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Gowns

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Dear Editor,

Although the gown may have numerous advantages for the Arts student, I should like to point out that the scientist's overall adequately fulfils the function of covering clothes suitable "even for College." In spite of the fact that "a well kept gown *can* be very pleasing garment," I feel that a newly laundered white overall is much more dignified than a "medieval black rag." Besides, the psychological effect of a clean white overall upon efficiency is tremendous.

I will admit that the overall, that hallmark of hard work, is usually very noticeable in the Canteen in all its varied forms, many of which are not pleasant to the eye. However, even acid holes are often artistically arranged. In short, the inconvenience of removing an overall and donning a gown in order to attend a lecture, to visit the Hut, or the Canteen, is such that the majority of scientists regard the gown as an unnecessary encumbrance.

Regarding the tradition associated with the "oldest University College for Women in this country," I sincerely hope that in the near future there will be a break with tradition, Bedford badly needs some men students about the place to rouse it from its apathy. Certain male students in College at the moment may create a stir at unsuitable points in G.M's, but at least the proceedings are thereby enlivened; something which 800 women do not manage to achieve.

Yours etc.,

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