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EIW: 450+ Students, 14000+ Interviews

By JULIA FUMA '07

During the week of August 21st, 368 employers came to NYU Law for five days of interviews, swag, and fun. There were a total of 14,711 interview slots over the five days, with 409 2Ls and 79 3Ls participating in the process.

Early Interview Week (EIW) is NYU's annual recruiting event. Taking place the week before the start of classes, employers in attendance are mostly large private firms, although there are often a few government employers as well.

Interviews take place in the apartments of D'Agostino Residence Hall, with the beds turned sideways and pushed against the wall. And, every year a handful of 2Ls face the awkward situation of interviewing for a job in their former bedroom.

The number of firms participating in EIW this year is up about 3.4% from last year, and nearly 10% from the fall of 2004. "The market is in an upward trajectory and NYU Law has become a key feeder school to most of the participat-

ing firms," said Irene Dorzback, Assistant Dean of the Office of Career Services. "Many employers want to discuss how to effectively recruit our students."

Furthermore, many firms are concerned that if they do not give students invitations for callbacks interviews early, they may not make it onto students' calendars at all. The number of law students increased this year by less than 1%; however, the demand for new attorney hires increased significantly more than that.

The larger firms interviewed hundreds of students, with O'Melveny & Myers topping the list of biggest recruiters this year. Firm-wide, they had enough slots to interview 399 students. Latham & Watkins was the second biggest recruiter, interviewing 378 students. Skadden and Cleary were third and fourth, with 315 and 273 slots, respectively. Weil, Davis Polk, and Paul Weiss were all tied for fifth place with 252 interview slots.

Most students choose jobs

that let them stay in New York City. Correspondingly, most employers are from New York as well. However, other cities are also well represented at EIW. 78 employers came from Washington, DC, 26 from San Francisco and 40 from Los Angeles. There were 22 firms from Boston and 13 from Chicago. The state of Texas was represented by 13 firms, and sunny Florida by 10 firms.

While not necessarily representative of what the most popular firm will be this year (nor should it affect your decision!), the most popular New York firm to work at this past summer for the class graduating in May 2007 was Cleary Gottlieb. It was followed by Simpson Thatcher with 17 NYU students, Cravath with 14 NYU students, Davis Polk and Fried Frank with 12, Debevoise with 11 and - rounding out the big NYU student-getters - Paul Weiss with 9.

Outside New York, the biggest attraction for NYU students was Pillsbury Winthrop in San Francisco with 5 NYU Students.

It Happened at EIW...

368 employers came to campus to interview second and third year law students during the week of August 21. Below, students share their strangest and silliest interview experiences from this year's Early Interview Week (EIW):

"So, this guy was unsure of how to pronounce the name of the firm LeBoeuf Lamb. He asked around before his interview, but no one knew the correct way to say it. Throughout the interview he was really cautious, and consciously said 'your firm' instead of LeBoeuf. But as the interview went on, he just couldn't take it and finally straight up asked how to pronounce the firm's name. The interviewer kind of looked at him funny and responded, 'Uh, Jones Day.'"

- Judy Harvey

"My friend is a transfer student, and in his 35th interview of the week, he forgot the name of the firm he was interviewing with. He noticed the interviewer's Dean & Deluca coffee cup, and asked, 'So what's it like working for Dean & Deluca?'"

- Jeff Novack

"These are only 20 minute screening interviews, so each minute is an important chance to make your case as to why the firm should hire you. During one of my interviews, my interviewer answered his cell phone during my interview and chatted with his wife. It was nothing important or urgent; she just called to check in. And he answered. And I just smiled politely like it wasn't ridiculous."

- Name Withheld

"My last interview of the week was Friday mid-afternoon with a Washington firm that has a very small New York office. I'd already done 32 interviews that week, and like everyone else, was pretty punch-drunk by that time. Basically, I was happy when the words coming out of my mouth formed complete sentences... Two attorneys were interviewing me, and when I gave the younger associate my updated resume, she noted that she had been on Yale's equivalent of my journal, the *Yale Law and Policy Review*. She called it "Y.L.P.R.," and in an attempt to build rapport, I told her that ours was "L.P.P.," for *Legislation and Public Policy*..."

I then told the interviewers that my hope was that the *NYU Journal of Legislation and Public Policy* would adopt a theme song. Specifically, that we should have a song to the tune of Naughty By Nature's "O.P.P." As in, "You down with L.P.P.? / (Yeah you know me!)/ Who's down with L.P.P.?" Which I sang to them. Thankfully, they were rap fans."

- Name Withheld

"At one firm, I interviewed the managing partner. He asked me for my transcript, and then proceeded to talk without interruption about the firm for the remainder of the interview. Aside from when handing over my transcript, I don't think I ever said a word. He never even asked me if I had questions about the firm? Despite nearly not uttering a syllable, I got a callback."

- Name Withheld

"I had an interview on Friday, the last day of EIW, which I really didn't care about at that point. So the interviewer says, 'Why our firm?' Since I wasn't allowed to say, 'Because I couldn't cancel,' I said, 'This is a really unfair question to ask on Friday.' At least he was laughing."

- Name Withheld

"One interviewer asked me, 'Where do you see yourself in five years?' I said, 'Well, I believe the statistics are that 60% of associates leave within four years. However, in five years, I will have been at your firm fulltime for only three years, so the chance of my still being there are greater than 40%.' The guy nodded very seriously."

- Name Withheld

"My interviewer asked me: 'What was the biggest difficulty you had to overcome while teaching?' I replied: 'Students came into my office crying, and it was really difficult to deal with it.' He said: 'How did you overcome this difficulty?' I saw a hint of a smile on my interviewer's face, so I went on, 'I had to desensitize myself to their tears.' He chuckled and said, 'So, in essence, you became a cold-hearted person?' I couldn't resist and replied: 'Yes, and that's what makes me perfect to practice corporate law!' Luckily, my interviewer started laughing."

- Name Withheld

The 1L Class: Facts, Figures, and Platitudes

448 Students from 122 different undergraduate institutions.

UC Berkeley provided 21 students, Columbia (that school near Canada) and Penn provided 20, and Brown and Harvard each contributed 16 to the mix. Yale and Michigan generously gave 15, while Georgetown NYU, Princeton, and Stanford each gave 12. UCLA (not so close to Canada) forked over 10 students and UT Austin (closer to UT Austin than NYU is) gave 9.

One third of the class came straight through without taking any time out after undergrad. 56% have been out for 1-3 years.

ALSAlly speaking, 24% are students of color, including 9% are African American, including 8.2% Asian, 3.8% Hispanic, and 2.2% South Asian.

According to Student Affairs, it's a 50/50 split between men and women. Even Steven. With slightly more men than women. Go figure.

The 1L's hail from 46 states and Puerto Rico. New York, California, New Jersey, Texas, Massachusetts, and Illinois are the top six. We could do a top 10, but we didn't.

Four students have doctorate degrees. Ten students are thirty years or older. The folks at student affairs said those students are really nice. We can't wait to meet them.

Not only is Canada the largest country in the whole world (and not too far from Columbia Law School), it also sent us the largest contingent of foreign students. A total of 4% of the class claim to be citizens of countries other than the USofA.

There are also 51 transfer students joining us and 22 3L visitors.

Welcome to all, whoever you are, wherever you hail from, and however you were educated. The Commie loves you all!

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Study Groups Are a Waste of Time

BY IAN SAMUEL '08

Greetings, freshly minted 1Ls. This one's for you.

The first few weeks of law school are a crazy time. Everyone's got their multiple highlighters in three to seven colors; everyone's still doing all the reading. Right now, there are no dashed dreams, because there have been no exams, no hard times, no real work yet. Every single one of you is still a potential solicitor-general-to-be, the next Ruth Bader Ginsburg, your journal-of-choice's Editor-in-Chief-in-waiting. This is one of the few times in life where you get something approaching a fresh start. Breathe it in! It's exhilarating. Ahhh!

In this environment, it's tough not to want to avoid all the mistakes that plagued you as an undergrad. You didn't work hard enough then; you'll work harder now. You didn't study enough then; you'll study hard now. In this new, bright beginning, everyone, including you, wants to do absolutely everything right, with the wisdom of age on their side.

A common way to preserve this newfound work ethic is to join

a study group. This is the worst idea you will have all semester, and I will use this column to talk you out of it. This is because study groups are a waste of time. Worse than being a waste of time, which a lot of things are, study groups can actually damage your understanding of your class materials and, even worse than *that*, inspire needless drama.

Let me start with the obvious. Study groups are bizarrely inefficient. Some of the meetings run nearly as long as class time itself, which should (if you are paying attention) do a perfectly sufficient job of covering the material. Moreover, that time will be allocated in an almost perfectly inefficient way: points of common confusion are rare for law students, so almost everyone will almost always be discussing something they already understand for the benefit of the one schmuck who doesn't. (Or, at least something they think they understand. More on that in a minute.)

Beyond this, law students are terrible judges of what's important and what's not in their readings, especially in the first few

weeks of their first semester. I fondly remember a good friend who had compiled a notebook's worth of questions about cases and class discussions from the start of the semester onward. She reviewed this list at the end, and concluded not a single one of them was worth asking the professor in an already-scheduled sit-down about the course materials.

Not too bad for her, but imagine if each of these arcane irrelevancies ("does anyone know what kind of disease would cause the leg to get all messed up like that in *Vosburg*?") had ended up wasting ten, twenty, forty-five minutes of a study group's time.

But so far, I am probably not reaching anyone, because over-cautious law students (which you all are, like it or not) are always willing to waste a little time in order to gain even a 0.1% "advantage" over their peers. So let me point out that beyond just wasting time, study groups can and do frequently have the effect of distorting people's previously-correct understandings of the material. After all, study groups are by definitions collections of people who were not clever enough to avoid them. "The blind leading the blind" doesn't begin to describe it. Groupthink is a nasty beast, especially when confronting bizarre legal materials for the first time, and what your study group persuades you that you think you know (but don't) can most definitely hurt you.

But you're probably sure that your study group won't have these problems. You've associated with the smartest people, the ones who won't misunderstand things, and the ones who won't waste time. Your study group is so good, in fact, that you have decided to keep it secret so that membership remains elite. This brings me to the final problem with study groups: they are drama-bombs. Who gets invited and who doesn't; who's contributing and who isn't; who's pulling their weight and who's dragging everyone else down. Friendships torn asunder! Marriages ruined! Sections reduced to civil war!

Well, maybe not. But what if your study group meets at the same time *Grey's Anatomy* is on? Then you'd really have a problem.

... And So Are Firms

BY CRAIG WINTERS '06

Welcome, new law students! Your three-year adventure began approximately two weeks ago. How has it been so far? Still briefing cases? Did the legal publishing industry trick you into buying several hundred dollars in near-useless outlines? Do you titillate when someone isn't prepared for a mean-spirited cold-call? Have you discovered the difference between Morgan Lewis and Cravath?

Let me be the first to tell you: None of the above matters. Allow me to repeat: *it doesn't matter at all*. Like many of the pedagogical devices employed both in the classroom and in the greater law school universe, most of what you will fret about and worry over during the next three years is completely inconsequential. You'll look back years from now and shake your head and wonder how you ever got caught up in the law student hysteria.

And while in the very near future you'll likely spend hours and hours formatting your resume *just right* (per O.C.S. spec) in preparation for your 1L job search, the real question – the only question, in my mind – will go unaddressed, and remain unanswered.

That question is what the hell to do with your J.D. Last year, at this time and in this space, I wrote an open letter to the incoming 1L class advising them "find an exit strategy." (You can find my Sept 7, 2005 column on the *Commentator* website.) Since 95% of NYU students end up at a corporate law firm, and the vast majority of those lawyers leave their big firms after several years of unhappy toil, I reasoned that savvy 1L students should figure out *before* they went to Big Law what they want to do *after* they (inevitably) left.

That simple idea provoked some controversy. Several students objected because they felt I denigrated the wonderful experience that is life at a "high-powered" corporate law firm. (Side note: "high-powered" is an elusive concept, but as far as I can tell, it means you work all the time for a fixed amount of pay while partners become incredibly wealthy.)

A number of students felt that Big Law was great "preparation" for whatever they wanted to do next. Big Law teaches you to write a brief, the story goes, and yaddah yaddah yaddah you some-

how become a better lawyer after being sliced, diced and processed like a legal sausage.

That may be true, but as I responded then, there are other ways to get training that is just as sharp, just as interesting, and certainly more fulfilling than sailing down the Big Law Suwannee. Government and non-governmental organizations offer more trial work, tons of legal writing and more hands-dirty experience than one might get in five years at a corporate firm. I was at a party recently when a third-year Big Law associate announced with some excitement that he was handling a deposition the following day. A friend standing next to him snorted. "I've tried twenty cases, man," he said. That experience came courtesy of the Bronx District Attorney's office.

There were other objections to my article, but they all circled back to the same point. Simply put, that point is: *I don't want to do Big Law forever, but it works for me right now*. We could debate the training argument and the prestige argument until Florida is lost beneath ten feet of water (a la *An Inconvenient Truth*), but nearly everyone is attracted to Big Law because Big Law pays (and how). That's fine. I've tasted the goods, and I can't complain. I'd work as a Summer Associate for the next decade if they'd let me. (They won't; I've asked.)

But defending the merits of working for a law firm is *beside the point*. There's something really wacky when law students spend 99% of their time choosing which law firm to work for and 1% — or less — deciding what to do the day after they quit.

And while getting a law firm job is relatively easy (witness the cattle-call at EIW), getting an interesting job for decent pay working decent hours after you payoff your loans is much more challenging. Ideally, you'd make contacts, write cover letters, do interesting internships, perhaps even write your A paper on a topic that a future non-Big Law employer may find interesting. It's all possible, of course: you can have your cake and eat it too. You *can* do Big Law, make a ton, and then parachute out into government or non-profit job.

But the only way to pull off the trifecta is to worry about it now. Get busy.

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Little Miss Sunshine Brightened My Day

BY DAVID YAROSLAVSKY

For those of you who have seen *Little Miss Sunshine* you already know how good it is. For those of you who haven't, someone must have told you by now. Go see it. It's excellent. It is a smart, funny, and heart-warming film which tells the story of a family on a road trip in a yellow VW van from Santa Fe to Redondo. The purpose of the trip is to bring their daughter, Olive, to compete in a beauty pageant. Two children (Olive and Dwayne, who has taken a vow of silence), their (bankrupt) parents, a (coke fiend) grandfather, and an (attempted suicide of an) uncle make up this—what some might call—dysfunctional group of relatives. Now you know a little bit about *Little Miss Sunshine*.

You should also know that the performances are outstanding. Greg Kinnear and Toni Collette quite marvelously capture the hardships of two parents trying to deal with financial insecurity while trying to provide for their family. These two performances

are true to life. Their arguments, their silences, and their awkward dinnertime behavior will all hit home with anyone who has experienced this (or any) kind of family angst.

Alan Arkin is truly remarkable. He balances both scene stealing foul-mouthed humor (yes, foul-mouthed) and scene stealing sobriety (yes, even when he *is* high on cocaine). His performance as the grandfather is oddly comforting—he always knows the right thing to say and the right way to say it. For instance, when his granddaughter is worried about her looks, he tells her she's the most beautiful girl in the whole world. And you believe him when he says to her, "I'm madly in love with you, and it's not because of your brains or your personality." Wow. [Editors' Note: *We're not sure how or whether to edit this. We left it as is.*]

And what more can be said about Steve Carrell than that he looks strikingly like the president of Iran, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

One aspect of the film that probably goes unnoticed is a song that is played during the start of the road trip. It is "Chicago" by Sufjan Stevens. While it is only

things go/to recreate us/all things grow, all things grow."

The trip recreates a family that had ceased to function as such. Their meals together were

ther who was caught up in his not-so-burgeoning self-help book career. Slowly but surely, however, they became more and more of a family. Families experience life together, they go through the joys and pains of life together, and they are always there for each other. The members of this family had forgotten that, and it took sharing common experiences and one Little Miss Sunshine to remind them.

The members of the family "made a lot of mistakes", so the song goes, but they were recreated. They grew with one another, as a unit, into a family again. Oh, and it's really funny. Go see it.

[Editors' Note: *(yes, it's us again). This is a really good movie.*]



instrumental, the unplayed lyrics embody the growth taking place in both the family and each family member throughout the film. "You came to take us/all things go, all

meaningless. Each individual lived in his or her own world, not even trying to interact with the other family members—be it the son who vowed silence or the fa-

But Television is Still Sooooo Much Better

BY JULIA FUMA '07

Much to my chagrin, I have discovered the world's prejudice against television. It is not the fact that if you tell people television is your biggest interest then people look at you like you are shallow. That doesn't bother me. Rather, it totally bothers me that they don't look at you that way if your biggest interest is movies. Film is a totally acceptable interest. Say "I really love movies, I am trying to see every movie in the AFI top 100," and it is totally respectable. "I really love TV shows on the WB", not so much. But the world is wrong. TV has some definite advantages

compared to its silver screened cousin.

Do you remember the end of *Sideways*? (If you don't, stop reading now, this is your fair spoiler warning). Well, Virginia Madsen calls Paul Giamatti, he goes to knock on her door, and then boom the credits role. And I guess there is something sort of cool about the ambiguity, maybe these two sad folks will be able to find some solace in each other. But really, it seems like the writers are chickening out. They don't have to think about what happens next. They do not have to face the issue of whether the characters can really

make a good couple or if after a week Giamatti's alcoholism will drive them apart. They don't have to decide if they'll break up, or how. And honestly, neither does the audience. We just walk away. Maybe drink some wine. The difference with television is that writers are forced to answer those precise questions. Two characters cannot kiss at the end of one season without the writers having to answer the question of how the characters will handle the relationship the next season. It means that the writers have to actually examine the characters they have developed over and over again as time goes

on to see how they react to certain questions. The characters are alive. They age and change.

The episodic nature of television also means the viewers ask themselves the same questions. Because the audience knows that something will happen next, it leaves room for debate. Should Carrie choose Big or the Russian or no one, and why? Should Meredith choose McDreamy or McVet or should they both dump her cause she completely and totally sucks? As we wait for the writers to make their decisions, there is time to make our own. Television thus gives you a chance to

engage in real time in a way that movies do not.

A good television show can be like a serialized novel. It becomes part of your life. I can remember what was going on in my life according to what part of *Les Misérables* I was reading during the 9 months it took me to read it. I can also remember those same 9 months as the one season I was really into *Party of Five*. So the new Fall TV season is starting in two weeks. Go watch it. Learn the characters. Love them. And speak up about the glory of TV during your call-backs.



The New York Lawyer Chapter of the American Constitution Society for Law and Policy invites you to:

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1L Survival Guide: Village Essentials

COFFEE

J&B Coffee Shop

(123 W 3rd b/w MacDougal & 6th Ave)

The law school coffee shop: good low fat muffins, nice vanilla lattes and best of all personal service from the sweet guy who's ALWAYS there.

Think Coffee

(248 Mercer St. b/w W 3rd & 4th St.)

Cheaper than Starbucks; wireless Internet; Scrabble on Tuesdays; live music on Thursdays.

Dean & Deluca

(University Place at 11th St; also Broadway at Spring)

Beautiful, light-filled space with outlets; smoke-free; fairly quiet; great music; high-end baked goods, coffee, salads and sandwiches.

Patisserie Claude

(187 W 4th b/w 6th & 7th Ave)

Perfect pastries and lattes; tiny, tiny place; no outlets; sparse yet charming; closes at 8pm.

Esperanto Cafe

(114 MacDougal b/w W 3rd & Bleecker)

Solid food/beverage choice; packed with the student/village crowd; can be very smoky; open 24 hours.



Il Corallo Trattoria (176 Prince b/w Thompson & Sullivan): Charming Italian in Soho with affordable lunch specials.

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; B'way 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; plug-ins at Astor Place.

Barnes and Noble

(Union Square North; also 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.

TeaSpot

(McDougal, across from VH)

All tea, no coffee. Free internet, lots of tables, and a staff that is very knowledgeable about tea.

DINERS



West 3rd Street hosts many law school favorites, like **Negril Village**, featuring Caribbean cuisine and a live music lounge.

Sullivan Street Diner

(Sullivan b/w Bleecker and Houston)

Friendly service, good food. Particularly 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 but with a hip model crowd; very smoky.

LUNCH

Green

(McDougal b/w 3rd and Bleecker)

A pasta, salad, and sandwich bar. You can make your own. Most importantly everything is \$5.95 and 50 cents for each mix in.

Quantum Leap

(226 Thompson, btwn 3rd and Bleecker)

All organic, all vegetarian. Fabulous, cheap veggie burgers.

Harry's Burrito

(76 W 3rd at Thompson)

Extensive menu; great burritos; fun student crowd.

Mamoun's Falafel

(119 MacDougal, south of W 3rd)

The definite middle eastern eatery; cheap, fresh falafels; the lines move quickly, GO!

Fuji

(Sullivan b/w W 3rd & Bleecker)

Great cheap lunch sushi - try the eel over rice for less than \$4; they'll even make specific orders for you.

Press Toast

(McDougal between 3rd and Bleecker)

Take two pieces of toast, put veggies and cheese in it and then press. You have good, cheap take-out.

Pepe Rosso

(149 Sullivan b/w Houston & Prince)

Can't get better pasta for the money; excellent salads as well; cute place with a few outdoor tables, but not much room inside.

DINNER

you can get.

Volare

(147 W 4th b/w MacD & 6th Ave)

A favorite local Italian place; the real deal -- Tony Soprano would go ... fuhgeddabowdit!

Thai Village

(133 W 3rd b/w MacD & 6th Ave)

Cozy Thai restaurant with standard fare; can be romantic at times; delivery available.

Tomoe Sushi

(172 Thompson b/w Bleecker & Houston)

One of the city's best sushi houses; remarkably affordable; totally jam-packed all the time; go early (5pm) and wait, or sneak in for lunch.

Raffetto's

(Houston b/w MacDougal & Sullivan)

Homemade pasta and sauces, fresh meats and cheeses; delicious and inexpensive, it's the perfect place to shop for a pasta lover on a budget; cash only.

DeMarcos Pizza

(McDougal & Houston)

It is expensive, a slice and can of soda will cost you \$4.25, but it is the best single slice around.

Jamaican Flavors

(240 Sullivan b/w W 3rd & Bleecker)

Best place for fresh Jamaican patties with lots of different fillings (including vegetarian); also have other Caribbean cuisine; don't forget the coco-bread.

Suzie's Restaurant

(163 Bleecker b/w Sullivan & Thompson)

A veritable NYU institution, the lunch hour is packed with students eating on the cheap (the lunch specials are all about \$5); quick service; classic ambiance.

Thompson Street Deli

(Thompson corner of W.3rd)

Good choice for a close-by deli; standard sandwich fare.

Meskarem

(124 MacD b/w W 3rd & Bleecker)

Great Ethiopian food; don't expect cheap prices because it's in the basement; as family-style as



Cones (272 Bleecker b/w Morton and Jones): Argentinian gelato that's perfect for the final days of summer.

BARS

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.

Red Lion

(151 Bleecker at Thompson)

Always features an array of interesting musicians; plays host to many an SBA event.

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, foosball and a fun crowd.

The Stoned Crow

(85 Washington Place b/w MacD & 6th Ave) This dark smoky pub is often crowded with folks ad-



John's of Bleecker (278 Bleecker b/w Jones and Morton): Voted #1 Pizza for 2004 on Citysearch, this is a Village institution.

miring the many posters decorating the place; two pool tables in the back.

The Bowery 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.

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 location for any night out.

Peculier Pub

(145 Bleecker at LaGuardia)

One of the longest beer lists in the Village; excellent jukebox selection; lots of tables available, so it's a great place to chat with friends.

Off the Wagon

(109 MacDougal b/w Bleecker and W 3rd) One of the best places in the neighborhood to watch sports; wide variety of drink and food specials