

F. Blackley attacks popular conceptions

After 900 years, what can anybody say? 1066 and all that.

Professor F. D. Blackley of the history department cast doubt on the Battle of Hastings at the first meeting of the Guild for Mediaeval and Renaissance Studies, held Thursday evening at the Faculty Club.

His topic was 'The Myth of the Norman Conquest.'

The 900th anniversary of the Battle of Hastings was celebrated earlier this month, and it was fitting that the series should open with Dr. Blackley's discussion of the Norman Conquest.

In the light of recent historical research, the speaker attacked popular notions of the famed battle. Claims that the Normans intro-

duced feudalism to England were attacked by Dr. Blackley who pointed out that King Harold must have had a strong feudal army to repel earlier invasions from the north.

The idea that England was cut off from Latinitas, the educated Europe, was disclaimed by the speaker who cited many scholars, such as the Venerable Bede.

The famed Bayeux Tapestry has often been used by scholars as proof that King Harold died from an wound in the eye. Not so, claims Dr. Blackley who suggests that another figure on the tapestry could be the dead king.

The Battle of Hastings has been interpreted differently of suit the time aid place for the past 900 years, said Prof. Blackley.

This has led to the growth of many myths about the incident. It all leaves one wondering, 'Whose side should I be on?'

Fees

A committee appointed to investigate complaints about students' union membership is calling for submissions from all interested students.

The investigation follows protests from students in faculties such as medicine and graduate studies that they are not getting their \$34.50 worth from students' union activities.

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