

# Time Out

## New York

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**\$16 to \$24**

**The Smith** 55 Third Ave between 10th and 11th Sts (212-420-9800). Subway: L to Third Ave; 6 to Astor Pl. Mon, Tue 10am–midnight; Wed, Thu 10am–1am; Fri, Sat 10am–2am; Sun 10am–midnight. Average main course: \$16. The young clientele, lengthy bar and dark-wood banquettes suggest that this NYU-area brasserie would be equally at home on the Upper East Side. Comfort food works best here: The top-notch burger oozed rich juices, calamari “Brooklyn style” showcased crisp squid rings with a chunky marinara sauce, and the wine list offers affordable vinos by the glass, carafe or “big carafe.” Steer clear of childish desserts like a cloying apple-pie sundae—the downstairs photo booth is a worthier throwback to your youth.

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**No muss, no fuss**  
Smith's name and decor match its straightforward fare.