

not be available for members this year from 24 August to 9 September while the house-keepers are on holiday.

Air-conditioning is being installed in the long room during the summer, when it is in not great demand. Contractors will be working in the room from about mid-July to mid-September.

In Memoriam

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which could be set up in medical schools, postgraduate centres, and elsewhere.

The object is to create and capture the interest of medical students—especially those who may not have had an opportunity to see something of general practice. The exhibit stand incorporates a tape-slide presentation of a general practitioner's working day and acts as a focal point for the distribution of appropriate literature. It is intended that local College Tutors (or staff of the University's Department of General Practice as appropriate) should man the stall to answer questions about general practice.

The exhibit was inaugurated at a reception held at 14 Princes Gate on 23 March, 1973 when representatives from London Medical Schools (undergraduates and deans), College Tutors and doctors from the British Medical Association, General Medical Services Committee and the Department of Health and Social Security met the Trustees of the Cardew-Stanning Foundation.

Information about the exhibit may be obtained from Professor J. D. E. Knox, The Department of General Practice, The University of Dundee.

MEDICAL NEWS

CAREER IN GENERAL PRACTICE

Increasing interest in their future careers in medicine has been demonstrated by medical students in the country, especially during the last two years. "Careers Fairs" are being organised by medical undergraduates through the British Medical Students' Association and other bodies in several medical schools. The need to incorporate general practice into the exhibits, around which these "fairs" are organised, has been recognised. Such a contribution has to compete for the attention of undergraduates with the highly professional exhibits produced by the Services and other disciplines, and, in some medical schools the "poor relation" aura of general practice has to be counteracted.

Such considerations as these were responsible for a project, sponsored by the Cardew-Stanning Foundation and organised jointly with the Royal College of General Practitioners, to produce a professional exhibit

CORRESPONDENCE

STUDENT SELECTION

Sir,

No one will lightly challenge Professor Ian Richardson on his own ground (*March Journal*). But his arguments will not convince us. They perpetuate the error of judging selection criteria against subsequent performance in medical school; i.e. performance in a (necessarily) contrived academic situation. Many outstanding general practitioners have survived this period of their lives rather than excelled in it.

Selection criteria need to be related to performance *in practice*. And it is not a bit of good for Professor Richardson to say that we do not know how to do this, "since we do not have neat, valid profiles of the kind of people who make good family doctors. . . ." If we do not know how to do it we should set about finding out.

It is not long since everybody 'knew' that the academic content of general practice was negligible, and that general practice could not be taught. Even those who felt otherwise acknowledged that no one knew how to teach it. Professor Richardson himself has made large contributions to demolishing these negatives, and the development of teaching and training for general practice has been