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Social workers help people like you

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Social Workers touch the lives of many people from every walk of life, from middle class parents who abuse their child, to a teenager with an unplanned pregnancy, to an alienated elderly patient in a convalescent home, to a student doing poorly in school, to a mentally retarded child, to a patient afraid of undergoing an operation, and the list goes on.

As long as society has existed there have been problems of human need, and the function of social work is to try and alleviate those problems. The most common image of a social worker is of one who redistributes income and concrete services to the needy.

Many social workers are involved in this area; however, there is much more to social work.

A social worker believes in the worth and dignity of every person. A social worker's main goal is to help a client strengthen his-her coping skills by listening to the clients problems and concerns with a non-judgemental attitude and by empathizing with the client.

Everyone at some point in their lives needs a safe place or person to go to where they know they can talk openly and freely without fear of rejection. Social workers provide that place and are those people.

Because social workers are reaching out and helping make

one's life better and happier, they are collectively making society a better place also.

The social work students of the Class of '84 are the first social work students to graduate with a major in social work. We are proud of our profession and are happy to be helping people like you.

If you would like to know more about social work and the social work major, please contact Dr. Sumner or Dr. Bishop in the Social Work Department or contact any of the Social Work Club officers whose phone numbers are posted on the Social Work Dept. bulletin board. Also feel free to attend any of our club meetings; they are posted on the Social Work Dept. bulletin board also.

Tunt o'tay

by Karen Mann, MRA Twig Correspondent

The time was 7:00 p.m. The place Jones Auditorium. The purpose: Stunt, "The Video." The guest stars, transfigured by Jill Humburger, were Balinda Carlisle, lead singer of the Go Go's, Boy George, Culture Club, and Michael Jackson. Jill, as Balinda Carlisle, made a stunning entrance, dazzling all. Later she came out as Boy George, what a sight to behold. Hardly anyone recognized Jill under that outfit. Pretty awesome. At last, Michael Jackson appeared with his soft flowing voice. He dazzled the crowd with a few spectators yelling, "Michael, Michael." All that could be said of Jill Humburger's appearances was they were totally awesome and jammin'!

This year's Stunt was won by the Seniors. An excellent performance led their way to another victory. The senior class's theme was, "Move It!" The Seniors' director, Angie Little, showed great leadership which was seen by the class's

victory. The Seniors showed their stuff with the set consisting of elderly people lounging around the Sunset Hill Nursing Home. The genie, played by Catherine Cole, was the giver of good tidings. The genie was willing to give the old people anything they wanted but the old people couldn't hear well enough to know what he was talking about. Jan Joyner, who played Ernie, never could sit still. The "talent" of the senior class showed up in the different dances performed, (the Charleston and the Twist), in the skit.

The Juniors took a roaring second with a scene. Lyn Walker was the D. J. at the all popular "Doolittles." The theme, "As the Zoo Turns," was for the many different affairs that go on after hours at the zoo. Becky Evans played a pig whose tail just wouldn't stay together, but Becky kept her composure. The chairmen for the Juniors were Mary Graham and Maria Blackman.

The Sophomores took a third in the competition. They were quite impressive with their skit entitled "Past vs. Present."

The skit showed the difference between past dating life and present dating life. The main characters from the past were: Lisa Roble, Laura Watts, Kathy Tarleton, Stella Miller and Barbara Andrews and of the present were: Kelley Tilley, Charlotte Kinnard, Laura Bynum, and Rosemary Hampton. Julie Bell played a major role in the skit.

The Freshman Class took a fourth place finish. The scene was the ever popular fraternity party. The theme was "All the Right Moves," and the frat guys just seemed to be striking out everywhere. Meredith girls aren't usually the type to be taken in by those most common lines. The only girl who was fooled was played by Jeanette Josey. The chairmen were Donna Gibson and Allyson Moore.

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The computer experience

Since computers are quickly becoming a bigger part of our everyday lives, Meredith now maintains a computer room for students to use. That means we have a faster way to type and revise those English papers! My own experiences with word processing on a computer have been enjoyable for the most part. But as with learning any new skill, problems arose!

Mastering the return key was the biggest challenge to me. I was shortly convinced that it was a communist plot to censor my writing. I kept seeing line after line disappear. It was more than a few mistakes later when I realized that the return key created an empty line without, actually, "inserting" it. The

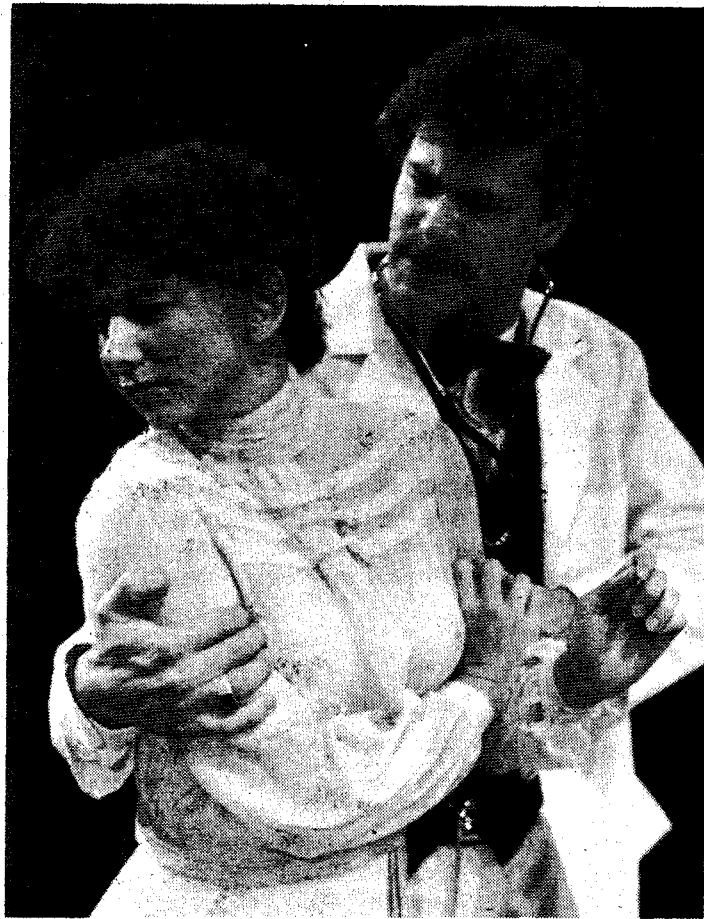
Commodore people really should have included a warning for beginners like, "Danger! Will gobble unstored prose in a single bite." Maybe I've exaggerated a bit. But remember, major disasters can occur from the slight mis-use of a major word processing key. Someone should have given a fair warning to those of us who learn things the hard way.

Another problem that seemed to plague my paper writing was something called "syntax error." It seemed as though every time I wanted to print out a final copy of a paper, this term appeared on the screen. I began to assume that the computer was programmed to title all papers "syntax error." Once again, however, I figured

out that this was another easily correctable mistake which was even pointed out to me by the cursor.

The print-out was a traumatic experience. Just when I had everything going smoothly the computer would attack with its last resources. As it started printing, I began to feel confident that I had done everything correctly. But when I pushed "c" for continue, it proceeded to finish the paper and then re-type the beginning of my essay on the same page. I had always heard that computers weren't really smart, but I knew so now. Good old word pro had sensed my over confidence and made amends. I had heard of repetative prose, but this was

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Meredith Performs will present Tennessee Williams' 'Summer and Smoke' March 30, 31 at 8:00 p.m., and April 5, 6, and 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the Studio Theater.

There will be a matinee performance on April 8 at 2:00 p.m., also in the Studio Theater.

Ticket prices are \$5 for adults and \$3.50 for students. For more information call 833-6461, ext. 236 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (Monday thru Friday).

Spring Fling campus run

Attention all you Meredith Angels, Faculty, and Staff! Dust off your running shoes and get on your marks! Get set and Go! April 29 is coming soon. So, you want to know what happens on April 29?

Spring Fling is April 29, and you can get in on the excitement early. How? Come on out, and run in the Spring Fling Campus Run sponsored by CGA and Moving In Style.

The two mile run begins at 12:30 and is open to all Mere-

dith women, faculty, and staff.

Great prizes will be awarded to the top three overall winners. Prizes will also be awarded for the best time in each class (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, Senior); and for the best time by the faculty and staff.

Be looking for an entry form on your door. The entry fee is only four dollars and you will receive a T-shirt just for being in the race.

Amy James

Changes in registration

In order to guarantee a space at Meredith in Fall 1984, you must register by mail. If you don't register by mail, your space may be cancelled and you may not be able to get into the classes for which you preregistered. This change is effective this year.

The Accounting Office will bill all preregistered students around July 1; the first tuition payment will be due August 10. Otherwise, the payment schedule will be the same as before.

The Accounting Office must clear each student before

the Registrar's Office will allow that student to complete registration. In order to complete your registration for Fall 1984, you must bring your receipt and pick up your schedule in the Registrar's Office.

These changes will *not* be included in the preregistration package as before, so the Registrar's Office and Accounting Office ask that each student take note and comply with these new procedures so that registration will go as smoothly as possible.

Psychology Conference

Dr. Wilse B. Webb from the University of Florida will be the featured speaker at the Carolina Psychology Conference to be held in April.

Dr. Webb will speak on "The Stuff of Dreams."

The conference will be held on the campuses of North Carolina State University and Meredith College April 6 & 7, 1984.

Other activities will include a social, panel discussions and a film festival.