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## Disease's emotional side effects treated at summer camp

United Press International CLEMSON, S.C. — For 40 boys who spend a week at secluded Camp Running Brave, the days are filled with swimming, sailing, archery, canoeing — and hypnosis training. Camp Running Brave, on a lakef-ront campground in Western South

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with swimming, sailing, archery, Carolina, is like other summer canoeing — and hypnosis training.

But, it differs in being one of 18 camps in the United States for victims of a blood disorder called hemophilia. Each camp is sponsored by a local chapter of the National Hemophilia Association. Each has hemophiliac counselors, a full-time medical doctor and a roomful of medication

Hemophilia, a genetic disorder that prevents blood from clotting properly, is known as the "royal disease" because it afflicted Queen Victoria's heirs.

Its victims experience painful bleeding episodes that are usually internal. Bleeding often occurs in the joints and can be triggered by a blow, a bump or stress. It can be stopped by an injection of the missing clotting factor.

About 25,000 males suffer from

females, although the disease is carried by mothers.

While hemophiliacs can learn to said. avoid physical acts that cause bleeding, often they are not taught to deal with the emotional and mental stresses that bring on a "bleed." To help Running Brave campers cope, Drs. Wallace and Jeanine LaBaw teach them autohypnosis.

This was Jay Moore's fourth summer at the camp. Moore, 14, said he suffers about one "bleed" a week, usually in his elbow.

"It seems to happen when I'm ex-cited about something I've planned to do," he said.

LaBaw, a child psychiatrist who has done much of his work at the University of Colorado Medical School, conducts two 10-to-15-minute self-hypnosis sessions daily for the 5-to 15-year-old campers. He teaches them to put themselves in a

hemophilia. It is extremely rare in trance and practice on their own.

"It works," LaBaw said. "It can let a kid be more independent.' "It helps calm you down," Moore

Dale M. Brisson, 29, is a hemophiliac whose conversation is sprinkled with drug addicts' language. Brisson said he was an addict until he discovered hypnosis.

"My body was craving Demerol (a pain killer) — I used to shoot the stuff up. I was strung out, addicted," Brisson said, a radio announcer in Lexington, N.C.

He grew up in Miami at a time when medical researchers had not yet developed and marketed improved blood clotting factors. He remembers going to the hospital for blood plasma each time he bled. Clotting factors and hypnosis now let him and Moore lead relatively

normal lives.

"I'm not allowed to play contact sports such as football because I might get hurt, but I do everything else, Moore said.

Travis Williams, 8, said the only difference between him and his friends is "that I get transfusions." Life for hemophiliacs, particularly young ones, includes not only pain, the shots and the ban on contact sports. LaBaw said they are also often coddled by over-protective pa-rents who feel guilty about transmitting a disease they themselves don't

"I've seen kids in Colorado who have never spent a night away from home," he said.

Moore said one of the best things about camp is "being with the other guys who have hemophilia and talking with them.

Brisson said hemophiliacs often feel isolated because many people don't understand the disease.

For hemophiliacs' parents, money is a big problem. The National

Hemophilia Foundation estimates infusion therapy can cost as much as \$22,000 a year. Some states pay subsidies.

Camp director Linda Robertson has a hemophiliac daughter, 12.

"It's like any other long-term disease," said Mrs. Robertson. She has developed a wry sense of

humor about the situation. "The only thing royal about hemophilia is the cost," she said.

## **Bluegrass** festival Saturday

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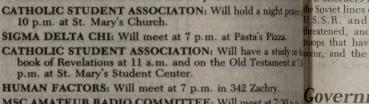
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