

Etcetera

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The Adolescent: Case Studies for Analysis by Nancy C. Raiston and G. Patience Thomas. Chandler Publishing Company, 257 Park Avenue South, New York 10010. 1974. 198 pp. \$4.95 paperback.

The perceptive authors present opening chapters on "The Case Study" and "Understanding Adolescent Behavior," then delineate 10 case studies illuminating identity crisis, drug abuse, social maturity, independence and parental conflict, prolonged education, responsible sexuality, suicide, alienation from society, vocational choice, and minority group problems and pressures. Each case study follows a comprehensive outline covering family history as well as individual history, with thoughtful interpretive questions.

The School Guidance Worker, Vol. 29, No. 4, March/April 1974. Guidance Centre, Faculty of Education, University of Toronto, 1000 Yonge St., Toronto, Ontario, Canada M4W 2K8. Pp. 1-60. Annual subscription (6 issues) \$7.00, single copy \$1.50.

This competent journal has concentrated each March/April issue on testing, both the theme and the issue of this "theme issue." Eight articulate articles cover such aspects as standardized tests in classrooms, criterion-referenced tests, tests for placement rather than admission, testing and counseling, tests in research, and nonuse of tests as "some form of psychological witchcraft." The editor concludes that testing "seems to be alive and well in Canada"; its misuse can be deadly and sickening. As a balanced blend of thought-through views, this special issue passes the test.

Strangers to Themselves: Readings on Mental Illness edited by Gene and Barbara Stanford. Bantam Books, Inc., 666 Fifth Ave., New York 10019. 1973. 332 pp. \$1.25 paperback.

Prolific compilers of assorted anthologies, the Stanfords read studiously and reap astutely. Though they adhere to the controversial "mental illness," regarded by many as more emotional and less medical, their selections are on target and their five introductions help "give the reader considerable insight into himself and the world around him" (surprising sexist language from strongly feminist Barbara). Fiction and nonfiction are drawn upon to depict neuroses, psychoses, and various treatments. The final section, "Mental Health and You," is weakened by the datedness of its longest selection, "Professional Resources," published in 1960.

Models of Group Therapy and Sensitivity Training by John B. P. Shaffer and M. David Galinsky. Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey 07632. 1974. 303 pp. \$9.95.

Not "models" necessarily to be emulated, small group methods described here include social work groups, psychoanalytic therapy groups, group dynamic therapy groups, existential-experiential therapy groups, psychodrama, gestalt therapy workshops, behavior therapy in groups, the Tavistock approach to groups, T-groups and the laboratory method, encounter groups, and the theme-centered interactional method. The chapter devoted to each is mainly descriptive, issues being touched on more in the



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introductory and concluding chapters, the latter providing "paired comparisons." Aside from "the group's potential tyranny," insufficient attention is given major concerns requiring monitoring and evaluation.

Developing Programs for Faculty Evaluation by Richard I. Miller. Jossey-Bass Inc., 615 Montgomery St., San Francisco 94111. 1974. 248 pp. \$9.95.

"A Sourcebook for Higher Education," this small book could spur big leaps forward in faculty evaluation, a matter of increased concern to students, faculty themselves, and administrators hard pressed by lack of hard money and loss of soft money. With tenure losing its tenacity, needed are improved criteria for retention and for resolution of such dilemmas as teaching competence vs. scholarly contributions. Criteria are easier to establish than evaluate, but Miller offers good grist for a start. His five chapters on issues, strategies, and practices are followed by a comprehensive annotated bibliography—a rarity meriting a special accolade.

Formula for Success: A Core Concept of Management by Lawrence A. Appley. American Management Associations, Inc., 135 W. 50th St., New York 10020. 1974. 138 pp. \$7.95. **Management and the Activity Trap** by George S. Odiorne. Harper & Row, 10 E. 53rd St., New York 10022. 1974. 193 pp. \$6.95.

Odiorne, also author of *Management by Objectives*, offers more substance, style, and per-page value than Appley, this AMA's chairman of the board, who claims that "profit is a service in itself" and exclaims, "Productivity is the name of the game!" In stressing that "activity is of value only in terms of attainment," he is close to Odiorne's core concept, "People tend to become so engrossed in activity that

they lose sight of its purpose." Both extend management dimensions to other areas of life, Odiorne more pointedly. He skewers professionals who "persist in . . . activities, as learned, even when the objectives practically cry out for some other kind of behavior."

Clinical Child Psychology: Current Practices and Future Perspectives edited by Gertrude J. Williams and Sol Gordon. Behavioral Publications, Inc., 72 Fifth Ave., New York 10011. 1974. 545 pp. \$19.95.

The "official publication of the Section on Clinical Child Psychology of the American Psychological Association," this book of 39 readings demonstrates the diversity of this field, topics ranging from infant development through intelligence testing and sexual stereotyping to family planning. This mish-mash of mainly reprinted material may signify a profession in search of itself, as perhaps indicated by the editors (who contributed several articles) labeling Part 1 "The Emerging Future" and Part 9 "Clinical Child Psychology Reassessed."

The American Alcoholic by William Madsen. Charles C Thomas, 301-27 E. Lawrence Ave., Springfield, Illinois 62717. 1974. 248 pp. \$11.50.

Subtitled "The Nature-Nurture Controversy in Alcoholic Research and Therapy," this is a scholarly but readable treatment of one special application of the heredity-environment hassle and the body-mind bind. Through a thesis-antithesis-synthesis analysis, anthropologist Madsen brings pertinent disciplines to bear on this most pervasive drug problem. He devotes considerable space to the considerable success of Alcoholics Anonymous. His 473 references, two detailed indexes, and qualitative merit rate him a mark of AA.