

Tricky testing helps students discover better listening habits

By SUSAN AVERILL

FARMINGTON—You have five seconds to answer this question:

"Add the number above the letter immediately following the first vowel to the next to the largest number. From this sum subtract the number

above the letter which follows the second consonant. One less number than the result is—"

"The students usually start giggling when I get to that one," Daniel Greenberg said with a grin.

Greenberg, chairman of the speech, theater and foreign language department at Oakland Community College (OCC), teaches speech classes which deal with the subject of listening.

"You just can't communicate and expect everybody to get it," he said. "Communication involves a personal responsibility, and that means actually listening to the feedback people give you."

"You've got to have the attitude, 'I care enough about you and me to take the time to listen,'" he said.

TO HELP HIS students learn to listen, he gives them a specially designed test to determine their present ability.

Surprisingly, he said, the act of taking the test itself helps.

"It's remarkable how much it gets people thinking about what they're doing."

Named the Brown-Carlsen Listening Comprehension Test, it evaluates students on such listening components as immediate recall, following directions, recognizing transitions and word meanings and lecture comprehension.

It was originally written in 1953 and may be somewhat out of date due to refinements in testing methods, but it's still helpful, Greenberg said.

Wine tasting class is set

Torkild Nielsen's class in wine appreciation, beginning Tuesday, Feb. 4, at Farmington Community Center, will forewarn the public against future wine scandals. After absorbing his expertise, students will not so easily be fooled by an inferior Bojola.

Nielsen will cover the entire gamut of wine lore. His class samples about 20 varieties of sparkling, sweet, and dry.

Members will learn to distinguish between fine wines and mediocre, how to read labels, and which wine is grown where.

Nielsen will explain the effects of

TEXT QUESTIONS can sometimes become complicated. For example:

Seven of you should walk four blocks up this street, turn to your left and continue to Grove Street, two blocks away, then single off on Grove for four more blocks to the blue house, 45 Grove. The total number of blocks to the house on Grove is—?

Again, you have five seconds to answer, but you can't use your pencil to take notes or figure out the numbers.

Naturally, some students don't do as well on the numerical series as they will on lecture comprehension, Greenberg said. There is a lot of variety in ability.

According to the test, the most significant listening components are:

- maintaining an awareness of one's own motives in listening.
- sharing with the speaker responsibility for communication.
- arranging favorable physical conditions for listening.

Also important is exercising emotional control during listening, recognizing patterns in subject-matter arrangement and relating a particular oral presentation to preceding and following units.

It emphasizes striving to grasp the central ideas in the presentation and recommends frequent experience listening to difficult material.

The manual also notes that since the listener can think much faster than the speaker talks, he should spend the time difference analyzing or anticipating the lecture.

2 rob, tie man at Northland Inn

SOUTHFIELD—A man told Southfield police he was robbed at gun point by two women in his room at the Northland Inn about 2:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 24.

Police said the man answered a knock at his door and was forced back into the room by two women, one of whom was holding a gun. They took the man's clothing and about \$200 in cash, police said.

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