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### STUDENTS AT WORK Accent on Youth at Questors

The mistake most actors make is that they think about the result instead of about the action that must prepare it. So wrote one of the great teachers of the art of acting. At the Questors Theatre on Wednesday night it was clear that the Questors Student Group was well aware of this pitfall.

The first-year students, together with the young Questors Club, were giving their end of term demonstration to a packed and appreciative audience.

The exercises which we saw were part of the year's course, which is run by the Questors under the auspices of the Middlesex County Council Education Committee, and ranged from a delightful boy-meets-girl mime (set in a dentist's waiting room) to a full-blooded presentation of the opening scene of Christopher Fry's **Murder in the Cathedral**.

The former was picked at random out of the hat for us by Alfred Emmet, the Group's director of studies, as we went along. The latter was formally introduced (with verbal footnotes and annotations - for which we were very grateful) by Sheila Moriarty, of the Aerial Theatre School, who teaches speech to the Group.

One sympathised with Ludmilla Mlada, who instructs in movement, because we

suspected that she has a difficult job with the class in overcoming that inborn inflexibility of the lower half of the human backbone, which is perhaps a characteristic of the English, and which results in us moving around as if we were forever in a deep-skirted steel corset.

The arrangement of the evening's entertainment was admirable: an excellent balance was maintained and it was presented by the ubiquitous Mr Emmet with that modicum of humour which, although it did nothing to deflect our attention from the obvious sincerity, hard work, and solid achievement of the students, certainly put us at our ease from the word go.

The new term begins in September and inquiries by those interested in joining either the Student Group, which is intended for amateurs who are seriously interested in the theatre, or the Young Questors Club - a teenage youth club led by Rena Rice - will doubtless be welcomed at the theatre in Mattock-lane.