

Details: Video; 40 mins; 1986, £109.25
 Rating/audience: *, M, UG and PG

A Positive Approach to AIDS Care

Production: National Association of Citizens' Advice Bureaux with Terence Higgins Trust
 Distributor: NACAB Vision, AV Unit, Myddleton House, 115/123 Pentonville Road, London N1 9LZ
 Details: Video; 93 mins; 1988, £120 + VAT
 Rating/audience: **, M, UG and PG

Talking about AIDS

Production: Software Production Enterprises for Wellcome Foundation
 Distributor: BMA Foundation for AIDS, BMA House, Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9JP
 Details: Video; 16 mins; 1988, £13
 Rating/audience: *, M, UG and PG

Have You Got it Taped?

Production: Albany Video
 Distributor: Albany Video, The Albany, Douglas Way, London SE8 4AG
 Details: Video; 57 mins; 1989, £30
 Rating/audience: *, M, UG

Scribe's column

Hood's syndrome

On perusal of certain papers, of some antiquity, in my possession, I recently discovered what I can only suppose to be the first reported (self-reported) case of seasonal affective disorder, or SAD. Moreover, the case is of special merit in that it might enjoy the nosological status (see Reed, 1946) of being a distinct subtype – *month specific* SAD. The affective state of the author (one Thomas Hood, 1799–1845) can be guessed by the prominent position given to the single exclamation 'No!' on the sheet giving the following description of his clinical condition:

"No sun – no moon!
 No morn – no noon –
 No dawn – no dusk – no proper time of day –
 No sky – no earthly view –
 No distance looking blue –
 No road – no street – no 't'other side the way' –
 No end to any Row –
 No indications where the Crescents go –
 No top to any steeple –

No recognitions of familiar people –
 No courtesies for showing 'em! –
 No knowing 'em! –
 No travelling at all – no locomotion,
 No inkling of the way – no notion –
 'No go' – by land or ocean –
 No mail – no post –
 No news from any foreign coast –
 No Park – no Ring – no afternoon gentility –
 No company – no nobility –
 No warmth, no cheerfulness, no healthful ease,
 No comfortable feel in any member –
 No shade, no shine, no butterflies, no bees,
 No fruits, no flowers, no leaves, no birds –
 November!"

EZRA THE SCRIBE

Reference

REED, H. (1946) Naming of parts. From *A Map of Verona*. London: Cape.