Students practice bedside manner

SOUTHFIELD—Wayne State Univer-sity sophomore medical students are setting an unusual opportunity to prac-tice their bedside manner, thanks to a program developed by a Southfield

are actors and actresses employed by the Medical School's Simulation Pro-gram. They act out the physical and emotional problems that a real

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"THE PROGRAM was very successful in the developmental stages, and the reports that I've seen show it is doing very well." Scott said. The course gives the student a definite edge in dealing with patients later in his career, he said.
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patient would likely bring to a firsttime visit with a general practitioner.
The program gives future physicians a chance to test their ability torelate to the patient and discover his mock medical problem. Each interyelw is videotaped for later scoring
by the student's instructor and fellow
students.
Aredited with developing the program for Wayne. State is Dr. Norval
Scott, 25555 Mulroy. Scott, a doctor-inafractor at Wayne, began work to implimented as part of the regular curricujumn in 1973. He said the course is
going well. several years, however, the idea of simulation has been making great strides in medical reducation.

"Basically, there is nothing wrong with most behavior, it is the way you use them." he said. "What we have done is try and find out what constructive behaviors are for a doctor and teach them in a systematic manner." Interviews are conducted in three studies set top like doctor's offices Each interview lasts about 10 minutes—during which the student and actor discuss the patients health problem.

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Entirely videotaped, the interview is later reviewed by the student, his instructor, fellow students, and sometimes even the actor involved.

Scott claims this method of teaching as several advantages:

"FOR ONE THING, you can repeat the same situation to a number of sopie," he said. "Also, our patients on't die or have a psychological auma if the student blows it."

The videotape has additional advan-tages, according to Scott. "The tape allows the student to see for himself what he is doing wrong and allows him to correct some of his errors and modify some of his behavior."

Actors for the program are selected for their ability to challenge the student physician. They come from theaters around the Waye State community like the Hillberry and Bonstelle

Some actors have ranged from as far as the Ridgedale Players and the Grouse Poster Theater to several other medical school across the country, Scott said. It is an off-shoot of a program developed by Ned Flanders, a pioneer in interaction analysis between students and teachers.

"WE ADAPTED Flander's system into the medical field," Scott said. "We isolated 12 behaviors normally associated with a medical interview."

The program encourages the stu-dent to due supportive statements, en-courage, reassure and use the silence of the patient effectively. Scott said. The most is gained by letting the patient talk with as little guidance as possible from the doctor.

"When you are direct, you get a lot of information, but most of it is unusable. You will generally get more usable information by being inferect and letting the patient talk." he said.

Scott, originally from the University of Southern California, is developing other instructional materials for the medical action The current simulation program director is Dr. Robely Niccolini, assistant professor of psychiatry.

Collegians trying to prove adulthood

He should know: he's been a college guidance 'counselor for almost 20 years, and now heads Michigan State University's Counseling Center.

Williams came to MSU in 1987 from the University of Kansas where he was a guidance counselor and an as-sistant dean

"In the Wat. students wanted to destroy some of the systems that were already set up and replace them with other; systems." Williams says "Todas, students seem more inferested in how they can use these stems to their advantage direction in life."

"They're mainly concerned with employment and want help in choosing a direction in life."

WHAT CHANGES can parents expect in their children once they go to college. "Children going to college need to prove they are adults. by talking to their parents about what they believe in, and why. Williams says. "One way they do this believe in and offer avere diametrically opposed to this believe provided to the provided and the students of the control of the control

gion " Williams suggests that parents not

Dr Cecil Williams has some advice for parents with children in college—the late 20s or early 30s, he says, attilisten to thein, and don't worry. By the time a person reaches the late 20s or early 30s, he says, attilisten to thein, and don't worry.

Parents often worry that their chil-dren will be exposed to drug use when they go off to college. According to Williams, there has been a sharp de-crease in hard drug use on campus, and there is no longer a serious drug

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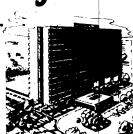
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