Intoxicating opportunities enthrall Yorkers

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It came to our attention the other day, while entertaining a couple of glasses of draft in the Cock & Bull, that some of the students on campus may have within them the spirit of adventure, the desire to ferret out, for themselves, new vistas of intoxicating opportunity in places they may have never been before.

In this occasional series of articles we will try to review two or three pubs in or out of Toronto (all accessible to York students) which may not necessarily be well known throughout the city (hence the title). Also, realising that university students are basically a frugal bunch, a close watch will be kept on price, proximity to subway and stuff like that so we will begin with . . .

THE EMBASSY

You can't miss this place if you need an example of a typical bar. The interior is like a triple sized Cock and Bull and the clientele is stricly of the Well-what-am-I-



going-to-do-tonight-hmmmmmmmguess-I'll-go-to-the-Embassy type and mainly male. It has an OK shuffleboard table and cold beer. Great if you're waiting for something at Varsity. Price: 32 cents a draft (cover charge for vaudeville show downstairs). Location: on Bloor at Belair (by University Theatre). Nearest Subway: Bay.

BRUNSWICK HOUSE

This is straight down Bloor from the Embassy. Lots has been written about this place and one visit should confirm it all. A large smoke-filled room is packed with various types (whom, upon further visits one may begin to recognize as regulars), with walls

which look like the beer stains are

holding them together, and early Leave It To Beaver kitchen suite type frniture. Once seated (if it's nt too crowded) take a look around and try and savour some of the mood of the place; the huge heating ducts on the ceiling, the gaudy posters on the wall or the Big Brunswick Beat Organ.

If you're not put off by appearances and have successfully negotiated the vending of a dozen or so draft (it is always better to go to the Brunswick in a large group), you are ready for the show. A fellow will get up on the small stage and start battering away at the organ until an MC arrives and after she does a few numbers, people are asked to come up on stage from the audien-

ce. (Do ya wanna be a star?)

Be prepared though; some of the entertainment is slightly less than professional but provided you're in the right mood, a splendid time is guaranteed for all. Some of the regulars to watch for are Mama Cheeky, Slow Poke, Donny the Oklahoma Kid, and Lil the singing waitress. Of course, if you're not into this ludicrous music hall behavior, you could always go upstairs where they've got a pretty classy lounge by contrast, with some really good dixieland jazz going down. Price: 35 cents a draft (30 cents if you're in the back part) mixed drinks

posted. Location: Bloor and Brunswik Ave (between Bathurst and Spadina). Nearest Subway: Bathurst or Spadina.

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