

CONVERSATIONS UNLIMITED - Tuesday, March 31, 1987

INTRO UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. Most of us were thrilled last fall when television recorded the final finisher in the annual New York Marathon. Pictures showed a man without legs swinging his trunk across the finish line on the strength of two stout arms and a heart as big as Central Park. Somewhere in this military veteran's past, you can be sure, is a physical therapist who helped a badly incapacitated man soar above his limitations. Many of us remember ~~when the physician and the nurse were the only physical therapists that patients had.~~ Today, therapists are professionals member of the health care team, recognized for their contributions to restored health and full use of sometimes limited resources. Dr. Jay Schleichkorn is a physical therapist, and he is much more. He is an educator who helps prepare young people to enter the field. Dr. Schleichkorn heads the Department of Physical Therapy in the School of Allied Health Professions at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. How long, Dr. Schleichkorn, has physical therapy been recognized as a separate health care field?

INTERVIEW DR. SCHLEICKORN:

- Growth of P.T. as a field:
 - * Doctors and nurses
 - * First P.T. practitioners
 - * First educational courses, certification
- Present requirements: federal, state, profession
- Insurance coverage
- Some examples of P.T. cases:
 - * Fractures (athletes)
 - * Heart/stroke victims
 - * Amputation
 - * Cerebral palsy, multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy
- What kind of P.T. should "healthy" people practice?
- To get questions answered ... ?

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We'll take a short break now. When we return, I'll be talking with Jay Schleichkorn about the educational program he's heading at Stony Brook. The university has a national reputation for its science and health research and education programs. We'll talk about the courses available to students and about where graduates go to practice their profession. Stay tuned, won't you?

BRIDGE MUSIC UP AND UNDER

Hi, everybody. I'm Al Oickle. I'm talking with Dr. Jay Schleichkorn, who chairs the Department of Physical Therapy in the Health Sciences Center at the State University of New York at Stony Brook. Tell us a bit about the program, will you? How many students, how many years of study.

INTERVIEW DR. SCHLEICHKORN:

- Review SUSB program:
 - * Number, types of students
 - * Courses, year by year
 - * Interdepartmental courses
 - * Relationship to humanities
 - * Relationship to holistic practices
- Only 12 master's programs in U.S.?
- Increased work with the elderly
 - * How does this relate to new veterans nursing home?
 - * Will P.T. work with new Center for Study of Aging?
- How do P.T. professionals regard growth of physical fitness "culture" with fitness parlors, gyms et al?
- Some of common misconceptions about P.T.
- Best advice for person wondering about therapy needs

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OUTRO

GA 20-25 jobs
70 women
30 men
24.5 yrs. avg. age

PROMO - For use no later than 5:55 p.m. March 31, 1987

Hi, everybody. This is Al Oickle. You can hear me on Conversations Unlimited, every Tuesday at 6 p.m. My guest this week will be Dr. Jay Schleichkorn. He's one of the country's best known educators in the field of physical therapy. Physical therapists represent an important profession in an era and a nation that place so much emphasis on health and physical fitness. Dr. Schleichkorn will tell us about the ways therapists help all of us, young and old, to take care of our bodies. That's Tuesday at 6 p.m. on Conversations Unlimited. Join us on WUSB -- 90.1 FM.

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