

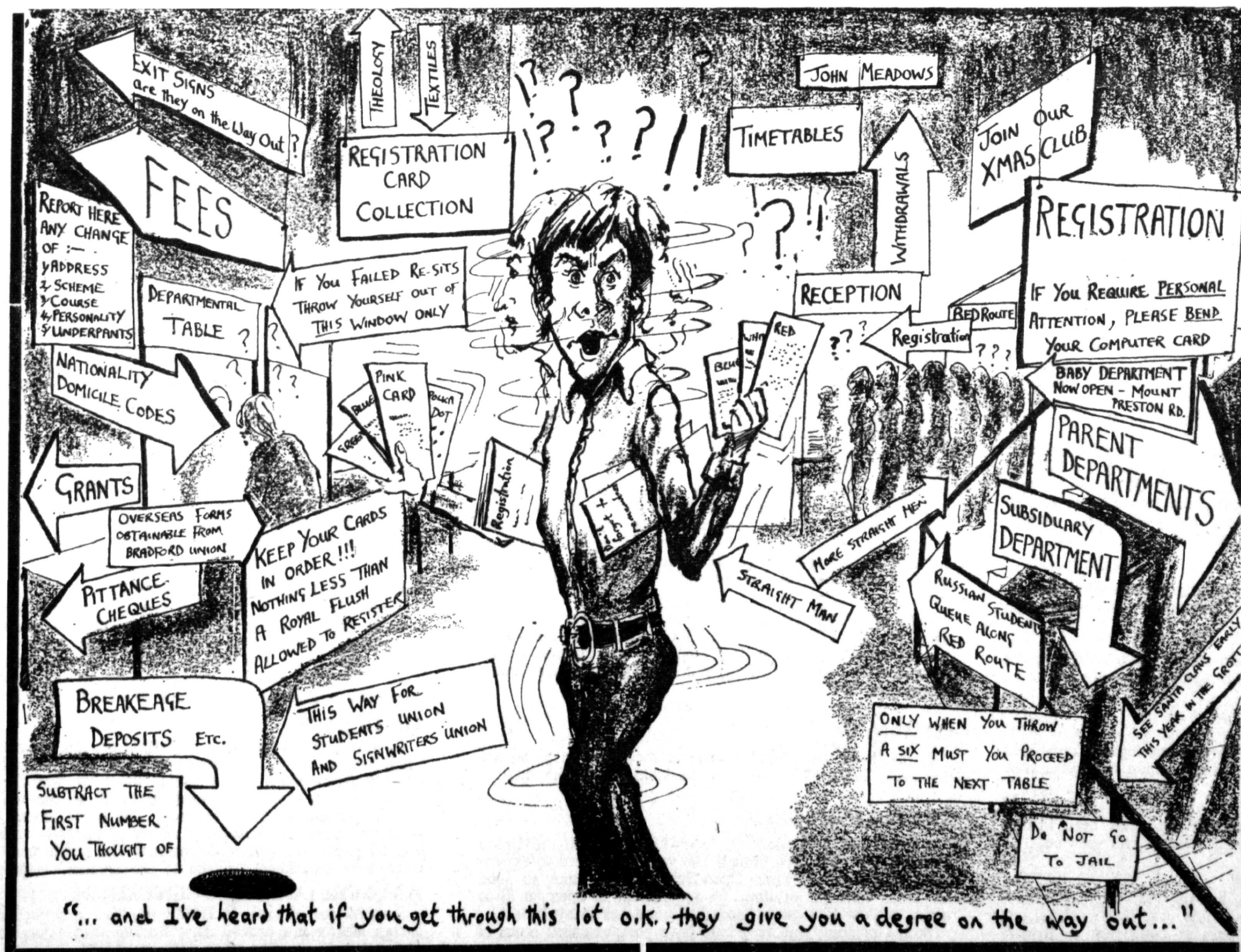
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WELCOME TO LEEDS

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Editorial

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A STUDENT GUIDE TO LEEDS

PUBS

A SHORT STAGGER FROM THE CAMPUS

SWAN WITH TWO NECKS: 1

John Smith's beer, not as good as Tetley's. Has three rooms with a generous fruit machine in the first. The landlady and landlord are not very friendly but you can escape to the juke-box room for apt music for booze-ups, (Mario Lanza — Drink, drink, drink).

THE BRICKLAYERS ARMS: 2

John Smith's and Courage amongst revolting wallpaper, goldfish and singing to an old piano. Sandwiches sometimes available. Not a regular student pub.

PACK HORSE: 3

Usually good Tetley beer, hot pies and cold sandwiches, note non-grizzly steak and kidney pies. Friendly atmosphere with good waiter service when you know them. Used to be the select Houldsworth pub but now being invaded by others. Handy for Sweaty Betty's — the Engineers' Chippie.

ELDON: 4

More of a student pub. Usually good Tetley's with cheap doubles of wine, sherry and advocat thrown in. Also lunchtime pies and sandwiches, also handy for Sweaty Betty's. Three rooms: Juke-box room — heavy intellectuals and students; Bar — the mysterious race called locals.

FENTON: 5

The best, with sometimes good Tetley's. Popular pub with a friendly atmosphere and a cross section of weird society (assuming that we live in a weird society). Pies and peas, sandwiches.

Tap room — no ladies, darts and not for students. Studio 6 Room — Early evening invasion of Beeb personalities from the five studios across the road. Alcoholics, poets, alcoholic poets, students, intellectuals, middle-class beatniks, gay lib, jazz musicians, but no dogs allowed.

Other room — Students, blacks, scrubbers and dogs allowed. (One but me bum — Ed.).

COBURGH: 6

A good pint of Tetley's. Very good trad jazz Tuesdays and Saturdays the Ed O'Donnell Jazz Band; mediocre jazz Thursdays. Pies and sandwiches.

VICTORIA: 7

Good pint of Tetley's, (Fenton's barman uses this pub). Medics, dentists, nurses and Town Hall pub. Bar has a good display of not too expensive salad meals.

GEORGE: 8

Down the road from the Vic. for a very strong pint of Tetley's. Darts and snacks. Frequented by medics and med. staff with a few geographers thrown in (or out). Good for a night out with the lads.

FAVERSHAM: 9

Behind the Union, a hotel bar by frequented by Ents. amongst others on a Sunday lunchtime for an expensive breakfast. Has good Tartan beer, salad and hot meals.

HYDE PARK: 10

Great if you like fountains, plastic flowers and Tetley's. Good for lunchtime snacks, shepherds pie etc. No atmosphere as it is too big, except when it gets packed on a Saturday night.

ROYAL PARK: 11

A Tetley pub, relic of a Victorian working men's gin palace, with large central bar, loads of standing room and several bars to pass out in. Includes a "Gentlemen Only" room where the men play dominoes. A larger room for drunken singing led by drunken Freda on piano. Takes about six months drinking to be accepted as a regular.

SKYRACK: 12

A usually crowded Whitbread pub, large student population. Good waiter service and popular for departmental booze ups.

ORIGINAL OAK: 13

Tetley's yet again with good bar snacks and a bowling green for summer use. They don't think highly of students nor make shandy from draught beer.

NEW INN: 14

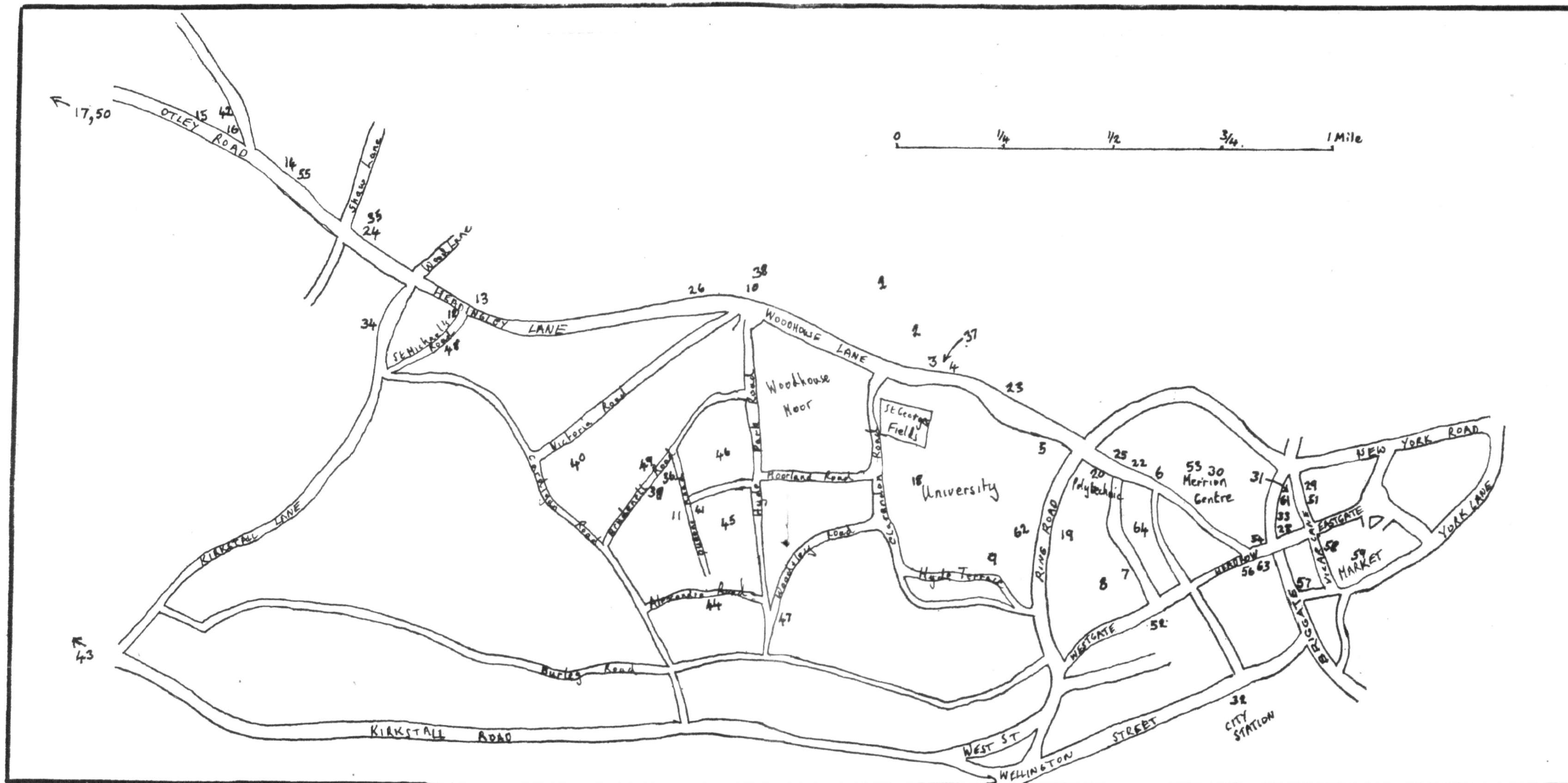
Whitbread beer with a good barman serving drinks as they ought to be served, i.e. FREE ice and lemon without asking.

WOODMAN: 15

Tepid Whitbread and lager. My prof. has been thrown out of here numerous times so behave and beware.

THREE HORSESHOES: 16

Tetley's. Good food available but not very cheap. The loos are good despite the peeling wallpaper. And they don't let you in with babies. The last three pubs all convenient to Bryan's Chippie.



LAWNSWOOD: 17

Tetley pub serving the middle-classes of the smooth Lawnswood suburb. Middle-class drinking habits: Hang-out for Sadler and Bodington students (it's their local), but the landlord doesn't take a very kind view of students — they spoil the pub's middle-class image.

HOMEGROUND

THE UNIVERSITY UNION: 18

Times vary for each bar

Generally good beer well nurtured by Les who also stocks a good grade of nuts and raisins. It isn't so hard to get served as some people claim although Saturday is a crowded, hot and thirsty night.

Upstairs — doubles and bottles bar, no keg beer. Quieter (if you can ignore the telly) and hence more spacious.

Tartan Bar — A large open-forum like bar with a superb jar of Younger's No. 3 as well as many others and numerous forms of entertainment available. The atmosphere is great if you like pop festivals. The original 'yellow' carpet is still there.

The Bier Keller — new this term and it's dubious as to how long the tables will last. Good lunchtime sandwiches (which are even better in the vac.) pies and pasties. In the vicinity of bar billiards, footy and darts. Good Sunday evening meals served.

LIPMAN: 19

In the medic and dental annexe of the union so prices are the same. Table footy and tele available. Hours limited.

THE POLY UNION: 20

A small bar with mediocre beer. Cheaper than the Union for all drinks and food though last year they dared to experiment with plastic glasses. Open full opening times so good for a tea time jar or three. A second bar is open on disco nights if you dare go to them and produces lousy beer.

Both University and Poly bars have good extended hours of opening during their first weekends.

BOOKSHOPS

At the beginning of each academic year most shops are filled with the basic textbooks required by university and polytechnic courses. All booksellers in the city complain that they canvass lecturers for booklists well before the courses begin but receive few replies so don't be surprised if you are unable to find all the books you require at the beginning of term. Although shops will order them they often take time to arrive from the publishers. After the initial rush for textbooks has been satisfied most shops diversify into works that are of interest to the more general reader.

GREENHEAD BOOKS (POLYTECHNIC): 21

Situated in a corner of the Polytechnic concourse they have no proper facilities and are extremely short of space. Consequently they carry textbooks which have a quick turnover. Apart from this there is a small general selection of paperbacks.

BOOKS (WOODHOUSE LANE): 22

Opened less than a year ago this is a rapidly expanding business. There is now a very comprehensive selection of Penguin paperbacks. Otherwise most of the stock is underground and/or of a left-wing political nature. There is a good selection of minority weekly magazines and periodicals. Of all the bookshops in town this one is well worth a visit.

AUSTICKS: 23

To say Austicks have a stranglehold on the book trade in Leeds would be an understatement, you will probably have to go there for many books. Out of their four branches, three are specifically directed towards students at the university, polytechnic and medical branches. The other branch on the Headrow carries a reasonable range of general works with a small paperback section downstairs. The polytechnic branch contains a department devoted to government periodicals.

WALKERS (ARNDAL CENTRE): 24

Situated out of town in Headingley this is a pleasant shop for an afternoon's browse. It is stocked with a large number of paperbacks covering many different subjects.

MILES SECONDHAND BOOKSHOP: 25

Not really a very cheap bookshop but often interesting to the general reader — a few textbooks too.

HYDE PARK SECONDHAND BOOKSHOP: 26

Posters, lots of secondhand books and records at fairly reasonable prices — of interest to the general reader though like the above, textbooks tend to be somewhat out of date.

HAPPY DAZE — UNIVERSITY UNION BOOK EXCHANGE: 27

Desperately needs somebody to run it! But when it is working it usually functions quite well. You'll be able to get rid of your books there at the end of the year — prices are usually fairly reasonable as students fix them (huh); still it's worth trying them before you make the inevitable trip to Austicks (perhaps the projected Union run bookshop will help solve that problem?).

CINEMA

ODEON 1 & 2 (New Briggate - Headrow): 28

ABC 1 & 2 (New Briggate): 29

These are the prestige cinemas of the city. They get pre-release films soon after their premiere in London. Both No. 1's show films for a season while the No. 2's usually have a weekly programme. Expensive.

ODEON (Merrion Centre): 30

Tends to show old "greats" for a season, otherwise has the less popular commercial films.

TOWER (New Briggate): 32

Shows films a few weeks after they have been at the ABC or Odeon. Worth the wait because it is less expensive.

TATLER (City Square): 32

Slurp, slurp, drool, drool. Skin flix for members only. Last term they had one all-night horror programme and may possibly repeat this.

PLAZA (New Briggate): 33

Rivals the Tatler but does not operate a membership scheme. Sometimes has something good which the big circuits won't or can't touch. Has a late night programme on Saturdays.

SUBURBANS

LOUNGE: 34; COTTAGE ROAD: 35 (both Headingley), CLOCK (Wetherby Road), Shatesbury (York Road), Lyric (Armley), Rex (Dewsbury Road).

These are all the same (?) and cheap. Get some films quite quickly, the more successful ones years (well, months) later. The Clock has a real fountain and artificial flowers in the foyer. The Cottage Road is advertised as Headingley's own "intimate" cinema. This means you sit with your knees in your chin.

HYDE PARK (Brudenell Road): 36

Is very tiny. Different sort of programme to the other suburbs but still very cheap. Has arty intellectual student-type films during term, skin flix during vacs. Has very peculiar combinations on its programme, such as Beatles and Ingmar Bergman.

CHIPPIES

Chip shops, with the possible exception of Harry Ramsden's (more later), are not worth a special coach trip but if you are in the general area it is worth knowing where they are. In Leeds it is a battle between us and the chinks and the east is generally best.

ENGLISH

SWEATS (Next to Pack Horse, Woodhouse Lane): 37

Some say the chips are the best they have ever tasted. Very popular at lunchtimes but not open at weekends. You can sit down in the back room and have a meal (i.e. the same thing but on a plate).

HYDE PARK (behind Hyde Park pub): 38

Very small shop means it's very cold queuing outside in the winter. Food is much the same as any other shop.

UPSTEPS (Brudenell Rd, near Hyde Park Cinema) 39

I've never seen it open. Maybe their big rush is at three o'clock on Monday afternoons.

NORWOOD TERRACE: 40

Ditto. Lots of students go there though. I'm sure,

QUEENS ROAD (opposite Royal Park pub): 41

Open late. One of my friends claims she always gets cold chips but they must keep them specially for her.

BRYAN'S (Weetwood Lane, behind Headingley Bus Garage): 42

Near to three pubs and consequently very busy. After 10.30 their cheapest fish mysteriously disappears from the menu so try and get there about half an hour before. The food is good and there is a restaurant attached.

HARRY RAMSDEN'S (Guisley): 43

Biggest (and supposedly best) chip shop in the world. About seven miles from Leeds. We made a quick dash there once and arrived five minutes after it shut at 11.30.

CHINESE

When you come of of the pub and are drunk it is very difficult to remember their names so I'll just give their general location.

Corner of Queen's Road and Alexandra Road: 44

Nice people but then you can't eat them. Has a huge picture on the wall of lakes and trees and mountains to make you feel the food is heavenly but the chips can be cold and greasy. Closes at midnight but will reopen specially if you come along a bit later.

Corner of King's Road and Edwin Road: 45

With such a romantic description as that there is nothing to add. Good food and cheap.

STAN-CHI (Brudenell Grove): 46

Fish and chips not so good but the Chinese is O.K. although expensive. Serves boiled rice which sticks to the paper, instead of fried rice.

Bottom of Woodsley Road: 47

Dear to my heart and also dear. Best Chinese food shop I know. I thought the girl assistant was nice; it took me about a month before I realised there are three.

Just down St. Michael's Road from the Skyrack pub: 48

Expensive.

Really one chip is much the same as another and anyway they are all fattening.

LAUNDRETTES

There are quite a lot of laundrettes all within a fairly small area around the Brudenells, so it's worth looking for the cheapest.

The best of these is the "New Pins" laundrette on Brudenell Road (49). (10p wash, and 5p dry). Brudenell Avenue is good at the same price, but doesn't take as big a washload.

Apart from the local laundrettes, there is the University Union laundrette. This was only opened last year and again cost 10p for a wash and 5p for drying. President Abdul Hal promises to reduce prices drastically as soon as the machines have paid for themselves. The machines are extremely good because they give a double-cycle wash, and this makes it definitely the best value for money.

RESTAURANTS

PARKWAY: 50

Expensive but very good food. Talk your favourite aunty into taking you — you probably won't be able to afford it yourself. They have nuts and crisps AND olives AND gherkins in the cocktail bar, so if you're feeling very broke, you could always have your meal in there.

GRECIAN PALACE: 51

Excellent food from the la carte menu — try the Fillet Steak Grecian Style — and the service is incredible. But be warned, it's expensive (Nick spent over seven quid). Strictly for a special night out. Cheaper during the week when they do a dinner-dance for £1.50. Wine from about £1.30 a bottle.

GET STUFFED: 52

It's not the place to eat everyday but for a special occasion it's recommended. It's the place to take a bird but don't expect change out of a fiver (or a sixer). The wine by the carafe is not really good value — but is by the bottle. Service is excellent, the food is good though the portions are not overlarge. Not too posh — definitely to be sampled, it's advisable to book.

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SHOPPING

FOOD

Leeds can be fairly cheap, provided you know where to go. The cheapest places tend to be in the City Centre, and it's worth trying to make the effort to get in.

SUPERMARKETS

TESCO: 53

Be careful here, because you might lose on the roundabout what you gained on the swings. Butter is often quite cheap, and their loss leaders are usually good. Avoid meat and pre-packed cheese. You can also buy bread cheaper elsewhere.

LEWIS'S: 54

Not recommended, unless you are uncommonly well off. Their food is nice, but the price isn't. Good if you want something special and are prepared to pay for it.

HEADINGLEY, ARNDALE CENTRE: 55

Safeways. This is easily the best supermarket of the two in the Arndale Centre and if you have a car it has direct access to a car park. Meat, fruit and veg are reasonable but not cheap. Most other items are cheaper than elsewhere and porridge particularly so at 9½p for 1½ lbs.

SCHOFIELD'S: 56

See Lewis's. Very good delicatessen department.

WOOLWORTHS: 57

Good loss leaders. Worth having a look, though prices vary.

WILLIS LUDLOWS: 58

Excellent. Very cheap, with only a few dear items. The shop itself is a bit of a hole, but don't let that put you off. Bread usually at least 1½p cheaper than elsewhere. Quite good for meat. Doesn't sell veg., but has good range of dairy produce and canned food. Highly recommended.

CORNER SHOPS

If you live near a corner shop, try it, but don't make it a habit. They do tend to be expensive, and though they're convenient, it's still usually cheaper to go into town.

THE MARKET: 59

Kirkgate Market is a must for those who want to live well and stay in the black. The best time to go down is about 5.30 on a Saturday night. They sell fish, meat and fruit and veg at ridiculously low prices. The outside market is cheaper than the inside market, but if you are served from the back of the stall, keep your eye on what goes into the bag. Otherwise, the Markets are well worth a trip.

That's about all for food. The key is, shop around. If you don't like the prices, don't buy. And if you do buy something that's stale or bad, take it straight back. It's your right. Just remember to keep the receipt.

THEATRES

GRAND: 61

A theatre which has been notable as the more "professional" of the Leeds Theatres: which means that its choice of material is crap, but very polished crap, mainly because it has no resident company and it usually takes in whoever is doing the rounds. Standards don't vary much, but the material does — from Margot Fonteyn with the Royal Ballet (sponsored by the Yorkshire Arts Association) to Leeds Amateur Operatic Society's production of Kiss Me Kate.

What they do, they do well and it was noticeable that last year's production of Hamlet at the Grand was considerably better than the one which Leeds Playhouse put on about the same time.

DALTA seasons at this theatre and at the Alhambra (Bradford) bring "culture to the masses" with Sadlers Wells Opera and the London Festival Ballet. It is worthwhile keeping an eye on the programme at the Grand, but you must bear in mind that it caters mainly for the Mothers' Union and Darby and Joan club outings.

Prices vary from 40p to as much as £2.50.

"MARGARET THATCHER — Union Snatcher" was the mildest roar (others were slightly less printable) from students all over England when the Minister of Education introduced her Consultative Document on Student Unions. What was all the fuss about? Why was every educational institution, together with Vice-Chancellors of Universities, united in arms against these proposals?

The present position is that for every student at the University and Polytechnic, £14.50 and £13.50 is paid respectively to their Unions. This fee is paid by students' local authorities. What was suggested was that the Unions should compete with academic faculties for a grant. This grant would only be for the minimum facilities such as building maintenance: all clubs, societies and this student newspaper would become dependent on voluntary support. Perhaps more important, the services that are provided for the community, such as voluntary relief work for the underprivileged and elderly would be stopped. The welfare facilities which are provided for Union members, such as legal aid and student loans, would disappear. So would sponsored events like the Arts Festival.

The net result of all this is that we'd lose our autonomy as we would have to depend on the University and Polytechnic finances. We believe that we have a voice to be heard on many issues and we do not want anybody to stifle it.

The Government may well introduce similar proposals this year. This time they will be just as dangerous, however reasonable they may at first appear. Students are well able to look after their own affairs. Leeds University Union said last year that it welcomed anybody to look at its books and its accounts. This still applies. Unions have a vital role to play in all kinds of fields and it would be sad if this role were ended. That is why students fought Mrs. Thatcher last year and that is why they will fight her again.

PLAYHOUSE: 62

There is a new company here this year, so as yet this theatre is a pretty unknown quantity. A big row blew up there last year when the Trustees sacked the Artistic Director for a run of commercial failures which were mainly due to a mixture of, on the one hand, boring musicals such as for two weeks and then moved to the West End where it was "Romance" starring Bill Simpson (Dr. Finlay) — it ran here an almighty flop — and on the other hand heavier stuff such as "Waiting for Godot" which did not attract the sort of audience who would be willing to "get out their cheque books after the performance".

Despite the attempts of the Trustees to turn the Playhouse into a "viable economic venture" (i.e. into another Grand) the new director seems to be fairly promising: his choice of plays for the first season — Caucasian Chalk Circle, Oh What a Lovely War, and Macbeth (GCE set text) aim at a balanced programme which will, at the same time bring in the money. We are promised that the direction won't be too heavy.

CITY VARIETIES: 63

Home of the famous BBC TV programme 'The Good Old Days' the City Varieties is not really frequented by students except for the Rag Revue which is staged within the portals of this world famous theatre. It's reputed to be hard to book for the TV programme (no-one really seems to know anyone who's tried though) but anyway, their alternative Music Hall productions offer the same sort of pantomime spirit all the year round.

CIVIC THEATRE: 64

The Civic shows plays by various amateur dramatic companies. It is very underestimated — alright, it is often bloody awful but sometimes it presents a really good production which is worth seeing — going there is a bit of a gamble but at the price you can afford it.

The new "Theatre for everybody" policy has produced a new wider price range from 40p to £1. In an effort to accustom people to the idea that the side seats are as good as the front ones, all the side prices have been reduced to 40p — definitely a bargain.

LUNCH

YOUR MID-DAY MEAL

As a student you can either eat well now and starve later or eat badly the whole time. The advice is simple; You either eat liquid or solid.

UNIVERSITY

University Refec: Eat there during freshers' conference if only for the experience; expensive for plain and dull food.
Salad Bar: For health food freaks and slimming fanatics. Good value. Tasty: there's not much Greenhough can do to Snack Bar: Cheap, filling and totally tasteless; variations on yogurt and a lettuce leaf.

the theme of hamburgers, pies and beans. A waste of money you might as well stew up old Leeds Students at home.

OPPOSITE THE PARKINSON

Barbecue: Grill-type food: reasonable. Open Saturday afternoon.

Alpha: Continental foods: It must be authentic, it's cooked by continentals. Reasonable enough — seven bob for a decentish meal.

Sweats (by the Engineering Block): Fish and Chips to take away and a small back room where you can eat midday. Very good value worth waiting for.

Curry House (opposite Holdsworth): Authentic curries (lamb chicken or vegetable) with raw onion salad and chippatties. Eat with your fingers. At only 25p the best value on the campus.

LIQUID LUNCHEONS

Beer is a natural food so it is commonsense to have a liquid lunch. It is expensive, but makes afternoon lectures bearable if lazy.

University Union Bar: Bier Keller serves assorted pies and sandwiches. Cheaper than university service and the profits support your Union.

Fathersham: Good plain meals; curries, shepherd's pie, etc.
Fenton: Pie and peas for the Southerner who wants to know what the North is all about and, assorted sandwiches.

If you cannot afford cooked food buy the basics (pastie and milk) at Ainsleys opposite the Parkinson or at the supermarket in the cafeteria. But remember the supermarket is run by an outside operator who collects the loot so don't feel any loyalty to it.

FOOD AT THE POLY

The main refec. has been repainted during the vac. but the food has not changed and gradually deteriorates as the year passes. Whatever does not sell at lunchtime usually reappears at teatime. The price like the quality is reasonable — it's subsidised unlike the University. It opens for an hour at 10 o'clock a.m. if you miss your breakfast before a nine o'clock lecture.

For more variety, the 'pud school' provides a two course meal at 20½p. You may be unlucky and find that there are only fritters available. On the other hand with luck you can discover the delights cooked by student gourmets from Home Economics.

A selection of sandwiches and pies and pasties are available in the bar at lunchtime.

HOPS

Leeds is noted amongst students for its Hops. Big names appear for big fees. Recently there has been some controversy among N.U.S. members over the suggested imposing of a limit on fees paid by student Ents.

After two years of struggling at the Polytechnic, success with ents. is being achieved largely due to Poly impresario Rob Armstrong. Last group to appear there was Lindsifame in June Facilities are limited, the Tech Hall is being redesigned.

University ents. are currently losing ground to the Poly having been previously dominant. Few, however, will forget the internationally renowned performance of the Who Live at Leeds. The university refectory provides a good auditorium with space for 2,000.