the president of the Student Bar Association (SBA), which is the student governance organization here at the law school. That means we oversee and fund all the student groups and act as a liaison between the administration and the student body. We also throw weekly parties on Thursday nights.

One of the SBA's most important roles is to act as an advocate for the student body by making sure that the administration hears and understands your concerns. If you ever have a problem navigating the bureaucracy that is NYU Law, or you see a way that things could be made better for you and your fellow students, please contact me or one of the other members of the SBA, and we will do our best to make things right. And though I know that school work can get overwhelming very quickly, do try to swing by the Thursday night parties whenever possible. These parties are some of the only opportunities to get the entire law school community together, for different classes to interact, and for us to just get away from law school for a little while. You’ll find information about the location of the party in my weekly email, but know that we’ll have something great for you (thanks to our fantastic social chairs!) every Thursday night.

I also want to tell you about an exciting initiative going on at the law school right now, which is called the Lobby Committee. Vice-Dean Barry Friedman has put together a group of students, faculty, staff, and alumni to reevaluate the appearance and use of the public spaces in both Vanderbilt and Furman Halls. While some of the changes we’re considering are simple things like altering the color scheme with a coat of paint, we are also going to be thinking about how to use the space to improve the way information is communicated to students and how the space can be modified to better accommodate student needs. I’ll be soliciting feedback and opinions from you, so I’d ask that you just take a minute to notice where and how you spend your time and what changes could be made to improve how you interact with the buildings that house our law school.

Lastly, I’d like to wish the 1L class good luck. Your first semester is going to be confusing, overwhelming, and frustrating, but I promise you it gets better. And don’t let your coursework take over too much of your life. NYU has so much to offer beyond just Torts, Contracts, and Civil Procedure. So join a student organization or two, go to one of the many fascinating lectures and symposia that are happening almost every day, and get to know your classmates. They’re all fantastic people who have done amazing things in their lives before law school, and many will become some of your closest friends. Looking up from the books every now and again really will help you keep perspective on the whole thing, and you’ll get through these next three years a much happier person.

That’s all for now, and I’ll see you all at the next SBA party!

May your lives be full of happiness and love.
Warm wishes,
Eve, Letizia, Sara, and Sarah
The Public Interest Law Center
**Leaders in Public Interest Series**

**Fall 2008**

**Monday, September 22, 6:00-7:00 pm, Tishman Auditorium**


**Monday, October 6, 6:00-7:00 pm, VH 210**


**Monday, October 20, 6:00-7:00 pm, Lipton Hall**


**Monday, October 27, 6:00-7:00 pm, Greenberg Lounge**

“Mission Impossible: Making Governmental Proceedings Fundamentally Fair—Will You Accept This Assignment?” Judge Marsha S. Berzon, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. A reception will immediately follow the lecture.

**Monday, November 17, 6:00-7:00 pm, Lipton Hall**

“I’m going to be a summer associate at Cahill Gordon.”

**Other Upcoming Law School Events**

**Sunday, September 21**

Family Day. Invited your family to get a taste of law school by taking classes, touring the campus, and more.

**Tuesday, October 7**

“Man of Peace: Rehearing the Case Against Leo Strauss,” Professor Robert Lloyd Howse, the Lloyd C. Nelson Professor of International Law. There will be a reception following the lecture.

**Saturday, October 18**


**Monday, November 10**


**Wednesday, November 12**

“A Hip-Hop Theory of Justice,” Professor Paul Butler, Associate Dean for Faculty and Carville Dickinson Benson Research Professor of Law, George Washington Law School.
Luscious Lunch Spots

Suzie's (165 Bleecker b/w Sullivan & Thompson): A sertisal NYU institution, lunch hour at Suzie's is packed with students eating on the cheap. Quick service and large portions make overlooking the not-in-great-quality of the food easy to do.

Freshco Burrito Taco (235 Sullivan b/w W. 3rd & Bleecker) “Tex-Mexican” food, whatever that means; try the el burrito for an East-meets-West rumble in your mouth; not very good, but cheap.

Masoom’s Falafel (119 MacDougal, south of W. 3rd) The definite middle eastern eatery; cheap, fresh falafels; a staple of many law students’ diets.

Down-Home Dinners

Sullivan Street Diner (Sullivan b/w Bleecker and Houston) Friendly service; good food (try the crepes).

Washington Square Diner (150 W. 4th at 6th Ave.) Good, cheap and fast, though greasy at times; frequented by Sexton and other NYU glitterati; open 24 hours.

Waverly Restaurant (385 6th Ave. at Waverly) Similar to Washington Square Diner but with a hip model crowd; very smoky.

Cozy Coffee Houses

Barnes & Noble (Union Square North; Astor Place; 6th Ave. b/w W. 8th & Waverly) Flagship location sports a large cafe on the 4th floor with views of the park; sunny and study-friendly; regular readings with interesting authors.

Esperanto Cafe (114 MacDougal b/w W. 3rd & Bleecker) Solid food and beverage choices; packed with the student/Village crowd; can be very smoky; open 24 hours.

Patisserie Claude (187 W. 4th b/w 6th & 7th Ave.) Perfect pastries and lattes; tiny, tiny place; no outlets; spare yet charming; closes at 8pm.

Porto Rico Importing Co. (201 Bleecker b/w 6th Ave. & MacDougal) Widely known as the best coffee in the city; take away and bean sales only; slow service, but worth it.

Starbucks (Astor Place; 6th Ave. at 8th St.; Broadway near W. 3rd; 7th Ave. at Sheridan Sq.; Greenwich west of 7th Ave.; various other locations) The ubiquitous coffee shop; reminds us suburban kids of home.

TeaSpot (MacDougal, across from Vanderbilt) All tea, no coffee; free internet; lots of tables; a very knowledgable staff.

Think Coffee (248 Mercer b/w W. 3rd & 4th Sts.) Cheaper than Starbucks; wireless internet; Scrabbable on Tuesdays; live music on Thursdays.

Blissfully Baroque Bars

Peculier Pub (145 Bleecker at LaGuardia) The only thing peculiar about this bar is the spelling of the name. Otherwise, it’s a straight-up pub with the biggest beer selection in the area.

Barrow Street Ale House (15 Barrow b/w W. 4th & 7th Ave.) Only slightly off the beaten path, but well worth the walk; a big room, a young crowd and a good place to watch Duke lose in the semi-finals.

B Bar (Bowery at W. 4th) The outdoor patio is a perfect summer spot, attracting the chill-out crowd; the DJ inside keeps you moving; slightly pricey.

Down the Hatch (179 W. 4th b/w 6th & 7th Ave.) This dive is where you want to be on a late Saturday night; good specials, loud music, footbaw and a fun crowd.

Madame X (94 W. Houston b/w Thompson & LaGuardia) A Village bar with attitude; red lights, cool music and a velvet lounge make this bar a hot locat-ion for any night out.

Desirable Dinner Destinations

Meskaram (124 MacDougal b/w W. 3rd & Bleecker) Great Ethiopian food; don’t expect cheap prices just because it’s in the basement; as family-style as you can get and you can get to eat with your hands.

Raffetto’s (Houston b/w MacDougal & Sullivan) Homemade pasta and sauces, fresh meats and cheeses; delicious and inexpensive, it’s the perfect place for a pasta lover to shop for dinner on a budget; cash only.

Volare (147 W. 4th b/w MacDougal & 6th Ave.) A favorite local Italian place; the real deal — Tony Soprano would go... fugetkedaboudit!

Negril Village (70 W. 3rd b/w LaGuardia and Thompson) Negril Village is one of the many law school favorites located on 3rd Street. It features Caribbean cuisine and a live music lounge.