

Producer: (Advisor: Professor M. H. Lader). *Distributor:* Bencard, Great West Road, Brenford, Middlesex.

Conspiracy of Silence (Canada, 1981, colour, 28 mins)

The story of Anna, whose brother committed suicide. The parents' concealment of this produces severe family strain and Anna also attempts suicide. A very well photographed film, intended for the general public.

Producer: National Film Board of Canada. *Distributor:* Concord Films Council, 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, Suffolk.

With Eyes Wide Open (USA, 1984, colour, 58 mins)

The life and work of Richard Wawro, a young man who, in spite of severe mental and physical handicaps, has achieved international fame as an artist. Produced on location in Edinburgh and the winner of several international awards.

Producer: Dr Laurence Becker. *Distributor:* Creative Learning Environment, Austin, Texas (UK enquiries via the College's Audio-Visual Working Group).

Trials and Tribulins (UK, 1983, colour, 25 mins)

An entertaining documentation concerned with sleep and hypnotics, especially the benzodiazepines. (NB: A similar tape-slide programme is also available from Upjohn.)

Producer and distributor: Upjohn Ltd, Fleming Way, Crawley, West Sussex RH10 2NJ.

Videos from various sources

What Do I Say Next? (1983, colour, 28 mins, all formats, £50+VAT)

A discussion, illustrated by two examples of how not to do it, on the correct techniques of communicating with patients who have speech impairments. *Audience:* medical students, junior postgraduates, nurses.

Producer: Paul Morby; written by Tim Betts and Geraldine Fitzpatrick. *Available from:* Television and Film

Unit, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 2TT.

Transsexualism (1979, B/W, 20 mins, VHS, £35+VAT)

An exploration of the reversal of gender identity and role behaviour in a patient planning to undergo gender change. *Audience:* psychiatrists, clinical psychologists

Producer: Dr R. P. Snaith. *Available from:* University of Leeds Audio-Visual Service, The University, Leeds LS2 9JT.

Electroconvulsive Therapy (colour, 18 mins, VHS or U-matic, £25)

A demonstration of how ECT should be given with information on indications, contraindications and side-effects. Both bilateral and unilateral techniques are shown. *Audience:* postgraduates.

Producer: Dr J. Johnson. *Available from:* Department of Psychiatry, University Hospital of South Manchester, West Didsbury, Manchester M20 8LR.

Communication with the Special Child—Curriculum Development Through Observation (1983, colour, 27 mins, VHS)

Contains many practical suggestions in the care and early education of profoundly handicapped children, especially those with little or no vision.

Producer: S. Parkinson. *Available from:* Northampton Health Authority (Video Communication), 37 Billing Road, Northampton NN1 5BB.

Giving ECT (Colour, 13 mins, VHS/U-matic, sale or hire)

A demonstration of ECT, including pre-treatment assessment, emotional support and time for recovery.

Producer: Department of Psychiatry. *Available from:* Audio-Visual and Television Centre, University of Sheffield, Sheffield S10 2TN.

The above University Departments distribute other videotapes for teaching—details are available from the College.

Obituary

GEORGE SPYROS PHILIPPOPOULOS, 92 Queen Sophias Avenue, Athens 611, Greece.

Dr Philippopoulos, a distinguished Greek psychiatrist and a Foundation Fellow of the College died on 11 November 1984.

He was born in 1911 in Argos, Greece, and qualified in medicine from the University of Athens in 1934, proceeding to the MD in 1948. He held research fellowships at Temple University, Philadelphia from 1950 to 1951 and at McGill University from 1957 to 1958.

In 1965 he was appointed Associate Professor of Psychiatry in the University of Athens, a post he held until 1968 when he was promoted to Acting Professor and Chairman of the Department.

Dr Philippopoulos was a prodigious writer. His publications include *A Text-Book of Clinical Psychiatry*, written

in Greek, and *A Vademecum of Clinical Psychiatry*, together with a host of papers written in Greek, French, English and Italian.

He served in the Greek army as a medical officer during the Greek-Italian war and was awarded the Gold Cross and Bronze Medal. He served, too, as Chief of the Greek Psychiatric Wing attached to the 41st British Psychiatric Base Hospital in Cantara, Egypt, from 1943 to 1944.

Dr Philippopoulos was a dedicated Rotarian and from 1976 to 1977 served as President of the Rotary Club of Athens.

ELUNED WOODFORD-WILLIAMS, CBE, retired, Hywelffa, Abersoch, Gwyneth, North Wales.

The death on 25 November 1984 of Lynn Woodford-Williams, a founder of modern British geriatric medicine

and a former Director of the Health Advisory Service, has caused great sadness—not least among her friends in the Section for the Psychiatry of Old Age of the College. She was unique in many ways: she was the only geriatrician whom our College has honoured with election to the Membership under Bye Law III.2. (ii), and subsequently to the Fellowship.

As a young doctor she was exceedingly bright; the vigour of her intelligence and enthusiasm remained with her to the end. She graduated from University College, Wales, and from UCH in 1936 and proceeded to the MD for which she was awarded a gold medal. Her early career was dogged by the difficulties, greater in those days even than now, of pursuing a medical career while raising her family. Ultimately she joined the geriatric unit in Sunderland, already well known, and developed it into a world-famous centre in which, during the fifties and sixties, many of today's leading geriatricians were trained. She was a key figure in the early days of the International Association of Gerontology, now a massive federation similar to

the World Psychiatric Association. Her many achievements in geriatric medicine have been detailed in notices elsewhere, but here one remembers especially her enthusiastic participation in recent years in the activities of the psychiatry of old age. She was honoured by our College as an outstandingly sympathetic friend of psychiatry during her time as director of the HAS: from there she went on to become a devoted member of our Section for the Psychiatry of Old Age.

Lynn was a rare bird, a work addict who was never boring. Long after she had retired she would talk with zest about every current issue in the care of the elderly—and she never missed an opportunity of helping a younger colleague. Hearing of someone's difficulty, she would say: 'Let me think what I can do'—and every time she actually went off and thought and then did.

A kind, determined, vivacious enthusiast with that shyness that is common in the forceful: that was Lynn.

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Forthcoming Events

The **1985 Rudolph K. Freudenberg Annual Lecture** will be given on 16 May 1985 by Professor George W. Brown, Department of Social Policy and Social Science, Bedford College, University of London, on 'Psychosocial Factors and the Course of Psychiatric Disorders'. The lecture will be held at the Freudenberg Postgraduate Medical Centre. Information and registration forms: Mrs V. G. McQuillan, Organizer, Freudenberg Postgraduate Medical Centre, Netherne Hospital, Coulsdon, Surrey CR3 1YE.

The **6th Charney Manor Workshop** (residential) will be held from 18 to 21 June 1985. This is an opportunity for those practising psychotherapy to take a fresh look at their professional role (in congenial surroundings!). Charney Manor is a thirteenth century manor house, thirteen miles north-west of Oxford. Application forms: Secretary, Department of Psychotherapy, Warneford Hospital, Oxford OX3 7JX.

A conference on '**Mental Health Care in the European Community: Developments and Constraints**', sponsored by the Mental Health Foundation, will be held at the Institute of Psychiatry on 2 and 3 May 1985. The conference is aimed at practitioners, planners, administrators and researchers in the health and social services. Information: Dr S. P. Mangen, MRC Social Psychiatry Unit, Institute of Psychiatry, De Crespigny Park, London SE5 8AF.

The **Section on Nomenclature and Classification of the World Psychiatric Association** is organizing a conference on 'International Classification in Psychiatry: Unity and Diversity' to be held in Montreal, Canada from 26 to 29 June 1985. The main topics to be covered include: (i)

relationships among ICD-8, ICD-9 and some national diagnostic systems; (ii) development of ICD-10 and other nosological prospects; (iii) international views on specific syndromes; and (iv) international developments in diagnostic nomenclature and assessment instruments. Registration information and abstract forms for free communications may be obtained from: Dr Juan E. Mezzich, Chairman, Scientific Program Committee, Department of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh, 3811 O'Hara Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15213, USA.

Following the successful Cambridge conference on psychological research in the NHS last July, a one-day conference on **Clinical Psychology Service Evaluation Research** has been organized. The conference will include speakers reporting on service evaluation projects in a number of areas. Interested members of the College are welcome to attend. The conference will be held on 3 May 1985 at the Kings Fund Centre in London and will cost £20. Information: Enid Richards, Research Conference Secretary, Knowle Hospital, Fareham, Hants PO17 5NA.

A seminar entitled '**Toxic Topics**' will be held at The Priory Hospital on 23 May 1985 with an introduction by Professor Ian Brockington, Department of Psychiatry, University of Birmingham. Topics will include: 'The toxic effects of language upon medicine' (Dr Michael O'Donnell, author and broadcaster); 'The toxic effects of anxiety' (Dr John Cobb, The Priory Hospital); 'The toxic effects of training' (Professor Ian Brockington, University of Birmingham). Information: The Medical Director, The Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ.