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### Current key issues

Medical staffing in mental handicap.  
Services for the psychiatrically and behaviourally disturbed mentally handicapped and offenders.  
Training opportunities in mental handicap at registrar and senior registrar level.

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## The 25th anniversary of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*

To mark the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the *British Journal of Psychiatry*, Professor Hugh Freeman, the Editor, hosted a buffet in the Council Room at the College on 5 October 1988. Incidentally, the event also marked the 135th anniversary of the *Asylum Journal* and the 133rd anniversary of the *Journal of Mental Science*.

Guests included two of Professor Freeman's predecessors: Dr Edward Hare (editor 1973–1977) and Dr John Crammer (editor 1977–1983) and

past and present Officers of the College, as well as a large number of the Editorial Committee, Journal assessors, and Journal staff, past and present.

Professor Freeman thanked all those connected with the Journal for contributing to its continuing success both at home and on the international scene.

The Journal's high reputation provides the College with a range of benefits which it is hoped will increase along with future developments.

## Caring for a community

The College has recently published a series of briefing papers entitled 'Caring for a Community' which summarises the College's opinion and advice on the

current developments and changes in psychiatric care in hospital and the community. Copies of this pack are available from the College for £2.50.

## Christmas holiday

The College will be closed from 7.00 p.m. on Friday, 23 December 1988 until 8.00 a.m. on Tuesday, 3 January 1989.