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Columbia's School of Social Work has established two new professorships named after Dr. Helen Rehr and Ruth Fizdale, and Albert Musher, three innovators in the field of social-work medicine.

The Rehr and Fizdale professorship will combine the fields of social-work practice and health-care research, and the Musher professorship will advance social-work knowledge development through the application of methods that have been used in fields of scientific inquiry.

The professorships are expected to be filled next semester.

School of Social Work Dean Ronald Feldman expressed enthusiasm for the professorships.

"Public funds for social-work education have declined sharply," Feldman said. "These gifts will offset that decline. Most important, they will help the school assume renewed leadership in crucial areas of social work education."

Rehr, who received both her master's and doctoral degrees in social work from Columbia, worked for several years in the department of social work service at Mount Sinai Medical Center, becoming its director in 1973.

Fizdale, who died Oct. 30 at age 86, was an adjunct associate professor emerita at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine, and studied at the University of Chicago, the Smith College of Social Work, and the University of Pennsylvania's School of Social Work.

For nearly 20 years, she was executive director of the Arthur Lehman Counseling Service (ALCS) in New York, where she developed a fee-for-service system for use by private agencies, allowing salaries to be paid to social workers. Created to serve middle-income clients, ALCS helped to establish social work as a profession.

Fizdale was also a founding member of the NASW Competence Certification Board and was named New York Social Worker of the Year in 1970.

Albert Musher, a director of Stiefel Laboratories, has been a benefactor of the School of Social Work for a number of years.

His primary interest has been the Center for the Study of Social Work Practice.

Musher's earlier gifts funded studies on support services needed by grandparents raising grandchildren and AIDS prevention among minority youth.



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Vendors sold a variety of posters on College Walk yesterday.