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INTRODUCTION

The Problem

Importance of the Problem

In a recent <u>Quarterly Journal of Speech</u> article, Wayne Thompson cays, in commenting on present methods of teaching speech, "The impact of experimental studies . . . has been elight." One of the reasons is that "results gained through investigations, because of decentralized publication, have remained uncollated."

Donald K. Smith also calls for organization of existing knowledge because "we are encountering one of those periodic crises in educational history where the amount of knowledge accumulated has begun to challenge the validity of the way in which we now organize our courses of study and our intellectual disciplines."

The basic speech course is one of the more important speech courses. It is a terminal course and is often the only course in speech that a student takes. Therefore, it should be as useful as possible to the average college student. To make it as useful as possible, the procedures used in the basic course should be critically re-examined

The Guarterly Journal of Speech, XLIX, 10.1 (February, 1963), 1.

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periodically in the light of current research. Since such of this research is scattered throughout the journals of speech and related fields, it is difficult to make use of see developments. Thus teaching tends to follow classical methods as Mayne Thompson says above. This study is an attempt to draw together recent research relevant to the basic speech course into a bibliography that can be used as a research tool for possible course modification.

Search for Similar Studies

A review of selected speech literature has been made for similar studies. In 1952, Hugo David completed a study entitled "Some Implications of Experimentalism for Teaching Public Speaking." Because of the inclusive dates of David's work, the dates chosen for this study are from 1951 to mid-1963. One other similar work was discovered, an article entitled "A Selected Bibliography on the "First Course" by Donald E. Hargis. Hargis indexed 50 articles, 14 published before 1930, eight descriptive of specific courses at given institutions, 20 dealing with evaluation of the course, and 10 with limited aspects of teaching methods. Only four were dated 1951 or later. Three were dated 1951. One was an article in The Western Speech Journal, and two were

Hugo David, "Some Implications of Experimentalism for Teaching Public Speaking," (unpublished Ed.D. thesis, Dept. of Speech, Michigan State University, 1952.)

Donald E. Hargis, "A Selected Mibliography on the 'First Course, "
The Speech Teacher, III, No. 4 (November, 1954), 252-54.

master's theses. The 1952 listing was a Ph.D. thesis. These three theses are included in the bibliography that follows. The article was eliminated by the limitations noted below.

Statement of the Froblem

The primary purpose of this study is to prepare a bibliography of material pertaining to the teaching of the basic college speech course. The secondary purpose is to annotate the material pertaining to the evaluation of student speeches.

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Definitions of Terms

- 1. Material. This term refers to master's and doctoral theses

 listed in Speech Monographs, and articles found in Speech

 Monographs, The Speech Teacher, and The Quarterly Journal

 of Speech.
- 2. Recent. This term refers to the period 1951 to mid-1963.
- 3. Evaluation. This term refere to determination of worth in terms of predetermined criteria, and includes the offering of remedial suggestions.

Further Limitations

Because of the limitations of time only one section of the bibliography has been annotated. The annotating of the section entitled
"Evaluation of Student Speeches" was chosen because classroom criticism
is one of the significant functions of the teacher of speech. Weaver,
Borchers, and Smith observe that none of the functions of the teacher

of speech "is more crucial to the success of his speech instruction than his activity as a critic of speech, and as a stimulator and a leader of helpful criticism."

This job is not an easy one, as indicated by Robert T. Oliver, who says,

when we turn our attention specifically to the grading of students in public speaking, we are keenly awars of the problems. The judgment on each speech is necessarily largely subjective; it varies from teacher to teacher, and any one teacher may judge differently at different times. 7

The Procedure

Source of Titles

In order to find articles pertaining to the basic course, the tables of contents of Speech Monographs, The Speech Teacher, and The Quarterly Journal of Speech were examined. In cases where the title did not clearly indicate the subject matter, the article was read to see if it pertained to the basic course. These titles were found in No. 3 of each volume of Speech Monographs, in Franklin H. Knower's "Graduate Theses—An Index of Graduate Work in Speech." Those titles

Andrew T. Weaver, Gladys L. Borchers, and Donald K. Smith, The Teaching of Speech (Englewood Cliffs, New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, Inc., 1956), p. 99.

Robert T. Cliver, "The Eternal (and Infernal) Problem of Grades,"
The Speech Teacher, IX, No. 1 (January, 1960), 9.

Franklin H. Knower, "Graduate Theses--An Index of Graduate Work in Speech," Speech Honographs, XVIII - XXX, No. 3.

indexed under "Fundamentals of Speech" and "Speech Education" were examined, and those pertaining to the basic course are listed.

Classification of Titles

Mothod of Classifying

The organizational patterns of various texts on the teaching of speech were examined. For the purposes of this study, the organization of Karl Robinson's Tanning Speech in the Secondary School was followed with the application being made to the college situation.

However, the material under "The Speech" was organized according to the classical divisions of rhetoric presented in the Rhetorica ad Herennium, as reported in Thomssen and Baird's Speech Criticism, 10 a classic work in the field of speech criticism. "Listening" and "Communication Theory" are classifications that were added to the five classical divisions of rhetoric.

The Classifications

The classifications chosen for this bibliography are as follows:

- I. The Speech
- A. Invention
- B. Disposition

York: Longmans, Green and Company, 1954).

Lester Thonssen, and A. Craig Baird, Speech Criticism, (New York: The Ronald Press Company, 1948), p. 78-81.

- C. Style
- D. Kemory
- E. Delivery
- F. Listening
- G. Communication Theory

II. The Personnal

- A. The Teacher
 - B. The College Student

III. The Course

- A. Teaching Methods
 - B. Surveys of Teaching Methods
 - C. Evaluation of Student Speeches
 - D. Testing, Critician, and Course Evaluation
 - E. Textbooks and Teaching Aids
 - F. Motivation
 - G. Special Problems
 - H. Other

Securing the Material

Copies of the necessary journals were obtained from the South Dakota State College library. Master's theses were secured through interlibrary loss. One Ph.D. thesis was examined on a trip to

California. The annotations of the other two were made from Dow's "Abstracts of Theses in the Field of Speech," as Ph.D. theses were on microfilm and according to Mrs. Harlan Klug, South Dakota State College reference assistant librarian, must be purchased. It was the opinion of members of the graduate faculty of the speech department that the purchase of the microfilm was not necessary for the purposes of this thesis.

There was no abstract for Schmidt's themis in either Dow's compilation or in the microfilmed abstracts available at the South Dakota State College library.

Reporting the Material

This bibliography contains a list of 390 articles, and master's and doctoral theses pertaining to the mallege basic speech course.

The material is presented in alphabetical order under the classification headings. The material under each classification is divided between "Articles" and "Theses."

James Harvey Jackson, "An Experimental Study of Listeners' Evaluation of Speech Content as Compared with Speech Delivery," (unpublished Ph.D. thesis, Dept. of Speech, University of Southern California, 1957).

¹² Clyde W. Dow, ed., "Abstracts of Theses in the Field of Speech," Speech Monographs, XXI, No. 2 and XXII, No. 3.

¹³ Ralph N. Schmidt, "The Comparative Effectiveness of Audience Versus Instructor Grading on the Development of Proficiency in Public Speaking," (unpublished Ph.D. thesis, Dept. of Speech, Syracuse University, 1950).

Twenty-seven theses and articles were annotated according to the following method of reporting:

- 1. The material is listed in a separate chapter in alphabetical order by the name of the author.
- 2. Pollowing the author's name, the remaining bibliographical material is given.
 - 3. An annotation of the material is presented. In annotating, as attempt was made to answer the following quantions:
 - a. What was the purpose of the article or study?
 - b. What procedures were followed?
 - c. What conclusions were drawn?

 The annotations include direct quotations from the author,
 and in some cases, paraphrased items.
 - 4. Following each annotation, a summary statement of the material is presented. This statement is a brief presentation of the work.
 - 5. After annotating the material in the section entitled
 "Evaluation of Student Speeches," an attempt was made to
 draw some conclusions from the material that might be of
 use to a teacher of speech who is evaluating the methods he
 uses for oral criticism of student speeches.

The Remaining Chapters of the Thesis

The three remaining chapters of this study are as follows: In "A Bibliography of Material on the College Basic Speech Course," a

bibliography of 390 articles and these pertaining to the college basic speech course is presented. In "Annotations of Material on Evaluation of Student Speeches," 27 articles and theses pertaining to the evaluation of student speeches are annotated. In "Conclusions," the writer has attempted to draw some conclusions concerning the evaluation of student speeches based on the material annotated.

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF MATERIAL ON THE COLLEGE

BASIC SPETCH COURSE

The material in this bibliography is listed alphabetically by author's name under the classification headings. Each classification is divided into two parts, "Articles" and "Theses." Six articles or theses have been listed under two or more headings. In the case of a second listing only the author's name is given, with a notation to see the classification containing the first listing.

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ANNOTATIONS OF MATERIAL ON EVALUATION OF STUDENT SPEECHES

In this chapter, the writer presents annotations, or abstracts, of 27 articles and theses listed in the preceding chapter under the category "Evaluation of Student Speeches." First, the hibliographical listing of the article or thesis is presented. In the two instances where an abstract, rather than the original material, was used, a bibliographical notation is made for both the original and the abstract. Second, a report of the material is presented. This report consists of a review of the purpose of the article or thesis, the procedure used, and the conclusions reached. Whenever possible the original author's phrasing is used. Then a summarized statement of the main idea of the material is given.

In those articles where the purpose was not specifically stated, the writer has chosen that portion of the introductory material that seems to best outline what the author of the article wished to accomplish. The same method was employed when conclusions were not stated explicitly.

The material is divided into two sections, "Articles" and
"Theses." The material in each section is arranged in alphabetical
order by authors' names.

Articles

Becker, Samuel L. "The Rating of Speeches: Scale Independence,"

Speech Monographs, XXII, No. 1 (March, 1962), 38-44.

Purpos

If one examines the use made of speech rating scales in most experiments in speech ped gogy, in diagnostic work, and in "pass-out" tests, it is clear that an assumption of independent of cell variance underlies there uses. Almost invariably, the ratings on each scale are added as though each contributes some discrete element to the total ratine, or the scale ratings are about the speech performance or performances rated. Sellom has this assumption been questioned; we make such a test.

It is the urpose of this study to make such a test.

Procedure

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The scales used in this test are: subject, analysis, material, or anization, language, adjustment of speaker, bodily action, voice, articulation and pronunciation, fluence, and general effectiveness.

For analysis were made of three instructors' ratings on these scales of 442 freshman speeches.

It was found that only 3 factors, rather than 11, were actually being discriminated among by the raters. These were an analysis-content actor, a delivery factor, and a language factor. It was also demonstrated that the variance not attributable to one of these three factors could be accounted for in terms of rating unreliability.

Conclusions

"Perhaps the speech form should be reduced to three scales, a content analysis scale a delivery scale, and a language scale."

Summary

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Brooks, Keith. "The Construction and Testing of a Forced Choice Scale for Measuring Speaking Achievement," Speech Monographs, XXIV, No. 1 (March, 1957), 65-73.

Purpose

This study is concerned with the construction and testing of a forced Choice Scale for measuring chievement in speaking.

. . The forced Choice technique . . . is designed to reduce the rater's shility to control the final result of the rating. The technique used in accomplishing this end involves forcing the rater to choose between descriptive phrases which appear of equal value—equal preference indices—but are different in validity—discrimination indices. A preference index is the mean of the scale values indicating the degree to which the criterion label applies to the group concerned.

A discrimination index represents the correlation of the criterion label with an over-all rating. . .

The problem of testing in this study involves a comparison between the Knower General Speech Performance Scale (hereafter referred to as a Simple Numerical Scale) and the Forced Choise Scale developed in this study.

Procedure

The Forced Choice Scale was constructed by taking a list of effective and ineffective observable speaking habits from student-written easilys. This original list of 133 items was pared by various methods to 52 items.

The final form included 26 pairs--13 pairs of effective speaking habits and 13 pairs of ineffective speaking habits. Thirt en groups, each including two pair of parases describing effective and ineffective speaking habits, were formed on a single sheet of paper.

A training period in the use of the Forced Choice Scale in the classroom is essential. . . .

The statistical procedure followed in comparing the forced Choice Scale and the Simple Numerical Scale revealed that the rank orders of all peakers as determined by the forced Choice Scale and by the Simple Numerical Scale were comparable.

Conclusions

- (1) In terms of efficiency, it was found that the Forced Choice Scale required no more time for student checking than did the Numerical Scale. Also, the Forced Choice Scale can be scored in approximately ten seconds. The Numerical Scale is self-scoring.
- (2) The Forced Choice Scale developed in this study has particular value as a research instrument where values of criteria need not be explained to students who are rated.

(3) This Scale is an excellent predictor of rank order

of all speakers when group scores are averaged.

(4) The reliability of this scale is largely dependent on the ability of the individuals in the group to accurately discriminate among their observations of habits listed in each tetrad.

Summary

A Forced Choice Scale for measuring achievement in speaking was developed, and then compared with the Knower General Speach Performance Scale.

Davis, Frank B. "Speech and Grades: A Request for Further Research,"

The Speech Teacher, III, No. 4 (November, 1954), 255-58.

Purpose

The speech teacher on hearing comment on speech grades may bristle a bit, . . . but evidently does no investigation on the matter to determine if the accusation is true, and, if so, why. This paper is a result of considerable thought and some investigation; its plan is for further research on the problems.

Procedure

One of the first problem that needs to be considered in the research on speech and rade in that of the philosophy back of the untergraduate course in speech department. . . . There are to back it is a realent: to teach prechor to teach students. . . One of the first bits of research needed

Another area requiring research is that of comparisons of standards, grades, and methods of instruction within a given institution. . . . The statistician might well spend his time more valuably gathering material comparing the speech grades with the other grades of the individual. . . One of the instances of research in this area has been done by Ernestine Heard Jensen, whose M. . themse is, "The Grades of Louisians State University Students Enrolled in speech, 1947-48." One of her significant conclusions is the fact that, "The discrepancy between the grades a student receives in speech and those he receives in other courses appears so slight as to be inconsequential."

In addition to studying standards and grades within departments and institutions, there is probably a place for consideration or comparison of these items between institutions.

. . . We have no . . . evaluating or standardization gency in the field of speech. . . . Also what about the grade standards and curve in the school here a student took a course?

Let us assume for the moment that sound research reveals that peech gr d s ar gen rally higher than the institutional average. Then he research will want to look into the causes of that situation. One tatement hich will surely be made is . . . that speech skill has been practiced by the student longer and more frequently than have the rakills . . . Another point that research ill undoubtedly bear out is that speech cours a real cted by a large percentage of the students. . . . How about motivation? . . . Speaking is an art, skill, wherein the students are in direct competition not only with the instructor's idea of perfection but with the other members of the class.

"The prospective researcher should consider the teaching too."

Some considerations should be experience, ability to communicate

material, student-teacher relation hips, use of visual aids, and the

idea that the "speech teacher does not . . . have the tradition of failing students. . . . However, there are reasons for the speech grade curve being as it is—or may be—of which we may not be proud, which we should consider and perhaps hold in check." These include personal acquaintanceship between student and teacher that affects grading; giving higher grades than are earned, at the beginning of the course, to encourage the student; and giving higher grades for obvious improvement than an unbiased evaluation would call for.

"Finally, and perhaps even more important, what of our standards?

Are they too low . . . ? . . . In it better for the student to have

an idea and say idear, or to say idea and not have one?"

Conclusion

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Thus are posed some questions in relation to speech and grades. Basically they seem to be lodged in standards and comparisons between institutions, between departments within an institution, between instructors within a department, but perhaps most important is the comparison of grades of the individual student. Is he setting value, and if so, how should it be rewarded?

Sumary

Questions for research on the methods and standards of grading speeches are posed.

Douglas, Jack. "The Measurement of Speech in the Classroom," The Speech

Teacher, VII, No. 4 (November, 1958), 309-19.

Purpose

The measurement of learning is of great concern to any good teacher of speech, but it is fortunate, in an important

sense, that standardized tests in speech are, by and large, not available. . . .

Sound measurement is the means to a firmer rasp of truth, to a clearer perception of the reality in speech behavior. Careful measurement is the means of knowing what we are doing and thereby achieving better results in teaching. . . . Today it is clear that there are many important aspects of speech which we cannot now measure quantitatively except for experimental purposes. . . .

Our boot hope, then, lies in the teacher's understanding of the nature of measurement and out of that understanding improving her frail human judgment. The remainder of this article is devoted, therefore, to a summary reminder of some basic principles of measurement and some suggestions for its improvement in evaluating speeches.

Procedure

The most important question in measurement is that of validity: . . . a test is never just valid, it must be valid for some particular thing. . . .

another essential requirement for good testing, which is seldom mentioned, is that of practicality. The test must be worth the time, effort, and expense in terms of the data it provides.

Functions of measurement. . . The purposes which measurements may serve in education sees to be these: (1) diagnosis, (2) estimating chieveent or progress, (3) guiding and motivating learning, and (4) research. It is not impossible for a test to serve all four purposes, but unlikely that it will nerve any to equally well. . . .

Objects of measurem nt. . . The teacer's judgments ill be affected by whichever of the four great historical criteria of rhetorical theory she subscribes to or the relative weight of ach in her philosophical make-up: the truth, the results, the ethical, and the artistic (or methods) standards.

Certainly, speech measurement must respond primarily to the total performance or total effect as a unit. . . . The testing procedure must also rovide for each of the major variable components which influence the total performance. . . . They may be listed as speech attitudes and adjustment, ideas, supporting materials, or anization, style, delivery not everyone will agree on the exact listing and, that is not important, the definition of these.

It is converely assumed that the object of measurement in a speech class is a speech. . . . We must also measure the student's listening ability and development, including his critical and appreciative powers, and his stills in the various speech activities, provided, of course, that we seek to teach these.

In summary, we must measure, actually, whatever we seek to teach. . .

Types of me surement. . . . actual knowledge is robably best measured by the traditional "objective" test, better named by Robert Southore as the "limited-response" test. Understanding and insight, however, are better measured by the socalled essay test, or more exactly the problem-type test in which the student must recall, organize, and apply his knowledge. A good example of this type of test is one in which the student writes a critical evaluation of a stimulus speaker or speech based on a list of principles and techniques which the class has been studying. This type of question measures not only the student's knowledge and his ability to apply it but also his attitudes and his listening and critical abilities. which are important objectives of the speech class. . . . The teacher should have definitely in mind what she is looking for in grading and may of course award quantitative values for each item. Perhaps the best written examination is a combination of limited-response and problem-type questions.

. . . Il writers on the subject seem to agree that the trained observer is the only practical means to satisfactory testing of speech sall, and that the training of the observer is the single most important factor. . .

 Factors affecting judgment. The most effective method of improving the judge is through his understanding of what is involved in judging. . . . The teacher can . . . become aware of /difficulties incident to measurement of speech performance/ and understand how they influence her judgment so that she can allow for them and not be left at their mercy because unrecognized. There are two large factors within the judge which are most telling in their effects: (1) his knowledge of speech behavior, which is determined by the amount and kind of training and experience he has had; (2) his mental or emotional health—freedom from emotional compulsion and irrational impulses, awareness and control of his mental predilections and biases, his objectivity and consistency, his numreness of the grounds upon which his decisions rest.

Conclusions

From the foregoing consideration of the nature of measurement and what it involves, it is possible now to offer definite suggestions which can be expected to improve measurement and, thereby, our feelings of security about it.

(1) Begin with the thing to be measured. Tests like assignments must be directly related to objectives. Goal, activit, and evaluation must be a closely knit unity.

(2) Use tests to generate learning. Keep grading secondary.

(3) Do not be concerned with reliability until you have first checked validity. . . .

(4) Make your own tests and rating scales. No one class can possibly knowns well what you wish to measure.

(5) Use a variety of types of tests . . .

(6) When you have no adequate data, refuse to judge. . . .

(7) Review fundamental statistics, know these basic concepts: central tendency, dispersion, distribution, normal curve, ampling, validity, and reliability.

(8) Check periodically on your standards and your philosophy of speech education. Review the four historical theories of

rhetorical criticism.

(9) Learn to accept, emotionall, the necessity for using your own judgment, and to rely on it humbly. Expect to make mis-

takes occasionally.

(10) Depend on your trained and exprienced observation as the primary tool of measurement. Continually improve it by:

(a) learning to list a cloudy, to concentrate, keepmentally elert, extend the attention pan-this is done only through ractice; (b) keeping your mind open; (c) checking your judgment against others now and then: other teachers, contest judges, student judges (let the students judge ach

other occasionally); (d) formulating the criteria for each assignment clearly, both for yourself and the students—what is crucial varies from speech to speech; (e) not letting grading interfere with criticism; (f) beware of concentrating on the easily observed and the easily quantified at the expense of more significant and fundamental matters; (g) remember that the whole need not equal the sum of the parts—the whole exceeds the sum.

Summary

A summary of basic principles of measurement and some suggestations for improvement in evaluating speeches is made. A minimum list of sources to read and a bibliography of published speech tests which includes (1) tests of speech attitudes, adjustment, personality; (2) tests of problem-solving and critical thinking; and (3) rating scales are presented at the end of the article.

Fotheringham, Wallace C. "A Technique for Mensuring Speech Effectiveness in Public Speaking Classes," Speech Monographs, XXII, No. 1 (March, 1956), 31-37.

Purpose

Numerous techniques employing a sample of audience reaction to a speech have been described for measuring speech effectiveness. Why mother one? In the first place, the considerable riting on this problem may indicate dissatisfaction with existing measuring techniques. Second, this paper describes a technique that represents a departure from existing rating practices and contains measurement characteristics that seem desirable.

The purposes of this paper are to outline the mathematical development of the proposed technique, to illustrate its use in measuring speech effectiveness in public speaking classes, and to describe the characteristics of the measure onts which result from the use of the method.

Procedure

The initial departure in the proposed technique is to employ ranks to supplement any ratings used. Assume that ten judges have listened to five speeches and have rated them for effectiveness. The next step requires the judges to rank these speeches, allowing themselves no tie ranks. . . The ranks received by each speech are summed (Sp). Table II (Standard Scores from Sums of Ranks) is then used and the sum of ranks for each speech is translated into standard scores of speech effectiveness. The process takes five minutes or less. . .

The standard scores have a midpoint of 50 and a range of roughly 1-99. This characteristic makes the use of these as numerical grades easily understood by the student. . . .

Another advantage of this method is in its elimination of the regression error in ratings. . . . The generosity error in rating, the tendency to give the benefit of the doubt or to help someone out by giving a preferred judgment, is also eliminated as far as the group of speakers is concerned. . . . A similar reduction occurs for social pressure as a source of error in measurement. . . .

In spite of its advantage, objections have been made against the use of ranks. For example, the intervals or differences between things ranked are often not equal as the numerical ranks indicate.

Hower, fter statistical treatment, two ore characteristics of the measurement which result from the use of this me hod may be stated. First, the single judge is assumed to provide only ordinal data. Second, a group of judges provided to which can be treated to yield an essentially interval acal. . . .

The assumption of computent judges is open to question: in the classroom situation this ordinarily means the use of student judges. . . . It is still possible . . . for a judge intentionally or unintentionally to bias the ranks he asigns speeches. When this happens, it tands to expose itself as the instructor tabulates ranks . . . he can note which judge is most deviate from the composite judgment. . .

The method thus far described till has one characteristic typically not desired by the speech instructor. The average of standard scores developed from ranks is 50 for any group. . . This characteristic can be altered in such that the average standard score for any group equals the instructor's judgment about the speech effectiveness of that roup.

Three aspects of this adjustment for group level of effectiveness should be noted. First, differences between

hypothesize that two instructors can are on the level of effectiveness of a group of speches with less difference than they can gree on a series of individual speches. . . Third, this procedure permits the use of a combined audience-instructor score.

several undesirable characteristics which are: the method of ranks could permit considerable indirect measurement or inference about spech effectiveness; it could permit logical errors or special interpretations of that constitutes speech effectiveness; it tends to stress evaluation rather than description of the speech to be judged; it could permit the halo effect to operate, the tendency to generalize from a few aspects of speech behavior about the total speech; and it could permit response to insignificant behavior.

These sources of error . . . are also found in rating.
We attempt to reduce them by instruction on what the instructor
considers the significant factors of speech effectiveness.
. . . To the extent that we are successful in altering judging
behavior in desired directions we reduce these errors in
ratings, or in rankings developed from ratings.

Conclusions

For more than six years, the technique described in this paper has been under development and use in the introductory public speaking classes at The Ohio State University. During this time, it has been widely adopted by members of the teaching staff with what appears to be satisfaction to both student and instructor.

Summary

This article describes the development of a ranking method for judging speaking, and discusses the use of the method developed.

Hildebrandt, Herbert W., and Stevens, Walter W. "Blue Book Criticisms at Michigan," The Speech Teacher, IX, No. 1 (January, 1960), 20-22.

Purpose

"Bluebook Criticians"... are written speech evaluations by students for other members of the same class....
Their value... has been fourfold. They serve in many instances as an adjunct to the daily oral and written criticisms of the instructor and the class; the serve to reinforce, primarily through repetition, areas where the individual student is especially work; they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening; and they serve as a circum pect exercise in listening.

Proc dure

a speech notebook concerning and a member every time that member presents a speech. . . These notebook comments are then a similated into a written assay of from one to three pages in langth for each member of the class. The personal "letters" are handed in to the instructor who grades and collocates them before returning to each student . . all those criticisms addressed to him. . The student is sked to summize in imple chart form the critique which he has received. . . . In conference . . . the instructor and student discuss the student's speaking in terms of coment made by the class members.

In order to guarantee criticisms of quality . . . the class is given the following instructions:

Employ established criteria for your evaluation. For example, use headings consistent with material learned in the course:

- 1. Platform Delivery
- a. Vocal
 - b. Physical
 - 2. spech Or anization

 . The of idea movement
 - b. Clarity of movement
 - 3. Evidence
 - a. Variety of support employed
 - b. Fall cies in un ge

- 4. Reasoning
- a. Variety of reasoning employed
- b. Fallacies in usage
- 5. Language
- a. Vocabulary
 - b. Grammar
 - c. Clarity
 - d. Interestingness
 - 6. Style
 - a. Formal or informal
 - b. Appropriateness to speech topics
- 7. Ethical Appeals
 - 8. Emotional Appeals
- 9. Audience Adaptation

Provide specific examples to support your statements beneath the above headings.

Because a great amount of work is involved in writing critical essays for every member of the class, the student ought not to be expected to hand all of them in at once. . . . By scheduling the due date of the critiques over a week or a ten day period, only a limited number are written at a time.

Conclusions

BC ssign ent. . . . It enables them to receive in de ail an objective, personal appraisal of their speaking from every other class me ber. And the written critiques serve as a besis or valuable conference between thems lyes and the instructor.

Summary

Criticians written by students to other students can be a valuable part of a basic course.

Holtzman, Faul D. "Speech Criticism and Evaluation as Communication,"

The Speech Teacher, IX, No. 1 (January, 1960), 1-7.

Purpose

The behavior of a speech te cher in the basic course is . . . communicative behavior. It must, therefore, have a

"pecific desired response (purpose) and everything else (at least!) that is required of the student in his speaking with this in mind it is interesting to consider the specific responses desired by the teacher in two of his several roles: those of critic and evaluator.

Procedure

The critic of a speech has one primary question to answer: "What can I say (or write or do) that will result in this student's improving his communicative ability?"

- eration of the (expected) response of the student, how can he expect his student to be guided primarily by consideration of the (expected) response of his audience?
- uide for the critic in this (as in all) communication. . . Criticism, . . . besides having a specific desired response, must have a focus on one main idea.
- be progressive. That is, its desired response must be the development by the student speaker of a single, significant concept which is the next logical step in his improvement as a communicative speaker.
- few comments on varying techniques or procedures may shed some further light on the application of the prime principles of criticism.
- One to the may offer spoken criticism after each speech.

 . . He must motivate the tudent (praise?) to respond in his next talk to the criticism. This mans it must be concrete, singular (though supported by numerous examples), and the most important next conc pt of behavior for the individual tudent to master.
- the everal talks scheduled for one occasion. He will adapt his response to these talks as noted bove and may also draw from the total exprience—from the several talks—a single, significant idea to hich he will seek a response from the whole class.
- cisms from one or more students. . . . In any case the "presiding critic" (instructor) must dant the student comments by way of further example, emphasis and dited summary to the aim of the critic cited bove.
- This t kes varying form -- from prepublished check-list to a series of coments on a blank sheet of paper.

or by describing rether than suggesting. But assuming the written criticism and focus, it has the dvantage of redy reference for the student ho may not remember the next day hat the profesor said after the talk.

The udionce . . . can be of great assistance in teaching he speaker . . . his next are of focus if there is a question period. Listener' question can sometimes best point up critical errors of the speaker: errors of motive, of ambi-

guity, of organizational confusion, etc.

considered in dealing with speech evaluation in the basic course. One is that the two criteris—ffectiveness and artfulness—inseparable in the dynamics of human communication. The other is that most teachers never get a student that can be judged entirely on one criterion or the other.

. . . If the teacher is going to narrow to manageable concepts . . ; if he is going to achieve from his students a concentration on gaining audience responses rather than on their own behavior as "performances" . . .; and if the teacher believes that his "art" generally contributes to the effectiveness of the honest, sincere speaker, then may he not safely concentrate his evaluation on how successfully the student focuses on and achieves desired results?

In hort: the <u>fundamental</u> concept of communication is, in itself, enough to hope to achieve—with all of the behavior hich stems from its adoption—in the fundamental course.

- ... How can one judge offectivenes what the udience did and letter grade, a percentage, or on a rating scale of any number? ... It is a necessarily complex and many-sided answer. Here are some specific --certainly not an exhaustive list--in which the evaluator:
- 1. Watches the audience during the talk generally for overt agns of interest, concern, agreement, etc.
- 2. Observes various members of the audience at specific times during the speech . . . for overt signs of response.
- 3. Is alert to clue particularly at the time that the speech ends and again at the time the question-period (if any) is over. . .
- 4. Listens and watches for clues during the question-answer period. . . .
 - 5. Through brief quizzes, shift-of-opinion ballots and other such devices, tests knowledge or feelings or beliefs of the audience.
 - 6. Combines criticism with a discussion of what the speech "did to" members of the audience.

- 7. Notes whether or not a desired action (if any) really results.
- 8. Sounds out knowledge, feelings or beliefs of members of the class during regular student conferences.
- 9. If his concentration is not entirely on the behavior of his student speaker, can rely to a large extent upon his own response to the speaker and his communication. . . .
- 10. Over the years, tests some of these means against each other and develops gradually a dynamic, sensitive "gestalt" of mp thy with the student audiences.

some of these means of developing sensitivity to the efficiences of student peakers require a delay in announcement of the evaluation (grade). This may be mildly frustrating to the student but at the same time a most potent means of charge the student's concept of communication from one of a stream of utterances to an understanding of the soal of schieving a specific audience response.

Conclusions

In criticism and evaluation, then, the speech teacher as a communicator in the basic course must rely heavily upon his own primary concepts:

- 1. Iffective communication is that which focuses on achieving a desired response.
- 2. The effective "piece" of communication has a narrowed focus on a single, significant idea.

Criticism must be a "piece" of communication aimed at encouraging the student to take the next important stop in his improvement—and no more.

Evaluation must be a measure of the student's concept of communication in practice.

Summary

when evaluating speech effectiveness, the instructor should determing whether the speaker achieved the goal of communication with his audience.

Hoogestraat, Mayne E. "Letters of Evaluation -- An Exercise in Speech

Criticism, The Speech Teacher, XII, No. 1 (January, 1963), 29-30.

Purpose

. . The evaluation by the student speaker's classmates should constitute some of the most valuable criticism he receives in terms of improve ent based on audience reaction. . . In many cases there simply isn't any time for oral student evaluation; the alternatives are, of course, in the realm of written criticism.

The writer has employed a specific technique of student written criticism during the past two years which involves the writing by students of letters of evaluation.

Procedure

At the beginning of the course, an explanation of the assignment is given. Each class member, about mid-way in the course, is to write a detailed letter of criticism to ever other member of the class. These are to be based upon the critic's observation of the individual speakers over a period of time, including several oral performances. . . .

The letters are to be based upon an established critical tand rd. One lecture period is devoted to the presentation of suggested standard of criticism. Material for this lecture is drawn primarily from Thousen and Beird's Speech Criticism and as supplemented it houses upon the ding assignments in Eugene E. White's rectical speech Fundament in the letters are turned in to the instructor before they are distributed to the recipients.

Conclusions

after completion of this assignment, one group of the writer's students was asked to fill out a brief anonymous questionnair, evaluating the project. This most found the letters "helpful" in recognizing their strengths and eaknesses in meaking, and while many found them "very helpful," less than half of the total group was sure that the value of the amignment was sufficient to justify the effort it involved. One student added the notation, which merit some consideration:

"A lesser sample--say eight or less (sic) arbitrary individuals, or assigned individuals."

This writer believes that the writing by students of letters of evaluation can prove to be a highly worth-while assignment. . . . Its essential value, the employment of student written criticism, has been demonstrated

Summary

Letters of criticism, written by student speakers to each other, can be a valuable part of basic speech training.

Montgomery, F. E. "How to Criticize Student Speeches," The Speech
Teacher, VI, No. 3 (September, 1957), 200-204.

Purpose

The student . . . speaks himself for one hour, but lintens to other speakers for nineteen hours! /of every thirty hour of class time/ The instructor's difficult task thus becomes how to make all these hours a meaningful educational experience for the student.

Procedure

- ... The teacher can make the students' class time educationally profitable by utilizing a method of criticism which is given (1) orally immediately after each speech, (2) with the participation of the student audience, and (3) according to an assigned plan embodying selected rhetorical principles.
- . . . Oral criticism eliminates the necessity of writing during the delivery of a speech, so that students can concentrate on that the speaker is saying. . . . The primary merit of an immediate criticism lies in the east of recall of what the speaker said. . . .

responsibilities: to prepare and deliver seeches and to listen to the speches his classmates deliver. . . If the student listen carefully to the others' speches in order to participate in the subsequent criticis, he will be learning while he listens. . . .

The success of the method of criticism based on selected rhetorical principles depends on assignments designed to accomplish only a few objectives. The points of the criticism are then simply reiterations of the points of the assignment. Moreover, the instructor need add only a few aims at any one time, if the aspects of an assignment are partially repetitive of those of the preceding one, in a cumulative fashion. . . .

Certain difficulties may arise in the use of this method. Instructors should be aware of them and guard against them.

(1) The patterns of criticism should be flexible. If a student raises a point of criticism that happens not to be one of the criteria, the instructor should be pleased and consider the incident as a sign of progress. (2) The rhetorical points the instructor selects as basic criteria should be neither too simple nor beyond a beginner's comprehension. . . . (3) The instructor must carefully regulate the extent of class participation.

Conclusions

- . . . The plan has definite values:
- 1. It provides <u>purposive</u> criticism. Each point tests the practical application of some significant aspect of speech-making.
- 2. It is both cumulative and repetitive, thus aiding the learning process.
- 3. It is instructive criticism . . . A student attempts to demonstrate the critical points in his own speech, and judges others on the same basis . . .
- 4. It is satisfying to students, because they are not only aware of what rinciples each oral assument stresses, but also know the bases of their rades. . . .
- 5. . . The method is conducive to analytical listening.

Summary

orally after each speech, with the participation of the student audience, and according to an assigned plan embodying selected rhetorical principles.

Oliver, Robert T. "The Eternal (and Informal) Problem of Grades,"

The Speech Teacher, IX, No. 1 (January, 1960), 8-11.

Purpose

. . One of our responsibilities as teachers is to pass judgment upon what is being learned and to make distinctions among the learners, the part learners, and the non-learners in the form of grades.

when we turn our attention specifically to the grading of student in public speaking, we are keenly aware of the problem. The judent on each spech is necessarily largely subjective; it varies from teacher to teacher, and any one teacher judge differently at different times.

. . . To provide some guidance for our own staff . . . I worked out set of "suggested criteria for evaluating speeches."

Procedure

The criteria are as follows:

- I. Normally, an "average speech" (C) should must the followin standards:
 - A. Conform to type assigned (expository, persuasive, etc.)
 - B. Conform reason bly to the time limit.
 - C. Exhibit sound organization: a clear purpose adequately supported by main ideas that are capily identified.
- D. Fulfill any special requirements of the assignment—such as, to use three illustrations, or authority, etc.
- E. Be intellectually sound in developing a topic of worth ith adequate and dependable evidence.
- F. Exhibit reasonable directness and communicativeness in delivery.
- G. Be correct gramm tically and in pronunciation and articulation.
- H. Be roudy for presentation on date assigned.
 - II. The "better than a erage" (B) speech should meet the foregoing tests and also:
 - A. Contain elements of vividness and special interest in its style.

- B. Be of more than average stimulative quality in challenging the audience to think or in arousing depth of response.
 - C. Demonstrate skill in sinning understanding of unusually difficult concepts or processes: or in winning are ment from auditors initially inclined to disagree of the apeaker's purpose.
 - D. Stablish rapport of a high order through style and delivery which achieve a genuinely communicative circular response.
- III. The "superior speech" (A) not only meets the fore-
- tion by the speaker to the thinking of the audience.
- B. chieve variety and flexibility of mood and manner wited to the multiple differentiation of thinking and feeling demanded by the subject matter and by the peaker-audience relations.
 - C. Achieves a demonstrable progression from the initial uncertainty (of knowledge or belief) held by the audience toward the subject, by orderly processes, toward a final resolution of the uncertainty in a conclusion that evolves naturally from the materials used by the speaker.
 - D. Illustrates skillful mastery of internal transitions and of emphasis in presentation of the speaker's ideas.
 - IV. Speeches which must be classified "below average" (D or F) are deficient in some or several of the factors required for the "C" speech.
- . . . One serious problem is to devise method by which given grade by one instructor will mean approximately the same thing as the grade symbol given by another. One colution is to use such a mide as has been suggested. Inother necessity is to hold regular staff conferences to discuss the problems. Still another method is to have sample speeches analyzed by the entire taff, with grades compared and discussed. . . . It ill another problem of import is how the grading in Speech compared with that given in other departments of the university.

Conclusions

Our presumption, from a study of these records, grades assigned in the different colleges and departments at Penn.

state is that the work a student does in his beginning course in public speaking is a fairly sound basis for a prognosis of his success in all his college work.

Surry

The problems of grading are explained. A guide, taken from the book, Effective Speech Notebook, (Syracuse University Press, 1958) is given for grading. An analysis of grades given for 1954-58 with those given in other great at Pennsylvania State is summarized.

Ruechelle, Randall C. "An Experimental Study of Audience Recognition of Emotional and Intellectual Appenls in Persuasion," Speech Monographs, XXV, No. 1 (March, 1958), 49-58.

Purpose

This investigation sought to examine the patterns of union or cognition of persuasive appeals. It held to the hypothesis that if persuasive appeals can be categorically classified as emotional or intellectual, the source for such classification might be found in recognition by the observers of these appeals. Therefore, if the patterns of recognition were such that a definite distinction were discernible, a basis for classification could be established. . . . The problem under investigation was whether persuasive appeals could be classified a togorically as to amounts of emotional and intellectual content.

Procedure

Twenty-one adult males gave short persuasive speeches which were filmed with sound. The sound track was re-recorded on tape. The speeches ere also put in written form.

College undergraduates were used as audiences for the filmed and taped aparches. Thirty "lay" raters (those having no training in

speech) and thirty "expert" raters (those having a master's degree or doctorate and two or more years of teaching speech) evaluated the manuscript.

The ratings were statistically treat d.

Conclusions

- 1. The series of unclassified persuasive materials presented in the tests could not be dichotomized or classified by the observers as emotional or intellectual in content.
- 2. There was no aparent consistency in classifying like materials within any one group tested in a single test, or between groups in the separate tests.
- 3. Individual auditors and readers reacted differently to like materials under like circumstances.
- 4. There was generally only insignificant agreement of the raters with the speakers' self-ratings of their intent made immediately after the persuasive are character.
- 5. Raters in each group in each test tended to base judgments mainly on general impression, less on content, still less on delivery or wording; very few were undecided.
- 6. Over three-fourths of the raters did not consider the tests to be difficult.
- 7. There was no apparent consistency in influence of ratings according to disagreement with the speakers' points of view, although a tendency to rate lower on intellectual content if the raters were in disagreement was noted.
- 8. There was no apparent consistency in evident differences of ratin patterns according to the main bases of judgment.
- 9. Use of the different media of presentation to different roups made little difference in the rating patterns.
- 10. "Expert" raters were little better able to determine the nature of the appeals than "lay" raters chosen at random. Weither group had significant agreement.
- ll. It a pear d that the hypothesis of the study was negated since the source for classification of materials could not be found in the recognition of appeals by auditors or reders. Therefore, the assumption of a clear-cut classification of emotional and intellectual appeals in prevasion had no discernible basis insofar as the examination uncertaken in this study was concerned.

Smary

Auditors or readers could not reliably recognize the difference

Sewyer, Thomas M., Jr. "A Grading System for Speech Classes," The Speech Teacher, IX, No. 1 (January, 1960), 12-15.

Purpose

Uncertainty in grading speech classes . . . has led me to experiment with a system . . . I offer this description and explanation of that system in the hope of stimulating critical discussion of it and of other grading systems.

Procedure

The system . . . is based on the assumption that a grade indicates the rank order of excellence of a student in a class. . . . The problem is to determine where each student fits . .

After many years of attempting to make one or the other
. . . grading systems add up to the final course grade that I
felt that the student really deserved, I finally discovered that
I was simply comparing each student in the class with each other
student in an attempt to define which student was the best in
the class . . . I had mentally arranged the students in a
partially-ordered scale of quality--partially-ordered in the
manse that some of them were of equal quality. . .

My system merely provides for an arrangement of assignment in such a way that at least once in the semester each student in the class has performed on the same day as each other student. . . .

This is only a carefully arranged system of paired comparisons. At the end of the senester I have a series of l's, 2's, 3's, and so forth recorded for each student. I can now show the student the total of these scores which indicates how he ranked in the entire class after comparison with each of his fellows. . . .

The scheduling of speakers is based on the principle of cyclical rearrangement of a 4 x 4 or of a 5 x 5 orthogonal square.

Conclusions

This system anges the students logically along a partially-order discles of excellence. It does not relieve the instructor of the final decision of the allocation of course grades, but the does have been allocation of the students of the

Sumary

A ranking procedure as the basis for grades is suggested.

Seiger, Marvin L. "The Speech Teacher: Listener and Critic," The Speech Teacher, V, No. 4 (November, 1956), 259-61.

Purpose

The analyst and the speech te cher are bo hopectively concerned with an individual's progress in his work and personality, and, at he same time both must react subjectively to that that individual says or does. To remain aloof, to pronounce judgments without responsing as a human being, is to lose offectiveness as an analyst and as a lacher of speech.

We hear more than we listen. With our criteria for good public speaking before us, we evaluate a speaker by fitting his speech alongside our mythical yardstick. . . We go . . . from speech to speech seldom listening, but hearing and criticizing.

How can be truly understand a speaker's problems? How can we distinguish the individual as a separat personality, distinct from his classmates? . . . hen he has helped a student conquer all his technical faults, what more can the teacher do? How can he understand the minute, imperceptible problems that are closely allied with his attitudes and personality?

Procedure

It is this latter aspect of criticism which we as teachers of public speaking meet inadequately. In diagnosing a student's abilities and deficiencies as a public speaker we fail to realize that understanding them depends upon our ability to project ourselves into the speaker's place. . . Criticism based on understanding the intividual is the key to the teacher's approach. . . It is the function of a tracher of speech

to make a student understand by means of that student's unique path of comprehension.

Perhaps the program I outline below will provide a starting point for the training of a listener-critic.

- l. The teacher of public speaking should regularly subject himself to an enalysis of his own abilities (and disabilities!) as a speaker before a committee of his colleagues. After a series of speeches, the members of the committee should acquaint him with their evaluation of his limitations, needs, assets, and potentialities.
- 2. We should follow a strict program of attempted improvement as a public speaker. In doing so, he should work to understand his own capacities and, even more important, strive to gain insight into the problems of the speaker attempting to develop his skill.
- 3. The teacher of public speaking should discard our conventional terminology as a means of helping students to understand themselves and their difficulties and get rid of the latter. Instead, he should be able to communicate with the student via his own individual pathway of comprehension.

Let us bear these main points in mind: The teacher must be an active lintener with his students. He should strive to attain the highest possible degree of empathy as he listens. To be objective is an admirable quality in a critic, but the conclusions he reaches are worthless unless he bases them on the subjective understanding of individual needs.

Conclusions

Remobering the two old function of the psychomalyst and him dual role of listener and critic, we, as teachers of spect, should strive to become listeners and critics, with professional teaching, rather than am teur malysis, our goal.

Summary

Mr. Sedger asks that the speech teacher listen to student speeches in such a way that the teacher can help the students with their underlying problems. He suggests a program for training the "listener-critic."

Smith, Raymond G. "he Criticism of Speeches: A Dialectical Approach,"

The Speech Teacher, X, No. 1 (January, 1961), 59-62.

Purpose

The pproach here... ill be purely progratic, ith the objective of setting forth in language as clear and imples possible, desirable and undesirable methods of criticizing tuent poshes long with suggestions for mriching and vitaling such criticism.

Procedure

An instructor's reasons for giving criticism are, among others a) to stimulate creative thinking, b) to atimulate interest in and respect for speechm king, c) to call attention to the speaker's special strengths and weaknesses, d) to give specific instructions for practice leading to improvement, and b) to motivate both speaker and class.

One method of encouraging perceptive student criticism is to use directed, leading questions. . . There are, of course, considerations which condition the amount of class discussion that can be allotted to any principle or concept, not the least of which is the amount of time available. . . . A second factor in planning critical discussions is to respect the limited ability of the student mind to absorb and remember criticism. . . The dialectical approach involving the use of directed, leading questions seems to present an admirable avenue for achieving the desired objectives. . .

uestions of this type serve three functions. They
erve first to focus attention upon the desired rhotorical
principle or point. S cond, they force the respondent to commit
himself, thus setting the stage for the follow-up question.
Third, if they should evoke incorrect responses, they enable the
instructor to change respondents merely by asking, "Does anyone
disagree?" . . . The subquestions in each dialectical chain demand ever increasing specificity from the student, requiring not
only that he state his position, but that he give resons and
evidence supporting it.

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Conclusions

In order to help establish an intellectual classroom climate conducive to achieving the best results from the dialectical approach, the following four general suggestions are offered.

1. The instructor should make his assignments specific and clear and should plan each day's work at least two weeks in advance of the due date with early preparation and daily practice made mandatory. . . .

2. The instructor should be capable of offering criticism by example. . . Criticism should be positive, constructive, and incisive even though it may be necessary to

admit of exceptions to general rules.

3. All student contributions should in some manner be acknowledged. Tacit, if not overt, approval should be given for a desirable attitude or exceptional industry even when these are not reflected in the grades assigned to the speeches. . . .

4. The instructor should avoid lengthy discussion of

most or controversial questions.

Summary

The dialectical approach involving the use of directed, leading questions can be a valuable way of involving students in speech criticism.

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Wiksell, Wesley. "New Methods of Evaluating Instruction and Student Achievement in a Speech Class," The Speech Teacher, IX, No. 1 (January, 1960), 16-19.

Purpose

The wise instructor in Speech uses a variety of methods to evaluate the work his students are doing. . . . He often wonders why the work is not as good as he expects it to be. . . So he asks his students to answer a questionnaire or check a rating scale about the course.

The instructor needs to know the reasons for the expressed attitudes on these surveys. Furthermore, he wants the evaluation process to be educational rather than judicial. . . . Positive attitudes to mad the class may be developed along with an improvement in achieving the goals in the class.

Procedure

To accomplish these objectives, the following methods may be used:

The Class Observer. . . . He notes the other students' understanding of the assignment, how well they carry out the assignment, the amount and quality of class participation and the accomplishment of the group. . . . In reporting his observations at the end of the period his manner is factual, objective, and unemotional.

Advantages to this subjective approach: First, the students are trained in observation, sensitivity to feelings, and in reporting that they have some. Second, since each student has at least one opportunity to be an observer, all of them become involved in the evaluation and assume some responsibility in the class improving itself. Third, the instructor catches problems at the time they occur. . .

Some obstacles: First, some instructors object to the subjective nature of the observer's reports. . . . Second, students find it difficult to develop enough course to be frank. . . Third, the students need some training on how to observe. . . . Ind fourth, the use of observer is time consuming. . . .

Panel of Observers. . . . Each member observes a specific aspect of the class procedure such as the assignment, criticism, student participation, and other. . . . The instructor can involve even more students than are used in the panel when he uses the entire class as observers from time to time with a 10 minute non-structured discussion at the end of the period.

These procedures have the dvantage of involving many students but they are generally more time consuming. . . .

Rating Objectives . . . The students rate themselves at regular intervals on mimeogra hed form. . . These individual ratings are collected and averaged . . The sheets are returned at the be inning of the class period and the students copy on their own sheet the class averages from the master chart. Iter this procedure the class discusses each item: and asks, "why did we or did we not improve?"

Advantages . . . First, the student sees the objectives of the class spelled out for him. . . . Second, the individual

and the Froup take pride in improving. . . Third, responsibility for improvement is placed, to a great extent, on the student. . . Fourth, the instructor obtains a record of the titled of the tudents to ard the various objectives of the course. . .

on problem is that the student is likely to rate himself too high at the outset of the course so that improvement on the record is not easily achieved. A second problem is the sount of paper work necessary to average the ratings.

Exit Interviews. This type of fact finding is taken

fter a student has dropped a course. Here one is looking for

pocific reasons for his leaving. . . This interview is best
done by a colleague . . .

Post-Training Evaluation Conference. The testimony of the tudents who have completed the course successfully is specially valuable. . . . By meeting with small groups of 3 or 4 persons, the instructor . . . can draw out significant impressions that provide more marching insight of the objectives and methods of the cours.

Conclusions

Evaluation should be considered a normal, yet important part of the class procedure. Plenty of time should be given to the reports and the discussions at the end of the class periods . . . Then, the class and the instructor should take proper action as a result of the observations.

Summary

A description of, and an evaluation of, five methods of evaluation are given. The five methods are the class observer, a panel of observers, rating objectives, exit interviews, and post-training evaluation conferences.

Theses

Boler, George W. "A Proliminary Investigation of the Inter-Agreement
Between Speech Teachers and Laymen in Evaluating Public Speaking Performances." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of
Speech, University of Langas, 1955.

Purpose

The major purpose of this study was to determine the degree to which certain speech teachers agreed with a number of laymen in the evaluation of public speaking performance. . . . The evaluations given for the student speakers were focused upon the general effectiveness of each mindent mpeaker -- not upon comparative rankings in a competitive sense.

Procedure

The writer set up three public speaking situations for judging the general effectiveness of student speakers and used three sets of ratings. Each set contained speech-toucher ratings, layman ratings, and student-speaker ratings.

The data obtained were processed statistically.

Conclusions

Upon the basis of the for going analysis of the three sets of ration the writer has concluded that a significant amount of inter-agreement wisted among all the participating groups (the spech to chera, the laymen, and the student speakers) in the evoluation of the public speaking performances observed and sudited. Surther sore the sconcluded that his educational orientation prior to this experimentation (ssuming his greater it has encorrect the saluation of public speaking performances) was realistic, and that the attitudes and techniques which he has taught his student have been based upon a realistic and practical found tion.

Summary

Speech teachers and laymen had a statistically significant amount of inter-agreement in judging student speakers' general effectiveness.

Bowers, John Waite. "A Comparison Between Speech Evaluations by Groups of Speech Teachers and by Groups of Student Judges." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of Speech, University of Kansas, 1958.

Purpose

This study is intended to be descriptive. Its objective is to discover whether or not statistically significant differences or agreements exist between the verdicts of panels of speech teachers and those of panels of student judges.

Procedure

panel of three speech teachers and a panel of seven student judges.

Speeches at the beginning and at the end of fall semester 1958-59 and spring semester 1959 were judged. The material obtained was statistically processed.

Conclusions

The results of this study appear to justify the following conclusions: (1) that positive correlations exist between the mean judgments of panels of three speech teachers and the mean judgments of panels of seven students at the beginning and at the end of the memester during which the students are taking the beginning speech course; and (2) that statistically significant differences exist . . . at the beginning of the semester . . . The evidence does not indicate that statistically significant

differences in judgment exist at the end of the semester during which the students are taking the beginning speech course.

It should be pointed out here that, were significant differences or found to exist, the student ratings are without exception higher than the teacher ratings. . . In view of these findings, researchers should he sitate before using student purpose of the purpose of these findings are to be used in pre-tests, the researcher should realize that these ratings are significantly higher than would be to the ratings for the same speeches. In the post-test station, student and teacher ratings ay or may not differ simificantly. Apparently, changes in judgment standards occur mong tudents in some classes during the beauting speech course.

Summary

A statistically significant difference exists between the judgments of a panel of three speech teachers and a panel of seven student judges at the beginning of the beginning speech course, with the student judgments being higher on a "General Effectiveness" scale. The evidence in this study does not indicate a statistically significant difference at the end of the semester.

Buell, Arthur L. "A Study of Banic Principles and Methods of Oral Criticism in a Beginning Speech Classroom." Unpublished Master's thous, Kent State University 1959.

Purpose

"The purpose of this study was to determine the importance of oral criticism as a teaching device in the beginning speech class-

Procedure

the material available for research. Most . . . were found in the Speech Teacher, the Quarterly Journal of Speech, Dale Carnegie teaching materials, the available textbooks . . ., and related books, bulletins, and periodicals.

The material to be used was selected. Interviews with teachers of speech were conducted.

Conclusions

Classroom criticism differs from all other types of criticism because it is an on-the-spot evaluation of a student's speaking performance in the light of the student's potential and his goals. Also, it differs from other types because classroom criticism's chief aim is to motivate the speaker toward future improvement and development.

- . . . Nine tenets represent a varied and complete liming of the basic principles of oral criticism, and they frame a philosophy to guide the instructor in his use of oral criticism in the speech classroom.
- 1. Praise is more efficacious than blame because praise will motivate the student to greater improvement while blame will only cause him to become discouraged.
- 2. Criticism should not cause the student to feel he has been a complete failure because such a feeling will not provide the motivation needed for improvement.
- 3. Criticism should contain both praise and suggestions for improvement. Praise causes the student to be in a sore recordive good while the suggestions for improvement are given by the critic. Without suggestions for improvement the student does not have anything concrete for which to work toward the next performance.
- 4. No student should be given more suggestions than he can handle because additional suggestions for improvement will only cause him to become discouraged. . . .
- 5. It is more important to study the person being criticized than it is his performance because the student's performance must be evaluated in the light of his potential.
- 6. Critician should be based on the student's attainment of the goals previously set up as essential. Any critician about aspects of the performance which have not been covered in

lecture or text assignments should not be commented upon because the student should not be held responsible for these aspects.

7. Caution must be shown about pointing out problems for which the teacher has no congrete suggestions for improvement because no real value will result. Faults must be corrected by suggesting substitute procedures.

8. The instructor should avoid aveeping or vague statements which are of no help to a student because such comments carry no real criticism. The instructor must be specific in his criticisms if real value is to be derived from the comments.

9. Trivia should not be treated in isolation because such comments strike the symptoms of the problem only and leave the underlying cause unmolested.

l. A listing of objects for criticism which will be acceptable to all speech teachers cannot be established.

2. The teacher must base his criticism on objects which have been determined an essential for the particular performance.

3. The following eleven general categories of objects may be used as objects for criticism: 1) subject, 2) purpose, 3) content, 4) ideas, 5) organization, 6) language, 7) voice control, 8) bodily action, 9) personality, 10) delivery aspects, and 11) audience response.

Various factors determining rapport in the speech classifiered in this chapter are given special attention by speech instructors. These factors are: 1) the teacher's attitudes, 2) the teacher's ego, 3) variet in sessions, 4) an understanding of the individual student, 5) the interview, 6) written criticism, 7) criticism by students, 8) melf-evaluation, 9) starting individual criticism, 19) aspects which should not be criticized, and 11) language.

l. Att tude play an important part in directing the oral criticism in a speech class com. Warm, sincere, friendly, and onthuring the attitudes are indispensable, and their contains assect is all-important in building rapport.

2. The instructor must, in order to criticize effectively, use a variety of methods of oral critician. . .

3. The instructor must always keep in mind the needs of the individual student when criticizing speeches. The teacher can, . . . provide motivation for improvement.

4. Criticism by students provides a situation where the class embers may participate in a learning process. Such a procedure is ducationally dvisable, for a student should learn to evaluate the speech performances of other people.

- 5. Self-evaluation by students should be kept to a minimum because most students cannot adequately judge their own performances.
- 6. Individual criticism of student performances should not begin until the instructor has established with his class a feeling of mutual understanding which will be conducive to the most candid appraisal of speech performances. The students will believe that they are being criticized before they have had a chance to improve. Such a feeling, if allowed to exist, will cause the students to be apprehensive and rapport will be lost.
 - 7. Any aspects of the speaking performance, such as fidgeting, wringing of hands, or shifting of position, should be ignored. If the instructor calls attention to such aspects, he will be pointing out items which will ultimately correct themselves. Any personal qualities which would tend to embarrass the speaker should not be commented upon.
 - 8. The exact connotation of the language used in criticism should be understood by all members of the class. A common descriptive language should be mastered by all students and frequent checks should be made by the teacher to determine whether the students understand the terms which are used in criticism.

The chapter does contain . . . a listing of many of the techniques available for the classroom critic. These techniques

were discovered by a systematic reading of all available material and by a number of interviews with teachers of speech.

The following techniques have been discussed in this chapter: 1) patterns for conducting oral criticism, 2) student participation in criticism, 3) wrilling, 4) interrupting, 5) the question—answer technique, 6) self-criticism technique, 7) the "bicycle" comment, 8) language technique, 9) the "promise" comment, 10) the indirect teaching technique, 11) the "rile" technique, 12) miniory, 13) physical positioning of the critic.

1. The instructor should establish a pattern for his critical remarks which will provide compliment, suggestions for improvement, and motivation.

2. Criticism by students, if well supervised, can be effective because it provides variety and because it can be used to supplement the remarks by the instructor.

Summary

This study is a summary of the basic principles and methods of oral criticism in a beginning speech classroom, containing chapters

on types of criticism, the principles of oral criticism, objects for criticism, building rapport in the classroom, and the techniques of oral criticism. Because this study is a summary of much of the available literature on oral criticism, it could be a valuable starting place for a teacher of speech to begin research into methods he might wish to use for oral criticism in his own classrooms.

Dunham, Robert Eugene. "A Study of Certain Problems in the Use of Bating Scales in Evaluating Speech Performance." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of Speech, Onio State University, 1957.

Purpose

It is the purpose of this writer to make an examination of the rating scale currently being used at The Chio State University, to analyze its use ulness, its shortcomings, and its possibilities as an effective way of evaluating speech performance in the beginning course.

Procedure

- rating sheet for each student speaker in all twelve sections from each of the two instructors, and as everage rating total for each student speaker in all twelve sections derived from ten student judges. The student judges were picked at random each day of speaking.
- . . The treat ent of data was concerned with four different facets of the rating scale: (1) rating totals, (2) individual criterion rating points, (3) written criticism, and (4) weakness check marks.

Conclusions

(1) Rating scales tend to unite the instructors of public speaking toward one goal, but still allow for certain individuality.

- (2) Student raters render a reliable judement when taken as a group of ten.
- (3) Instructors have a tendency to be lenient when they rate and not to make full use of the range on the rating scale.
- (4) There is general agreement among instructors as to the weak points and strong points of speaking, as demonstrated in the point indexes, the written comments, and the weakness check marks.

Summary

This study is an examination of the rating scale used at Ohio State University.

Finney, Robert George. "The Design of a Measure of Ability to Judge the Relative Effectiveness of Classroom Speeches." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of Speech, Ohio State University, 1957.

Purpose

Student judging in the classroom... may serve at least three purposes: (1) It may make more effective use of class time. (2) It may train students to listen purposefully and evaluate appear performance. (3) It may make students more aware of the criteria for effective appearing and judging.

Assuming that the use of student judges does provide loarning, one problem arises. It is necessary to have a method of measurement by which the judgments can be graded. This must be accomplished in order to obtain an expression of how evere the judge in of the criteria for effective speaking and judging.

If a measure of judging effectiveness is to be precise and accurate, it should possess certain desirable characteristics. It should be (1) reliable, . . . (2) valid, . . . (3) objective, . . and (4) standardized. It should (5) rest upon the assumption that judging skill is normally distributed, and yield grades which are consistent with this assumption. It should (6) be easy for the instructor to use athout requiring him to have specialized training, or to devote excessive time to paper work.

The purpose of this study was to develop a method of rating the judge which would possess those desirable characteristics of an effective measurement method.

Procedure

The rank-order method was the basic judging procedure used in developing a measure of judging effectiveness in this study.

The selection of the criterion for the judge was a method developed from the composite standard approach in psychophysical methods. The group judgment as a whole becomes the criterion for the individual's judgment. Thus each judge is one portion of the criterion. The actual method for computing the judging scores using this composite standard approach was developed by Franklin Sabah.

droups of 10 judges ranked the speakers in each day's judging exercise. The students were sembers of the beginning speech classes during the autumn, winter and spring quarters of 1956-57.

Through statistical treatment of the data obtained, the author turned the crude scores obtained through the Sabah method into a "refined score."

Conclusion

The author concludes that the table of refined scores that he has prepared is a "more accurate measure than previous measures" because it possesses the desirable characteristics detailed in "Purpose" above, and "it is standardized in that it permits the performance of one judge to be compared with the performance of another judge, even though the stimulum may be different."

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Summary

Through statistical means, the author has constructed a table for obtaining refined scores that are more accurate than previous means of grading the relative effectiveness of students who are judging the speaking of other students.

Freyman, Leonard. "A Survey to Discover Instructional Procedures in

Use Following Student Speech Performance, and a Report on a

Study of Two Contrasting Procedures." Umpublished Ph.D. thesis,

Dept. of Speech, Western Reserve University, 1955. Taken from

an abstract by the author in Speech Monographs, XXII, No. 3

(August, 1955), 212-13.

Purpose

The purposes of this study were: (1) to explore the various instructional procedures employed by instructors in the secondar schools and colleges of Ohio, discover which procedures have worked ment satisfactorily for them, and learn how many employ similar procedures; (2) to review and digest the surveys and studies that have been made on instructional procedures and to extract and analyze partinent findings; and (3) to initiate a preliminary study into the relative affectiveness of two of the recommended procedure.

Procedure

Data for these investigations were rathered from: (1) questionnaire sent to the 425 secondary schools and 47 colleges in Ohio; (2) an examination of all articles pertaining to instructional procedures in the volumes of The Querterly Journal of speech and speech Monographs, the Instructor's Manual bull time of the Dale Carnogic Institute, and related volumes in the speech and ducational fields; and (3) a statistical study of four beginning speech classes at Cleveland Heights High School, Cleveland Heights, Ohio.

The data were treated as follows: (1) instructional procedures used in the secondary chools and colleges in this were tabulated and compared; (2) article and books studied were divided into four roups: those dealing with non-cademic adult courses, those written by college and university instructors, those written by econdary school teachers or dealing with courses in the secondary school, and those partaining to related subjects, all of which were analyzed and partinent findings extracted; and (3) statistical analyses are made of the data secured from the comparative study.

Conclusions

Based on usationnairs: Both secondary schools and colleges use the method of class-criticism followed by teacher-comment or than any other method and consider it the most effective method.

articles and Bookst Dale Carnegic Course manuals emphasize that the workout method in the most effective procedure to utilize the brief period following student speech performance. University course instructors, excluding Professor G. E. Densmore of the University of Michigan, who advocates a workout method for teaching delivery, contribute relatively little to this phase of techniques or procedures. Secondary school teacher who have written on the subject share Professor Densmore's belief that the workout method is most effective for teaching delivery.

The Comparative Study. Statistical analyses of data secured during the comparative study indicated that the students in four beginning speech class, to instructed under the comment method and two under the workout method, were representative of the common population, and the classes did not differ significantly from each other in terms of students' I..., halish ability, or personality. In alyses of three separate ratings on beginning and final speeches revealed that each group improved significantly, the improvement was not due to chance, and there are no significant difference in improvement because of method used, the time the course was taken, or the interaction of these factors. Further analyses disclosed that a student's I.Q., English ability, or personality did not significantly affect in rate or degree of improvement.

Summary

This study revealed no eignificant difference in the speech improvement when either the comment method or the workout method are employed after a student speech performance.

Harms, Leroy Stanley. "Some Evaluations of Student Achievement in a Beginning Speech Course." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of Speech, Ohio State University, 1957.

Purpose

- . . . These statements of specific purpose may be made:

 1) to evaluate the degree of achievement in performance whill a student makes between his first and final speeches of the quarter.
- 2) to compare student achievement in regular and jumbo size sections on the basis of skill. /jumbo 50-60 students/
 3) to determine a student's attitude toward the speech
- 3) to determine a student's attitude toward the speech class in the different size sections on the basis of an attitude inventory administered at the end of the quarter.

Procedure

In this study, student achievement will be measured in two different ways. First, a recorded speech will be evaluated by three instructor raters. Second, attitude development will be measured by an attitude inventory test. These two measurements provide an index of student achievement in the beginning course.

A tape recording was made of the first and final speeches.

Recordings . . . were collected and structured on a series of eight tape spools . . . The speeches were so arranged that it was not possible to determine whether a particular speech was first or final, or whether any two speeches were made by the same speaker. These . . speeches were then rated by three instructor raters.

Conclusions

- 1) Rating of high reliability was obtained for the speeches rated in this study.
- 2) In none of the four experimental sections was the gain between first and final speeches statistically significant. Some improvement was rated for each of the four sections, however. When all sections were combined a statistically significant gain is recorded.
- 5) In the measurement of performance skill, no statistically significant difference was found between the final speech ratings of students in the regular and jumbo size sections.
- 4) Students in jumbo size sections were found to develop significantly more favorable attitudes toward the study of Speech in a class than did the students in the regular mize sections.
- Within the framework of this study, this difference can best be attributed to the greater experience of the instructors teaching the jumbo sections.

Summary

Students do not make a statistically significant gain in speaking ability from first to final speech in either regular or jumbo
(50-60 students) size classes. Students in the jumbo classes develop
a more favorable attitude toward speech, possibly because their instructors have more teaching experience.

Hildreth, Richard A. "An Experimental Study of Audiences' Ability to Distinguish Between Sincere and Insincere Speeches." Unpublished Ph.D. thesis, Dept. of Speech, University of Southern California, 1953. Taken from an abstract by Milton Dickens in Speech Monographs, XXI, No. 2 (June, 1954), 146-47.

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Certification.

Purpose

"The objective of the study was to investigate an audience's ability to identify sincerity and the correlation between this ability and ctual sincerity, audience attitude toward the topic, and effective speaking."

Procedure

In preparation for the experiment, thirty-one experienced public speakers were asked to deliver two 2-inute speechs on a topic in which they were vitally interested. On the first speech, they were instructed to take the side of the topic in which they incorely believed. For the second speech, the speakers were forced to take exactly the opposite side of the same topic. Both speeches by each speaker were filmed by sound motion picture cameras. Films of twenty-four speakers were selected and divided into two groups by random selection.

The experiment was conducted in two parts. Films of both speeches by the first group of twelve speakers were shown before lay organizations. Before seeing the motion pictures these audiences were asked to rate their attitudes toward the speakers topics. Immediately following each talk they were asked to rate each speaker as to his sincerity and effectiveness.

Sincerity was operationally defined as: When an individual is given a list of controversial topics and freely chooses the one in which he "believes most sincerely," his resulting speech on that topic may be described as sincere. . .

In the second part of the experiment, the second group of twelve speakers was shown before similar udiences under the same experimental conditions. Statistical procedures were then applied to the several sets of resulting data.

Conclusions

(1) When a speaker took two opposing stands on a topic, lay audience were unable to distinguish between the sincer and insincer speeches. (2) There were no significant differences between the sexes in their ability to identify sincerity. (3) Audiences showed a significant tendency to rate a speaker as sincere when they rated him as effective. (4) No significant relationship was found between actual sincerity and

effectiveness ratings. (5) The attitude of a judge on the topic of a speaker had no significant influence on the judge's identification of sincerity. (6) Effectiveness ratings were not significantly influenced by a judge's attitude toward a speaker's topic.

Summary

Audiences in this study were not able to distinguish between sincere and issincere speeches, but equated sincerity with effective-ness. The judges' attitudes on the speaker's topic had no significant influence on the judgments of sincerity or of effectiveness.

Jackson, James Harvey. "An Experimental Study of Listeners' Evaluation of Speech Content as Compared with Speech Delivery." Unpublished Ph.D. dissertation, The University of Southern California, 1957.

Purpose

The problem of the investigation was to test whether or not professional speech teachers who listen to a speech and are instructed to concentrate upon both content and delivery, will evaluate content as efficiently as listeners who are instructed to concentrate upon content, and whether or not these professional speech teachers will evaluate delivery as efficiently as listeners instructed to concentrate upon delivery.

The purpose of the study was to investigate the differences or similarities in efficiency in certain methods of listening to evaluate speech content and delivery.

Procedure

For the experiment, 48 high school and college teachers were given instruction sheets which divided them into four groups. Four different sets of instructions were given--to concentrate on both content and delivery, to concentrate on content only, to concentrate on

delivery only, and a control group was told to simply listen and evaluate.

The experimental design consisted of: (1) filming a speech by a beginning college student, and (2) establishing standards by which to judge the differences in the efficiency of the evaluations of the subject "prepared by a panel of 'expert judges.'"

After the film, the subjects indicated their evaluations on a true-false test. The results were statistically analyzed.

Conclusions

"Apparently content was observed and evaluated to a higher degree by all subjects than delivery. The possibility was indicated that content of a talk may be easier to evaluate."

The letter grade given the speech by the experimental group was slightly higher than that given by the panel of "expert judges."

. . It may be predicted that the teacher who is good at the evaluation of content is not necessarily good at the evaluation of delivery.

The hypothesis which apparently proved valid suggested that the process of evaluating the content and delivery of a public special such that there is no significant difference if the evaluation is accomplished by a separate judgment of content and delivery are judged together as a whole.

or. Jackson also stated as implications of the study that "it would be just as efficient to judge a speech by observing both content and delivery at the same time as to judge such factors separately," and that it is "just as effective to have one individual evaluate both content and delivery."

Summary

This study found no statistically significant difference in effectiveness of judging when content and delivery are evaluated separately or judged together.

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Merfeld, Arthur James, M. M. "A Review of Studies of Rating Scales for Public Speaking." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of Speech, Emerson College, 1957.

Purpose

"The primary purpose of this study . . . is to review all the speech literature dealing with rating scales, to trace in chronological order their development as well as the experiments concerned with them."

Procedure

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Educational Research, the Bibliography of Research Studies in Education, the Journal of Educational Research, the Bibliography of Speech Education, the Quarterly Journal of Public Speaking, the Quarterly Journal of Speech, Speech Monographs, and the Speech Teacher." He located 24 units of research on the rating scale. He summarizes the findings of the studies in two chapters entitled "Historical Review" and "Findings of Studies and Experiments."

Conclusions

After a discussion of the difficulty of judging the speech performance because of the complexity of the speech act, the author goes on to say:

Testing can, however, be done on the basis of 'general effectiveness' of the total effect of the performance. The reliability and validity of such evaluation has been found to increase when it is based upon the summation of measurements of separate traits. The determining of appropriate weights for the variables in the process of summation is . . . difficult. . . . Weightings of this sort, . . . while they can be completely determined for group measurements, may be quite false when applied to individual speakers.

Other difficulties that add to the complexity of judging speeches are the audience, the physical conditions under which the speech is given, and the procedure of testing, which makes the speaking situation somewhat artificial for both speaker and audience.

Other factors that can effect the judgment of the listener are:

(1) sensory capacities; (2) alertness; (3) concentration; (4) knowing what to look for; (5) lack of bias and prejudice; (6) freedom from fatigue; (7) ability to interpret; (8) the ability to record observations quickly.

This enumeration of the problems in rating speech performance is intended to acquaint the prospective teacher with the difficulties in this field so that he may proceed with informed caution in testing. . . The speech teacher must always face the problem of the complex act of speech performance itself, which takes place before an audience of unpredictable human beings, and is judged by still another person with variations in training and ability.

. . The rating scale is perhaps the most frequently used testing device; but its frequency of use does not guarantee its accuracy.

As a rule, rating scales are not used at every talk; in fact it is this reviewer's personal conviction that they should not be used at every talk. . . Their chief value is to survey needs at the start of a course, at a mid-point to check improvement, and at the end.

The high degree of reliability found to exist in the students' judgments of the effectiveness of public speeches provides

the investigator or teacher of speech with a simple, practical tool. The time required to mark the simple "General Effectiveness" scale. . . is so little that no interruption of classroom procedure is occasioned. The fact that this measure can be used with any type of public speech . . provides a flexibility that exceeds that of other types of measure.

Summary

Twenty-four units of research on rating scales are reviewed and the findings are summarized. Because this study is a review of much of the available literature on rating scales, it could be a valuable starting place for a teacher of speech to begin research for scales he might wish to use for evaluation in his own classrooms.

Sabah, Franklin David. "Some Effects of Student Judgment and Critician of Undergraduate Classroom Speeches." Unpublished Master's themis, Dept. of Speech, Ohio State University, 1956.

Purpose

"The principal purpose of this study was to determine some effects of student judgment and criticism of undergraduate classroom speeches."

Procedure

The procedural steps are:

 the selection of instruments for measuring speaking, judging, and criticizing;

2. the selection of a sample;

3. the administration of the measures;

4. the compilation, organization, and preparation of data for statistical treatment.

Mr. Sabah chose the technique of ranking speakers allowing no tie ranks for the instrument for measuring speaking effectiveness, the technique of composite standard for the instrument for measuring judging effectiveness, and the technique of content analysis for measuring student judges' criticisms.

Conclusions

Mr. Sabah placed as limitations on his conclusions, the problems of selecting suitable instruments for measuring speaking effectiveness, judging effectiveness, and critic behavior; the instructor sample used; and the limited number of situations used. His conclusions are:

(1) There exists a correlation between speaking ability and judging ability in the undergraduate classroom situation significantly greater than zero.

2) Judging criticisms can be consistently categorized as

either pro, con, or neutral comments.

(3) There is a significant relationship between the percentage of favorable comments a speaker receives and his final rank among a group of speakers.

(4) Incidences of instructor stressed criteria for speech eval-

uation do appear in student criticisms.

(5) The appearance of incidences of instructor stressed criteria increases as the speaking project progresses but not significantly so.

(6) These atudents who criticised and ranked speakers were more agt to agree on speakers' ranks than those students who merely ranked speakers, but this too is not significant.

Summary

Student criticises of other students' speeches are valuable both to the speakers and to the student judges.

Walker, Anna Clara. "Audience Rating and Recognition of Real and Simulated Emotional Expressions." Unpublished Master's thesis, Dept. of Speech, State University of Iowa, 1958.

Purpose

"The purpose of this study was to investigate audience recognition and rating of real and simulated emotional expressions of contempt, indifference and amusement."

Procedure

Twelve persons, experienced in theatre, were individually recorded and interviewed under false pretenses, so that real, unbiased emotional expressions might be obtained for the experiment. The experimenter selected and edited 64 responses by nine of the subjects. . . To test the validity of the emotions these 64 selections were played before an audience of six graduate students for specific identification of emotion. . . . Twenty-two of the 64 were selected for the final recordings.

The subjects were then told the purpose of the study and asked to record the same material after a one and one-half hour rehearsal of the material.

The two sets of tapes were edited and randomly arranged for final evaluation and recognition. An audience of twenty-one regular theatre attenders was used for this evaluation and recognition. The audience rated the selections without knowledge that 22 were real and 22 were simulated. After the ratings were made, an exact explanation of the purpose was given to the audience. By using a second set of blanks they rated a different tape, of the same selections in different order, for the "real" and "simulated" identifications.

The results were statistically treated.

Conclusions

Audiences do not rate simulated, emotional selections higher than real selections or vice versa. However, they can tell the difference. This indicates there are physical differences in the two presentations.

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CONCLUSIONS

Summary

Journal of Speech, Speech Monographs, and The Speech Teacher for the years 1951 through mid-1963. Those titles pertaining to the college basic speech course were selected for inclusion in this bibliography. Theses listed in No. 3 of each volume of Speech Monographs were also surveyed for those that pertained to the college basic speech course.

From these sources, a bibliography of 390 articles and theses
was constructed. The material is organized under 17 headings. The
basis of the organization, for the most part, was the title of the
article or thesis.

Annotations of 27 articles and theses listed under the classification "Evaluation of Student Speeches" are presented. The phrasing
of the original authors is used as much as possible to give the answers
to the questions: what was the purpose of the article or study? what
procedures were followed? and what conclusions were drawn?

Conclusions

The following conclusions were drawn from the study:

(1) In the sources surveyed, a substantial body of previously uncollected information is available which relates to the teaching of the college basic speech course.

- (2) In the sources surveyed, 28 different works are available which deal directly with evaluation of student speeches.
- (5) Most of the material annotated falls into one or more of four major areas of concern. Eleven advocate using students for making either written or oral evaluations of their classmates. Nine are concerned with the development of or improvement of rating scales for use in evaluating student speakers. Six describe techniques for oral evaluations made by the instructor. Five describe audience evaluation of different types of speeches. In addition, one calls for more research in the area of evaluation and another describes a method of measuring achievement from the beginning of a course to the end.
- (4) The Buell and Merfeld studies, because they are summaries of much of the available material on oral evaluation and rating scales, were judged to be the most valuable starting places for an instructor interested in evaluating his methods of classroom evaluation.

Recommendations for Further Study

In the process of completing this study several areas for further study have emerged.

First, additional bibliographies are needed for the various speech emphasis areas—theater, speech correction, etc. Also specialized bibliographies regarding single courses within the seven interest areas should be useful to both researchers and instructors in the speech field.

Second, further annotations of the materials collected in this writer's study should be made to provide ready reference for those interested in the specific areas classified.

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APPENDIX

Theses Examined But Not Included in Annotation

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The title of this thesis was listed in <u>Speech Monographs</u> and on the cover of the thesis as "A Study of the Length of <u>Sample Mecessary</u> to Judge Speech." The longer title and an examination of the thesis showed it to be in the area of diagnosis, not evaluation of student speech.

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