

setting is informal with members sitting on floor cushions, apparently holding their own agenda.

Although it is a moving account of recovery, I do not feel that it is particularly useful for therapists or clients. This is for several reasons. First, the sound quality is poor and the editing clumsy, so it isn't easy to follow what is happening and we are given no indication of time in treatment or between the clips. Secondly, the video has no introduction and therefore, we are left wondering: Who are these people? Why are they in the group? What is the purpose of the group? What is the orientation of the therapist? Also, the aim of the video is never explained.

Thirdly, the clips from therapy are very disjointed and appear without introduction. Key issues are raised at random, often without an explanation of how they relate to experiences of sexual abuse and without guidance for their resolution. We do see the group members talking through experiences, hugging each other, using art to communicate emotion, but only in fragments which are too brief to be either instructive for therapist or educational for clients. We are repeatedly reassured by the group members that "It's OK now," but it remains unclear how they have been helped to reach this stage.

My responses to the film were discomfort and frustration. Discomfort because we are allowed to view a group of women's private and seemingly painful experiences without being given justification for this;

and frustration because too many significant issues are raised and abandoned in just 24 minutes.

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### Tape details

Ratings	Audience
***highly recommended	P psychiatrists
**recommended	M multidisciplinary
*worth looking at	UG undergraduate
0 no rating	PG postgraduate

### Talking to the Relatives of Schizophrenic Patients

Production:	Department of Psychiatry, University of Manchester
Distributor:	Tavistock Publications Ltd, 11 New Fetter Lane, London EC4P 4EE
Details:	Video, 30 mins; 1985. £65
Rating/audience:	0 M

### Internal Strength

Production:	20th Century Vixen
Distributor:	Concord, 201 Felixstowe Road, Ipswich, IP3 9BJ
Details:	Video; 24 mins; 1991; sale £24.50; hire £13
Rating/audience:	0 M

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## Miscellany

### Churchill Travelling Fellowships

The following Fellows and Members of the College were awarded Winston Churchill Travelling Fellowships in 1993 (see *Psychiatric Bulletin*, 1992, 16, 546): Dr Dora Black (Treatment of Psychologically Traumatized Children), Professor Francis Creed (Community Psychiatry Programmes), Professor Sheila Hollins (Reduction in Drug Use with Disturbed Mentally Handicapped People), Dr Helen Kirk (Management of Mentally Disordered Prisoners), Dr Ilham Raafat (Psychiatric Services in the Community), and Dr Philip Timms (Services for the Homeless Mentally Ill). Dr Black, Professor Creed and Dr Timms will visit the USA; Professor Hollins Canada and the USA, Dr Kirk Australia and Dr Raafat the USA and Italy.

### Kurt Schneider Award

This prize, sponsored by Janssen GmbH and endowed with 10,000 DM, will be awarded for the fifth time in 1994. This award aims to encourage psychiatric research, especially in the field of schizo-

phrenia (including basic research), diagnostics, therapy and rehabilitation. Further information: Professor Dr. med. Dr. med. h.c. Gerd Huber, Department of Nervous Diseases of the University, D-5300 Bonn 1 (Venusberg), Germany.

### New Publications

The Royal College of General Practitioners has produced a series of guidelines recommending the content of training in a series of hospital disciplines. Further information: Education Division, The Royal College of General Practitioners, 14 Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7 1PU (telephone 071 582 3232; fax 071 225 3047).

The Manic Depression Fellowship has published a new leaflet *Comfort for Carers* which offers advice to those who have to cope with manic depression in someone close to them. Further information: The Manic Depression Fellowship Ltd., 13 Rosslyn Road, Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 2AR (telephone 081 892 2811).