

of Army Psychiatry. He was elected a Foundation Fellow of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in 1971 and was appointed Director of Army Psychiatry in May 1976.

On his retirement from the Army in April 1980, he chose to make a second career in forensic psychiatry and joined the Consultant Staff at Broadmoor Hospital. There Donald devoted himself to the care of his patients, with a passion and a commitment that endeared him to patients and staff alike. He successfully explored avenues of dis-

charge unused by other consultants and conscientiously provided throughcare by seeing discharged patients in the community. Though failing in health in latter years, he kept fully abreast of developments in forensic psychiatry and continued to provide an invaluable service to the hospital.

He married Margaret McGreggor in 1946 and was a devoted husband and father. He is survived by his wife, a practising doctor, his two sons, three daughters and his grandchildren. DM

Forthcoming Events

A conference entitled '**Mental Health: The Act in Action**' will be held at the Royal Society, 6 Carlton House Terrace, London SW1 on 20 March 1985. Topics will include: an examination of the 1983 Act in key areas and a look into the future; a consideration of the Act in practice; the problems encountered in returning to the community a person who has been in care; the Code of Practice recommendations and the scope for further legislative changes. **Speakers** will include: Viscount Colville of Culross, QC, Chairman, Mental Health Act Commission; Professor M. Rolf Olsen, Director of Social Work Courses, University of Birmingham; Dr J. Hamilton, Medical Director, Broadmoor Hospital. **Information:** The Royal Society of Health, 13 Grosvenor Place, London SW1X 7EN (01-235 9961).

A Training Workshop in Gestalt Therapy will be held from 22 to 26 April 1985 at the University of Exeter. This one week residential or non-residential course will provide theoretical and practical training in gestalt therapy and is especially designed for mental health professionals. **Information:** Dr Richard Tillett, Consultant Psychiatrist, Wonford House Hospital, Exeter EX2 5AF (Exeter 77358).

The **International Stress and Tension Control Society** is holding a workshop, 'Living with Stress in the Media', at the Priory Hospital on 21 March 1985. Joe Macdonald Wallace, European Director of the Society, will be the tutor. **Information:** The Medical Director, Priory Hospital, Priory Lane, London SW15 5JJ (01-876 8261).

The **Ninth International Conference on the Social Sciences and Medicine** will be held at the Korpilampi Conference Centre, Finland, from 8 to 12 July 1985. **Information:** Dr P. J. McEwan, Glengarden, Ballater, Aberdeenshire AB3 5UB.

The **International Society for Adolescent Psychiatry** will hold its First World Organizing Conference in Paris from 21 to 24 July 1985. The theme will be 'Conflicts of Adolescence; the World Around the Adolescent; the World of the Adolescent'. **Information:** Mrs Mary Staples, Executive Secretary, ISAP, 24 Green Valley Road, Wallingford, PA 19086, USA.

The annual symposium of the **Biological Council, Coordinating Committee for Symposia on Drug Action**, 'Leukotrienes: Their Biological Significance', will be held on 1 and 2 April 1985 at the Royal Institution, 21 Albemarle Street, London W1. **Information:** Joan Kruger, c/o Department of Pharmacology, Institute of Basic Medical Sciences, Royal College of Surgeons of England, 35/43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PN.

The following series of **seminars in sexual medicine**, organized jointly by the *British Journal of Sexual Medicine* and Lander Brown Psychological Services, will be held in central London on the following Thursdays: 28 February: 'Effects of drugs on sexual function'; 28 March: 'Psychological aspects of sexual dysfunction'; 25 April: 'Disorders of desire'; 30 May: 'Disorders of arousal'; 27 June: 'Disorders of response'; 26 September: 'Psychological and organic evaluation of patients presenting with sexual dysfunction'; 31 October: 'Structure of treatment for sexual dysfunction'; 28 November: 'The treatment process'. **Information and registration forms:** Pat Lloyd, 10 Holly Mount, London NW3 6SG (enclosing an s.a.e.).

The **Institute of Family Therapy** is running a course on 'Family Therapy with Underorganized Families' from April to June 1985. This course is suitable for people in direct practice in social service settings, in child and adolescent psychiatry, in adult psychiatry, in GP settings, probation and for those involved in supervising such work. **Information:** Institute of Family Therapy (London) Ltd., 43 New Cavendish Street, London W1M 7RG (enclosing an s.a.e.).

The **Association for Child Psychology and Psychiatry** will be holding the following scientific meetings this year. 6 March: Chairman's Address, 'The effects of junior schooling'—Dr Peter Mortimore, ILEA; 3 April: Emanuel Miller Lecture, 'Racial prejudice—an incurable disease?'—Peter Newsam, Chairman, Commission for Racial Equality; 1 May: 'Delinquency, criminality and anti-social behaviour: the Thousand Family Study'—Professor I. Kolvin, Newcastle University; 5 June: 'Psychological problems in teenage girls: results of a community

study'—Elizabeth Monck and Rebecca Dobbs, Institute of Child Health. All meetings will be held at the Institute of Child Health, 30 Guildford Street, London WC1 (except the meeting on 5 June for which a venue is yet to be arranged). Information: Honorary Secretary, ACPP, 4 Southampton Row, London WC1.

The Second Conference of the Sigmund Freud Centre of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem (in collaboration with the Psychoanalysis Trust, University College, London and Keren Sigmund Freud, Jerusalem), entitled 'The Varieties of Transference Interpretation', will be held from 27 to 29 August 1985. Information: Professor J. Sandler, Psychoanalysis Unit, University College, 26 Bedford Way, London WC1.

The **Department of Psychiatry at the University of Leeds** is holding a residential conference to examine the teaching of the behavioural sciences to medical undergraduates on 11 and 12 July 1985 in Leeds. The purpose of the conference is to highlight some of the practical difficulties experienced in this burgeoning area of the medical curriculum. Information: Sheila Turner, Secretary, Department of Psychiatry, University of Leeds, 15 Hyde Terrace, Leeds LS2 9LT.

The **First World Congress on Drugs and Alcohol** will be held in Tel Aviv, from 15 to 19 December 1985. Information: Congress Secretariat, First World Congress on Drugs and Alcohol, PO Box 394, Tel Aviv 61003, Israel.

The **Association of Psychopharmacology of Europe** will hold its first meeting on 2 and 3 May 1985 in Copenhagen. Topics include benzodiazepine receptors and trans-cultural aspects of classification of psychiatric illness. Registration forms: Dr Per Bech, Department of Psychiatry, Frederiksborg General Hospital, DK 3400, Hillerod, Denmark. Information: Dr Michael Trimble, National Hospital, Queen Square, London WC1N 3BG.

A one-day conference entitled '**Handling Crises in the Community**' will be held at St George's Hospital, London on 14 March 1985 to review the community management of crises which involve mentally ill, mentally impaired, elderly and offender patients. Fee (including refreshments): £20. Cheques should be made payable to 'St George's Hospital Medical School' and sent to Dr L. Hems, Department of Psychiatry, St George's Hospital Medical School, Cranmer Terrace, London SW17 0RE, from whom further information is available.

News Items

MRC Child Psychiatry Unit

Arrangements have now been completed for the establishment of an MRC Unit for research in child psychiatry under the direction of Professor Michael Rutter at the Institute of Psychiatry and Maudsley Hospital, London SE5.

The Unit will undertake research on child development and childhood psychiatric problems. Studies will be made of the ways in which different environmental factors within the family and at school can affect a child's development and how experiences and behaviour in childhood are linked with behaviour and psychiatric illness in adult life. One of the major strategies of the research programme will be the study of particular groups over long periods, even decades.

MHA 1983—Review of Treatment, Section 61

The Mental Health Act Commission has issued a circular entitled 'Mental Health Act 1983—Review of Treatment, Section 61' which notifies Authorities of the arrangements for reports to be given by RMOs under Section 61 of the Act, and also provides a sample of the new form to be used for this purpose. It is important that all staff who need to know about the provisions of the Mental Health Act should be familiar with this circular.

Copies are available on request from the Mental Health Act Commission, Room 22, Hepburn House, Marsham Street, London SW1P 4HW (01-211 4946).

The North American Society of the College

David Davis, Professor of Psychiatry and Founding Chairman of the North American Society of the Royal College of Psychiatrists has now stepped down from the chairmanship of the Society and is succeeded by Dr Isaac Sakinowsky, Professor of Psychiatry, St Michael's Hospital, 30 Bard Street, Toronto, Ontario. The American Treasurer, Dr Larry Sharpe, has now been replaced by Dr Warren Taft, 340 N. Central Avenue No. 100, Brea, California 92621.

Hospital Histories in the College Library

The list of hospital histories printed in the *Bulletin* (February 1984, 8, 33–34) elicited considerable interest from members. As a result, the library collection has now expanded to include over eighty such histories—thanks to those who either donated books or drew attention to gaps in the collection. Anyone wishing to receive a copy of the updated list of hospital histories should contact the Librarian, Susan Floate, at the College.