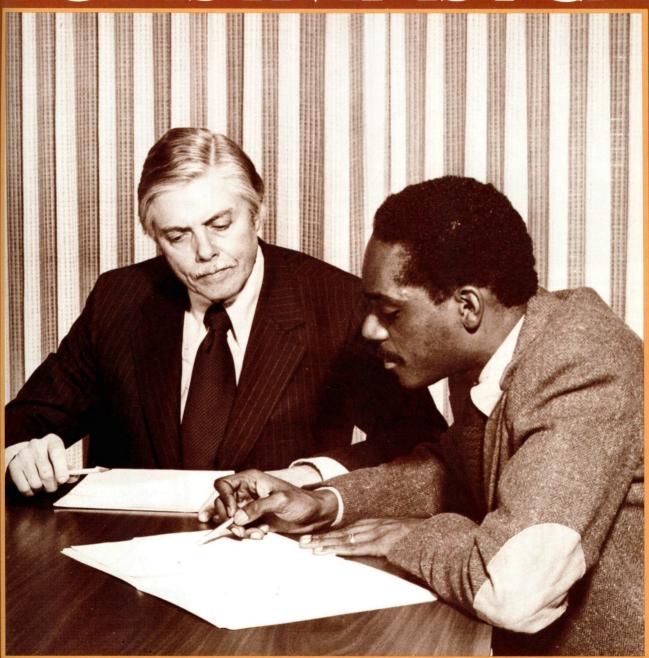
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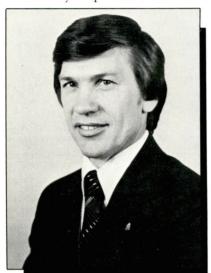
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One of the questions I'm frequently asked during my travels is, "What can Toastmasters look forward to in 1984?"

I've always responded that we can look forward to many things. We can look



forward to the new Success Leadership module on effective evaluation. We can look forward to more members taking advantage of the Advanced Communication and Leadership manuals. We can look forward to two new Advanced Communication and Leadership manuals on technical and sales speeches.

Effective manuals and programs are important. They help members learn the basics of communication and leadership, and they allow members to experience personal growth beyond the development of these basic skills. They provide the solid foundation on which our organization and its reputation are built.

But our manuals and programs are worthless unless we have members to

use them. Membership growth is a necessity for our organization. I've always believed individual Toastmasters are an important factor in membership growth, not because of what they tell others about our organization, but because of what they show others as they go about their day-to-day activities inside and outside of the club.

Individual Toastmasters are visible proof of what this organization can do for people. In fact, I call them our organization's most valuable product. Men and women are attracted to our organization because of the impression they receive from observing Toastmasters like you and me.

For example, several Toastmasters in my own community have achieved high-level positions in local and state government. Others have become successful business people. Some, including my department chair and the director of the Cooperative Extension Service, hold administrative positions at North Dakota State University, where I teach. One Toastmaster is the president of the state chamber of commerce. Another is a former governor who openly acknowledges Toastmasters as being a major contributing factor to his success in public office.

I'm sure you've observed past and present Toastmasters who have become successful because of our program. Perhaps your observations even led you to join your Toastmasters club.

That's why it is important for us to remember that we communicate even when we are not speaking. Our actions, like our speaking, tell others about what we are. They help to create our personal image, and our organization's image. As Toastmasters, we must present the best possible image to our fellow Toastmasters and to those outside of our organization. This image should be one of confidence, pride and achievement.

The next time you walk into a meeting at work or get together with friends, remember that you are an example of what our organization is all about. You reflect its values, and you show the benefits membership offers. Because of you, someone may join a Toastmasters club.

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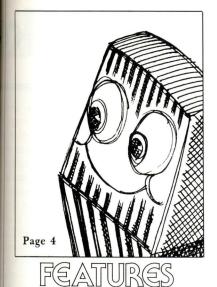
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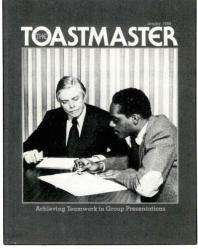
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Il right. Though it was hard, you finally conquered the writer's block and wrote that witty, informative speech that is destined to win the "best speech" award.

After hours of practice in front of the bathroom mirror, you are ready to face the audience, full of confidence and eager to speak.

As you approach the podium and prepare to speak you are suddenly confronted with the most terrifying of all creatures--the MICROPHONE.

All of your careful preparation goes down the tubes as you break out in a cold sweat. Your fingers claw into the podium, and your gaze freezes onto that hideous device.

A little melodramatic? Perhaps. But nevertheless, most of us have had that panicky feeling of being in front of the microphone.

Few of us are barrel-chested orators with the room-filling baritone of Orson Welles. Unless we are only speaking to a handful of guests in our living room, a microphone, or mike, is usually necessary for our talk to be heard and understood by the audience.

Since they have increasingly become a necessary part of the public speaker's delivery, here are some common tips on the uses and abuses of the microphone.

Only an Amplifier

To begin with, let's get rid of one very old and false idea. "Microphones make my voice sound terrible. I don't like the way I sound over them..."

The problem here is that the speaker is not used to hearing what his or her voice actually sounds like. In fact, unless there are sophisticated, electronic modifiers connected to the microphone, it can only reproduce exactly what a voice sounds like, but much louder.

Most listeners actually prefer the sound of an amplified voice. It will sound better. So will yours.

In discussing the problems of microphone use, or nonuse in some cases, three types of personalities come to mind: the Wanderer, the Fidgeter



and the Ignorer.

If a hypothetical typist had a reach of two feet, but always sat three feet away from the typewriter, chances are that nothing much would be accomplished.

This is in effect what many speakers do when confronted with a microphone. It is probably the most common problem for most public speakers.

They either consistently stand too far away from the microphone or they wander all around the podium, from one side to the other, occasionally coming within effective range of the mike. This gives the audience only brief pieces of audible speech.

A microphone, even one of the highest quality, usually has an effective range of only one or two feet from itself. Therefore, if you stand too far from the podium, the mike cannot icrop properly pick up your voice and that sometimes may not pick it up at alluses

It is helpful to know that three ball catypes of microphones are used in rough public speaking: directional, omniow midirectional and cardioid. These namehnic refer to the pattern of the effective eaker pickup area around the microphoneistrae

The directional mike will pick up Fidge only those sounds directly in front (noying the mike, none to the sides or the ney juback of the mike. It is used when the speaker is near some noise that mand do come through the mike otherwise. ey'll This is the worst type of mike for the wanderer.

The omni-directional mike is just tertai the opposite from the directional. leech. will pick up sound from any directi The around itself. These mikes are used els a where the source of the sound is nomblin

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localized, or pickup is desired from 360 degrees around the mike. It will thelp the Wanderer to be heard, but is seldom used on a podium because of its tendency to pick up outside noises. The cardioid mike is probably the most common mike used today. It gets its name from the shape of the pickup pattern it produces, which looks like a heart. This microphone will pick up a speaker directly in front of it, and also to either side, but not from the rear. Therefore, it is the perfect mike for podium or stand use.

The microphone usually will have is pattern type printed somewhere on the body of the mike. It is wise to look for this before you speak, if possible, so you will know your boundaries.

The ideal situation is to test the microphone before the audience arrives. This will let you know what the mike can or cannot do, and how far you can be from it and still be heard.

If this isn't possible, the next best thing to do is listen to the speakers before you. Notice if their voice fades away when they stand in a certain spot, and where they are when they can be heard most clearly. This is where you want to position yourself when it is your turn to speak.

One thing not to do is to "eat" the microphone. Don't speak so closely to it that your lips actually touch it. This causes blurring of words, and at times will cause your voice to distort through the loudspeakers. No matter how many singers you've seen use this technique, it isn't good for public speakers.

Distracting Habit

Fidgeters are perhaps the most annoying public speakers to listen to. They just can't leave the microphone alone. Not only will they move it up and down during their speech, but they'll sometimes take it out of its holder and pass it from hand to hand while talking. Great for a Las Vegas entertainer, but not for giving a speech.

The result is inconsistent volume levels and a lot of squeaks, creaks and fumbling noises that draw attention away from the speaker.

Unless absolutely necessary, a good rule is to leave the microphone in its holder. If you need to adjust the mike to your height, do it before you begin speaking, and then leave it alone. The ideal microphone position is about neck level and pointed directly at your mouth.

I recently attended a meeting at which the keynote speaker constantly rattled the very noisy mike stand in front of him. He just couldn't keep his hands away from it and adjusted it between each change of subject.

Unfortunately, no one in the audience was courteous enough to mention that he wasn't being heard, and he went on fumbling.

While we're at it, let's discuss some other microphone etiquette.

On behalf of microphone repairmen everywhere, when you test the mike, never blow into it. This is harmful to a most important part of the mike called the diaphragm. It is an extremely thin membrane that can easily be broken by blowing on it.

The proper way to test a mike is to tap on it with your fingers, or to speak into it.

A sound that has sent more waterglasses tumbling, and more hands over the ears, is the infamous high-pitched whine known as "feedback."

The technical causes of this phenomenon are numerous and too complicated to go into here, but the cure is simple.

A lot of speakers try to stop the squeal by putting their hand over the microphone. This is probably the worst thing to do and will almost certainly make the problem worse.

The right thing to do is simply move away from the mike. If this doesn't eliminate the problem, which it usually will, either you or someone else should find the volume control on the public address system and turn it down slowly until the feedback goes away. It won't take much, and you probably won't be able to hear the volume loss while speaking.

Refusing To Use It

Ignorers completely ignore the microphone and just raise their voice to a level that they think everyone in the room will be able to hear.

Unfortunately, not only does this technique rarely work, but by the time the speakers are halfway into their talk, they either have throat trouble, or have dropped their voice back down to conversational level without realizing it.

The chronic Ignorer will not only stand away from the mike, he or she will take it out of its holder and set it down somewhere on the podium or whatever surface happens to be handy.

Unless there is an alert sound man to turn down the volume on the mike, it will still be "live." What the audience hears over the loudspeakers is the sound of papers shuffling, fingers drumming on the surface near the mike, and other equally distracting noises.

At a recent seminar, one of the speakers was extremely mike-shy and took the mike out of its stand, setting it down to the right of where he was sitting. The person sitting next to the mike was furiously scribbling notes on a pad of paper with a felt-tip pen. Due to the extreme sensitivity of the mike, all that the people in the back rows were able to hear was the sound of the note-taker scribbling away. None of the guest speaker's thoughts were audible.

Overall, we as public speakers should consider the microphone as a tool to help in the delivery of our speeches. It is capable of turning even the most mild-mannered voice into a forceful presence to be heard and understood.

The next time you come face to face with one of these modern conveniences, don't move away, don't panic, don't fumble with it, and above all, don't ignore it. Use it. It's there to help you do what you came to do...be heard.

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Procrastination A Self-Defeating Habit You Can Break

by Jacqueline de River-Daniel, DTM

hy do people procrastinate? It may have something to do with motivation. From the time we are approximately three years old, parents and significant others in authority teach us that there are certain things in life which we must do if we wish to avoid punishments, humiliation and guilt. We are taught to do objectively beneficial things because we are frightened into doing them. Thus, we may never learn to do things just because doing them is in our own best interest.

As a result of conditioning, some people grow up possessing only two effective self-motivational techniques: "I want to" or "I have to." "I want to" implies choice; "I have to" implies coercion. The procrastinator thinks in terms of "wants" and "have to's." The nonprocrastinator thinks in terms of enlightened self-interest; emotional "wants" or desires are considered, but secondarily. Indicative of the different approach to the same task are the questions first posed by each.

Consider the task of answering a letter. For some this is a simple matter, for others a major undertaking. A nonprocrastinator looks at the letter and asks himself or herself, "Would it be in my best interest to answer this now?" If the answer is yes, he either does it right away or programs it.

A procrastinator looks at the same letter and asks, "Do I want to answer this letter now?" If the answer is yes, there's no problem, but if the answer is no, he tells himself he "should" do it and immediately delays getting started. (We resent being told we

"have to" do something, yet we frequently talk this way to ourselves.)

Typically, procrastinators set the letter aside in favor of doing something they "want" to do. Time passes and they think, "I really 'should' answer that letter." (They may even recite some of the reasons why they feel they 'should.') During the time that they put off the unpleasant or less desirable task, they are unable to enjoy that which they have chosen to do because their mind

OUR EMOTIONS INFLUENCE OUR INNER URGES TO ACTION.

wanders; they find themselves thinking of what they "should" be doing; thus, they rob themselves of the ability to live fully the present moment.

Eventually, one of two things happens: Either the deadline approaches so they're literally forced into action in order to beat the deadline, or they've built up so much anxiety and inner tension, as a result of their self-talk, they're forced to act to relieve the pressure. Students who "cram" for examinations are examples of this type of behavior, so are individuals who are constantly "running late."

Your Best Interest

When I ask myself first, "Is it in my best interest to do this now?" and

honestly, objectively answer this ques tion, I seldom find cause to procrastinate. Someone said the procrastinator has not really sold himself on the idea that it is in his best interest to "do it now" because, if he had, he would not choose to continue acting in a manner that is harmful, painful or self-defeating. I also believe the problem stems from the fact that many of us have never been taught to think in a logical, objective manner. We simply follow our urges, desires "wants" unless they run counter to our "have to's," "shoulds," "ought to's," and other self-directives.

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Thinking in terms of enlightened self-interest requires that we take our self-talk seriously, learn to challenge and stop "musterbating" on ourselve (as Dr. Albert Ellis terms it).

Here's how you might challenge your self-talk:

Self-talk: "I 'should' do it."

Challenge: "Why 'should' I do it? Who says I 'should'? What's the worthing that could happen to me if I didn't do it?"

Self-talk: "The worst thing that could happen to me is to die. Actually, that's the only thing I 'have to' d Everything else I do because I 'choos to do it."

By our repeated choices, you and! build our habits-habits of thought at habits of behavior, including the hab of procrastinating. We are constantly making habits, breaking them and making new habits. Someone wrote, "First we make our habits and then our habits make us or break us." This certainly true of procrastination.

Most people resist change. William

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Visual Horizons, 180 Metro Park Rochester, NY 14623-2666 (716) 424-5300 James in his essay on habit observed that the greatest enemy of habit change is the present day habit. We want to do the same as we've always done but the hitch is, we want to accomplish more or feel better with the "same" methods. We are comfortable with our old habits. They may cause anxiety or pain-- not uncommon in procrastination--but they still "feel" right for us.

There was a time, however, when the old habits we cling to were new experiences. Consider our first attempts to walk; how many times did we lose our balance trying to achieve that goal? But we did it and now we take it for granted. When we first learned to drive an automobile and got out in traffic, it was strange; it certainly didn't "feel" right, and the first time we got up at a Toastmasters meeting to give a speech it didn't "feel" comfortable. Eventually, by doing it again and again, we developed new behavior habits. Now getting up in front of a group doesn't scare us anymore; it "feels" okay; some of us actually enjoy it.

The Role of Motivation

Why do people procrastinate? Does it have something to do with motivation? I believe it does. Psychologists tell us the primary reasons we do what we do are: hope of getting something we want, fear of getting something we don't want, and a combination of hope and fear. Our emotions have an important influence on our inner urges to action--our motivation.

The habitual procrastinator goes with his feelings; he is frequently a "gut"person. Dr. David Burns in his book Feeling Good reminds us that "a body at rest tends to remain at rest." He says that motivation follows action. You act and then you get "in the mood." You don't wait to get "in the mood" before you act.

For years I thought it was the other way around. I'd wait and wait to be inspired or to get "in the mood." Without realizing it, I was acting emotionally. I finally awoke to the fact that I couldn't always trust my feelings, that it was in my best interest to think objectively and consider the benefits of taking action versus the benefits of delaying action. That was the turning point. Armed with this insight I was able to rid myself of procrastination.

Here are suggested techniques for breaking the procrastination habit:

1. Make a list of things you "should" do. Do the distasteful or unrewarding tasks first, and check them off as you do them. Each

accomplishment will give you a psychological lift.

2. On the left-hand side of a sheet of paper list the reasons you are procrastinating on a particular task. On the right hand side list the benefits for taking action right away.

3. Break the distasteful task down into small, manageable steps. This is the "divide and conquer" approach advocated by time management expert Alan Lakein.

- 4. Keep a diary. Record your "shoulds," "musts," "have to's," "ought to's" and other negative motivation techniques you may be using on yourself. Make a point to challenge these, and substitute "I choose to do" thus and so. Examine each situation, each problem, each task objectively, in light of your own best interest. Keeping a daily journal will help make you aware of how you may be sabotaging your own efforts and thus encourage you to "want" to
- 5. Set up a system of rich rewards for yourself; make sure they are highly satisfying. Each time you choose actions, instead of procrastination, immediately reward yourself. Positive reinforcement is most effective in developing new habits.

William James in his essay on habit cor suggests the following:

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•Don't try to do too much too quickly. Just force yourself to do one thing that you've been putting off.

•During the period when your new habit is taking root, do not permit any exceptions. William James compared it to rolling up a ball of string: a single slip can undo more than many turns can wind up. He said success or failure, during the retraining period, hinges largely on your making a commitment and close ly following the schedule you set up for yourself.

Breaking the procrastination habit will put you in better control of your life. You will discover that when you take the action, the necessary motiva for tion will follow.



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TEAM PRESENTATIONS ARE AS COMMON TODAY AS INDIVIDUAL ONES, AND THEY PRESENT SPEAKERS WITH SPECIAL PROBLEMS.

Achieving Teamwork in Presentations

by Thomas Leech

I t could be a sequel to "Chorus Line." The setting is a small meeting room adjoining the big conference facility of the manufacturer of the new hypersonic aircraft.

Gathered there are the representatives from Sigmatonics, one of several electronic companies bidding for a lucrative contract for the aircraft's countermeasure radar system. They're scheduled to speak at 10 a.m., right after the team from Integral Avionics, Inc. Two more teams will make their presentations in the afternoon.

Heading the Sigmatonics team is the company president, who will make some opening comments. Leading the presentation team is the project manager for the radar program. Other presenters are the chief engineer, financial manager, the manufacturing planning analyst and the personnel director.

At stake is the first phase contract for the radar system, a juicy plum worth \$30 million to the winner, and which could grow to many times that over the life of the program.

Much of the success or demise of the Sigmatonics effort will depend on what transpires in the conference room in the next two hours. Years of marketing, planning and preliminary design activities have gone into getting ready for this showdown. All four competitors have submitted their proposals, and these final presentations are their last chances to make their final points before the selection com-



mittee. The impressions made today by Sigmatonics and the others may determine who will get the contract.

This fictional situation is representative of many presentations in which people in business frequently find themselves engaged. The team presentation is one presentation with many speakers, each contributing his or her expertise to the overall effort. Team presentations are as common today as individual ones, and they present speakers with some special problems which differ from the traditional single-speaker presentation.

An Important Event

Team presentations come in many forms. A team of recruiters made up of managers from various disciplines travels to a university to entice graduates to look over their company. A builder brings along experts in several areas to gain support from the city council for a new industrial park. A team of officers briefs military pilots about to launch a mission on a number of topics vital to the success of the endeavor.

While not all team presentations are of the high-stakes caliber as noted for the radar system subcontract, one fairly consistent feature of team presentations is that they do tend to be important. Team presentations tend to carry a heavier evaluative burden than most presentations, as represented in the opening story. The presentation to the source selection board was an advance demonstration of how well the Sigmatonics team could work together. All of these factors make the team presentation worthy of study to make sure it goes together well and gets carried out effectively.

Several factors keep popping up that distinguish good team presentations from poor ones. These are much the

same as for any presentation, but the problems associated with them are compounded by several speakers having to jointly put together one presentation.

Some of the major considerations include:

·Overall theme focus and integra-

•Content compatibility. In good presentations, the impression created is that all speakers are working toward the same goal and that technical and managerial differences have been worked out to achieve compatible and workable solutions. With poor presentations, one sometimes wonders if the

WITH GOOD PRESENTATIONS, ALL SEGMENTS ARE INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE WHOLE, AND IT SHOWS.

tion. Good presentations come across as a single message with all the parts combining to make up a single entity. Poor presentations wander in several directions, and thus lack a cohesive

• Topic coverage and emphasis. Good presentations touch on all the necessary topics and give proper emphasis to those of most importance. Poor presentations lack this sense of priority, resulting in key topics left off the agenda and minor ones getting more attention than they deserve.

different team members have ever been introduced to one another as one speaker covers material his fellow presenter covered 10 minutes ago, or shows data that conflicts with previously addressed material.

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 Consistency of style and formats. With good presentations, all segments are integral parts of the whole, and it shows. Visual aids and organizational patterns clearly are shaped and meshed according to the direction of one leader, as is an orchestra to a conductor. The presentation looks as if all

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arts came off the same press. Poor resentations lack this consistency.

•Teamwork in execution. Here it's the difference between the Dallas Cowboys and the Marx Brothers--well-disciplined teamwork or barely controlled chaos. How smoothly events are carried out and how well team members intermesh and support one mother during the presentation are good indicators of how team members will work together on a project.

Achieving a Better Product

Actually achieving those goals amidst all the pressures of getting your regular job done, balancing all the usual priorities and interruptions, and mow working with a bunch of other people to fit in a major presentation to a ridiculous schedule is a bit like making a marriage work. It's essential but not easy.

Here are a few tips I've found helpful in maintaining harmony, using limited resources wisely, reducing those burdensome last minute panics, and achieving a better end product:

•Involve top management from the beginning. If you want to almost insure a lot of changes late in the development cycle, just don't get any guidance from the organization's major policy-makers until the dry run two days before the presentation. This is too often the first time the final decision-makers get into the act, and it's much too late. They need to be involved early and often.

•Get the entire team together early. Not getting the key team players on board and participating from the start creates a divisive relationship that is hard to counter later. A team that operates on the basis of delaying constantly before bringing in important players is likely to suffer from the jerks and starts syndrome.

•Set up periodic review points.
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members is to communicate with one
another, to see what the others are doing, and to insure they're all on the
same track. By scheduling milestone
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reviewed by all team members and
decision makers, straying and laggard
efforts can be identified and redirected
or beefed up.

•Pay careful attention to details. Rigorous arrangements and operational checklists greatly reduce the Marx Brothers effect. Nearly every presenter has been nipped by one or another axiom of Murphy's Law-"Whatever can go wrong, will." With a team of presenters, Murphy lurks in the background, salivating at all the opportunities for his or her can-

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ALL SPEAKERS MUST BE WORKING TOWARD THE SAME GOAL.

and tried out for a smooth operation.

• Practice! One or more dry runs get the bugs out and the teamwork in. Toastmasters are well aware of the importance of practicing and polishing the talk. For a team presentation, increase the importance of this by one order of magnitude.

And now it's showtime for

Sigmatonics. Whether they have given their team presentation adequate and intelligent attention is about to be demonstrated. If they have followed the above practices, the odds are they'll make a reasonably good showing. Now if they just have a good story to tell in that well-developed and executed presentation, they may have a winner on their hands. If their presentation comes across as sloppy and poorly planned, they'll get to watch their Brand X competitor develop and fly that new radar system they worked so hard in vain to get.



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Employee Problems



DISCIPLINE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE A NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE.

by Robert J. Carroll

t's a word that conjures up negative images. Dragging an employee to the woodshed. Chewing out. Reading the riot act.

Disciplining a staff member is not something most managers enjoy doing. It is not surprising that many managers don't do it well. The reason is simple. They know that discipline is a synonym of punishment and is a negative experience.

Discipline doesn't have to be a negative experience, however. Discipline has another synonymtraining. Managers should look upon discipline not as the negative experience of taking an employee to the woodshed but as the positive experience of enlightening and training a person.

The answers to the following questions that managers often ask indicate how you can turn discipline into a

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How do I deal with employees who aren't performing effectively?

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If the person lacks the talent, education may be the answer. Consider of-

board for all to see. You can't expect a person to change until he or she understands that his or her actions are wrong.

If the rules, once posted and understood by all employees, are then ignored, you must resort to discipline.

How should I discipline an employee?

To begin with, before you discuss a problem with an employee, make sure

YOU CANNOT EXPECT A PERSON TO CHANGE UNTIL HE OR SHE UNDERSTANDS THAT HIS OR HER ACTIONS ARE WRONG.

fering further training to an employee before firing him or her, provided the person has already passed the probationary period. Turnover in an organization is always poor business. The time, money and effort already spent hiring and training the person are lost, and the morale and performance of others in the organization may be hurt.

Poor attitude is a less tangible problem, but it's a problem in most cases. Most ineffective workers have the talent for the job but lack the desire to do it as effectively as they could.

In this case, you should ask yourself: Does the employee know what is expected? Is there a job description? If not, the person may see the job as one thing, while you see it as another.

You can usually rectify the difference in perception through a discussion with the person. In the course of the discussion, you may find that the problem is not lack of talent or desire but merely lack of communication.

How do I handle a specific problem such as an employee who makes too many personal telephone calls?

Again, lack of communication may be the problem. Before you take any steps to correct the situation, make sure you have established definite rules relating to it. If you do not have an employee handbook, then establish rules and post them on the bulletin of your facts. One of the worst mistakes managers make is assuming the facts are one way when, in truth, they're quite different.

Once you're certain that a rule is not being followed, the next step is a discussion with the person. Set aside sufficient time for the discussion--15 or 20 minutes at the minimum--and allow no interruptions.

When the person comes into your office, be pleasant. Remember that this isn't punishment, it's discipline. You are trying to help the person help him or herself.

Before you mention the reason for the meeting, say something positive about the person's performance, such as "You are always at work on time," "You are dependable," or "You have contributed to our past success."

The reason is that the employee will enter a discussion of a problem with a certain amount of trepidation and be instinctively on the defensive. By making known your appreciation of some of his or her talents or accomplishments, you will dissipate much of the fear and defensiveness.

Turning to the problem at hand, first ask if the person is aware he or she is breaking the rules of the organization. If not--and this is often the case--you may have found the root of the problem.

Even if the person does know the rules and recognizes that there is a problem, it's better to get his or her version before you explain your vertell
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sion. If his or her version is similar to yours, you can attack the problem from common ground.

At this point, don't suggest a solution. Ask the person for his or her solution. If the solution is acceptable, the employee will be more willing to pursue it than if you imposed a solution. If the solution isn't acceptable, continue the discussion until you agree on a mutually acceptable approach.

DON'T SUGGEST A SOLUTION, ASK THE EMPLOYEE FOR ONE.

Before ending the meeting, make sure you reaffirm the positive comments you made at the beginning of the meeting. This will encourage the person to take a positive attitude back

As a final step, set up a time in the future for a review of the situation. Mark it on your calendar. If the situation has improved at that time, make sure the employee knows that you are

Recognition of improvement is important. Any star athlete or actor will tell you that the applause of the crowd is as important as the salary earned.

How do I motivate long-term employees to work as hard as they have in the past?

You should remember two truths. First, you can't motivate another person. Motivation must come from within that person. The responsibility of a manager is to establish a good climate for motivation.

Second, working hard is not the same as producing good results. You should determine whether the employee is producing results as good as before, not whether he or she appears to be working as hard. A person's experience often allows him or her to produce results that are as good without working as hard.

If the results are not as good as they once were, however, the problem may be that the employee is not working as hard. Again, the reason for the

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"Corny," Nichols admits, "but fun!"

problem and the solution will often be discovered in a constructive discussion with the person. Communication, not punishment, is more often than not the key to solving employee problems. A purposeful and positive discussion will often cast the problem in a new light, allowing you and the employee

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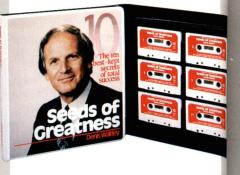
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Exercises For Speakers

by Marie Zima

hen my friend Karen found out she was to receive her Women's Club "Woman of the Year" award, she became nervous and tense about making her acceptance speech. The night of the banquet, as I watched her walk to the podium with her shoulders pinched and stretched toward her ears, I got a sick feeling. As an actress, I recognized her flagrant symptoms of tension. I knew that tension would spread to her stomach and affect her breathing and voice quality. I knew her speech would be awful.

As she breathily opened her mouth, her arms remained plastered at her sides. Her voice strayed from flat, colorless monotones to raspy, shrill attempts at melody and variation. Her listeners had difficulty understanding what she said. Their patience was worn. They twitched restlessly in their seats. Afterwards, Karen was devastated by her poor performance.

If only she had warmed up, Karen could have thwarted tension, and she could have spoken effectively.

Dispelling Nervousness

Like a diligent speaker, Karen's preparation was to familiarize herself thoroughly with her speech. Unfortunately, knowing your speech doesn't dispel nervousness. Nervousness is a chemical reaction caused by adrenalin, which causes excess energy. That energy won't dissipate unless it is used. If it's not, it will manifest itself in tensions that will show in vocal strain, breathiness and lifeless, weak speech. When the body is tense, it doesn't waltz well, nor does it gesticulate dynamically.

All speakers want to be effective, but few know the voice and body mechanisms well enough to know how to do that. Speakers who've studied voice are far better prepared. They know the importance of correct breathing and realize the fragile voice

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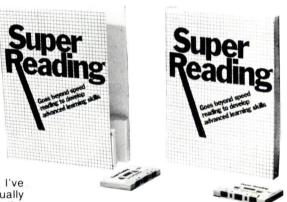
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can be so easily strained or harmed if the voice and body muscles involved in voice production are ignored. A speaker would do well to emulate the artisans who don't take their voices and bodies for granted: singers and

Singers and actors use their voices and bodies to perform their craft. They know that they must do daily vocal, breathing and relaxation exercise if they are to perform easily and without harmful vocal strain. By contrast, the speaker is often not concerned enough with his voice.

Speakers should realize that their preparation shouldn't end with learning the speech; rather, it should begin with warmup exercises. Few speakers, when on the podium, haven't been affected by leadlike arms or a creaky, weak voice that needed constant clearing. That is strain. Proper preparation can eliminate those amateurish qualities.

Exercises for Tension

Warmup should be at least 15 minutes long and should be done daily at least a week prior to the speaking engagement. Relaxation exercises should always be followed by an energizing exercise, such as running or jumping. That's because you don't want the relaxation exercises to soporize your performance; you merely want to eliminate tension. A sleepy speaker will put the audience to sleep. A relaxed but energized speaker will wake up his audience.

Exercises should be performed alone, so you won't be inhibited by an audience. You should do them in a quiet place, where you can be loud and not be afraid of disturbing anyone with your vocalizations. The exercises should be done in a warm place. Cold muscles are disastrous for the dancer, athlete and the speaker. Work in warm, comfortable clothes that will facilitate total freedom of movement.

One of the simplest and most beneficial exercises you can do is yawn. Open your mouth and stretch your body, as you do when you first wake. You'll be oxygenated as you stretch your pharnyx. Yawning feels great, is easy, and does wonders for the speaker.

If a speaker or actor has time to work on only one part of the body to relieve tension, he should choose the neck, because tension in the neck will present itself in vocal strain. To get rid of vocal strain, you can be vocalizing while moving your neck. That is, make 000, aaah, eee sounds that emanate from the diaphragm rather than from the throat. Vary your pitch,

volume and tone just as you would while doing your speech. After this, when you are slightly warmed up, you may want to try vocalizing with parts of your speech.

Neck exercises are simple. Move the head slowly, in every direction possible. Side to side, down toward the floor, backwards, where the eyes look up at the ceiling. Remember, the neck warmup will be more effective if you vocalize while doing the exercise. Your

YOUR GOAL IS TO BE A RELAXED BUT ENERGIZED SPEAKER.

neck isn't warmed up until it ceases to make crackling noises when you move it

An even better neck exercise is neck rolls. Slowly, smoothly and continuously roll your head. Imagine your head is a huge bubble, with a heavy ball inside it. When the ball rolls, your head will rotate as well. When your head falls backward against your back, drop your mouth open to prevent jaw tension. Do one full circle, then reverse directions to prevent dizziness. Repeat until you notice that the cracking in your neck has ceased.

Shoulder rolls also eliminate neck and shoulder tension. Lift shoulders toward the ears. Circle backwards and around toward your chest. Reverse.

Proper breathing is essential if you want to appear polished and not breathlessly amateurish. Constructive rest exercise will improve your breathing technique and relax you as well. Theoretically an hour in this position is equivalent to a night's sleep. This position should relax you without making you groggy.

Lay on your back, with your knees bent and pointing toward the ceiling; the soles of your feet should be on the floor, about six inches apart. Cross your hands on your chest. Press all your vertebrae into the floor. Concentrate on breathing from the diaphragm. Your stomach, not your chest, should rise and fall. When you feel relaxed, begin to vocalize parts of your speech, continuing to support your speech with breath that comes from the diaphragm rather than from the upper chest. If your neck feels tense, slowly roll it from side to side

until the tension subsides.

From constructive rest position, slide your legs out onto the floor. Keep the small of your back against the floor. If your back goes up off the floor, bend your knees. Relax your arms by your side. Now you are ready to do a super relaxation exercise called hypertension.

Hypertension is performed by stretching all your limbs and your head off the floor, with only your buttocks and back to support you. Hold your entire body tense for a count of sixty. Then allow your arms, legs and head to collapse onto the floor, as if they are melting. Repeat. During the first part of the exercise you are hyper-tensing and tiring your muscles. When you drop everything onto the floor, you become hyper-relaxed. That relaxation will carry over into your speech.

Another easy and effective tensionrelaxation exercise is called the rag doll. From a standing position, with the feet about a foot apart, stretch your arms as if you must touch the ceiling. Hold that position for 15 seconds, and then collapse, simultaneously exhaling through the mouth. This is the rag doll. Your knees should be bent, and your arms and head should be swinging and bobbing. If your arms and head are still, you're holding tension in your body. Do it again, and try to let your body fall. This exercise feels good and works wonders at relieving tension. Repeat several times.

To more effectively use your rag doll, vocalize instead of breathing deep. While stretching, inhale from the diaphragm, not from the chest. Now speak as if your sound comes from your stomach instead of your throat. With an *ee* or *aah* sound, start your sound on a note at the top of a musical scale. Descend the scale as you allow your body to collapse into the rag doll position. Remember, your body should be limp and floppy.

A good speaking voice should be beautiful, rich and effective. To achieve these qualities, one should be as disciplined as an actor or singer. Devoting practice time to physical and vocal exercises will eliminate tension and vocal strain, and enhance the beauty of your speaking voice.



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Carol Chaning: A Real



by George Heymont

f there is anyone who knows how to keep an audience eating from the palm of her hand, it is Carol Channing. After performing in nightclubs, motion pictures, concert halls and on Broadway for more than 40 years, the lady is one of the great veterans of the stage. A trouper.

Not only has she been blessed with Emmy awards, Tony awards and Grammy awards, Channing has even received Harvard University's Hasty Pudding "Woman of the Year" award. One of the few females to land on Richard Nixon's infamous "Hate List." Carol has been making audiences laugh for as long as she can

died with his laugh building in a show called '70, Girls, 70' when it was trying out in Philadelphia and that's how I want to go. With my boots on!" vows the musical comedy star.

Carol's superb comic timing, defiantly strong personal presence and desperate need to be loved (coupled with an animal instinct for working a stage) have kept her a legend in an era when real stars are few and far between. Her huge eyes and gangly arms don't just reach out to embrace an audience, they entice and entrap theatergoers with the seductive powers of a love-starved venus flytrap.

"You know, there's a famous Spanish bullfighter who was once asked: 'Aren't you afraid of dying? Of death? Of the bull?" " she explains.

"And do you know what he said? 'Afraid of death? Ha! Never! I'm afraid of losing the audience. Let the bull come straight at me as long as the audience stands up and cheers!'

Although some think of the 62-yearold actress as the dizziest thing on two wheels, in truth Channing is a woman obsessed with theatrical precision. Offstage, Carol's tendency to garble sentences, swallow phrases and turn thoughts into a merry mishmash of the English language camouflage a memory which resembles a steel trap. Indeed, what may seem spontaneous to some in the audience has been planned down to the very last detail.

"I'm happy in my work and there's nothing to overcome. The reason I can't stay off the stage is because there's this wonderful feeling that is so cozy and warm; a feeling which is closer than touching each other, even closer than affection. That's the joy of theatre, the excitement of it. In a sports arena you either win or lose. But in the theatre, there's a tribal feeling that everyone is simultaneously experiencing an emotion. We're really kind of safe as long as we're together. If a bomb drops on us, if anything happens to us, we all go as a group. So it can't be that terrible."

Developing a Technique

Channing began to develop her stage technique at a very early age. In the fourth grade, she was nominated for the office of class secretary at San Francisco's Commodore Sloat Grammar School. A shy child, Carol stood in front of her classmates without any ideas for a speech. Desperate to succeed, she decided to imitate some of the teachers in the school. Her gifts of mimicry kept her classmates in stitches. Later, as she ran from the auditorium to hide in the cloakroom, she vowed she would do

anything to get back on the stage.

Throughout her adolescence Channing was onstage every Friday entertaining her school peers. Her specialty became dance pantomime and with her huge bug eyes she was always able to build a strong rapport with her audience. "Children are not courteous. If they lose interest, they start throwing erasers, chalk and spitballs at you," warns the actress. "Comedy is the only thing which will hold their attention every time. If you do something when you're young enough, it takes the fear away. You can attack anything when you're young because you don't yet know how hard it is. You're frightened, but you're sure that you can do it. As you get older you get more cautious and think: Oh, no, I can't do that."

As a stage-struck student eager to try her luck in the theatre, Channing left Bennington College without completing her degree. Success did not come at first, so she returned to California. Soon, her overwhelming talent caught the attention of Gower Champion, who auditioned her for a revue entitled "Lend an Ear." The show was transported to Broadway and the rest is history.

One evening composer Jule Styne and author Anita Loos watched in awe as Channing went through her "Gladiola Girl" routine. Styne and Loos signed Channing for their new musical, "Gentlemen Prefer Blondes." Carol's characterization of Lorelei Lee (the man-hungry, social-climbing flapper with the firm conviction that "Diamond's Are a Girl's Best Friend'') led Brooks Atkinson, the dean of American theatre critics, to describe her performance as "the most fabulous comic creation of this generation."

Channing later went on to entertain audiences with her one-woman tourde-force entitled "Show Girl." Then, in 1964 she took Broadway by storm in the musical version of Thornton Wilder's comedy, "The Matchmaker." And, in the 20 years since Carol first performed the title role in "Hello, Dolly!" she has not altered her performance one bit.

To some, the thought of continuing in one role for more than 3000 performances is anathema, raising the dread spectre of the long run blues. But to Carol, such a long run is a dream come true. "When you finally find the right way of doing something, hold onto it. Don't change it. It's God given," she swears.

"One show in many years is a smash hit," argues the performer. "That's why 'Hello, Dolly!' is like lightning in a bottle. I'm never going to let go of it. I'm lucky that I've been able to play parts that I was crazy about. Doing this show so many times is like a marriage--the excitement can't go away. If you are passionately in love with a man, that love lasts through sickness and in health. That won't stop."

One of the distinct joys of her work is that during the show, Dolly Levi often gets to address the audience directly. "Thornton Wilder's firmest

"WHEN YOU FINALLY FIND THE RIGHT WAY OF DOING SOMETHING. HOLD ONTO IT."

conviction was that theatre should be performed like the joker in Shakespeare. Break through the theatre's fourth wall and talk straight to the audience," explains the actress.
"In 'Our Town' the stage manager faces straight out to the audience and says 'Let me tell you about this character. Let me tell you about our town.' In 'The Skin of Our Teeth,' Sabina turns to the audience and says, 'I don't know WHAT this playwright is talking about. But I took the job because I need the money and this is what he wants to say.' '

The Role of Concentration

Many speakers and performers begin to exhibit signs of boredom after repeating their lines over and over. Ethel Merman used to tell people that after several months in a musical she would find herself standing onstage singing the show's hit tune while thinking about her grocery shopping

"This is the most frightening work there is. It's like walking a tightrope. All you have to do is have your thought waver one little bit and think, 'Gee, I'm hungry, what'll I have for dinner?' and you don't get that laugh," groans Carol. "Why? Because the people didn't catch the line. Whatever it is that goes out of the atmosphere is the most frightening thing in the world.

"You never forget those performances where you did not get it right," she confesses. "I'll go to my grave remembering the laughs I didn't get, the cries people didn't cry or the times the audience didn't fall in love. Even one line stays indelibly imprinted on your mind. To this day, I remember the laughs I've lost because I know it was my fault. You can never shake that off."

Some performers start to add little bits of business to liven up their lines. After enough doctoring, they have completely changed the balance of the show. The late Zero Mostel began to ad-lib and ham it up so much during the original run of "Fiddler on the Roof' that he ended up playing the show strictly for laughs. To Channing, that lack of discipline is unforgivable.

"I wouldn't think of changing 'Hello, Dolly!' one iota. I don't change things for my own entertainment. That would be the mark of an amateur," she gasps. "George Bernard Shaw says 'Who are we against so many?' The audience is always seeing the show for the first time. So you keep it precisely the same. That's called discipline. I'm not the one who paid for the ticket, the audience did and we belong to them. So every night and every matinee I've got to recreate the emotion which makes me do precisely that same thing. If I don't do that then nobody cries, nobody laughs, nobody falls in love, nobody does anything that we want them to do. Isn't that frightening?"

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In late 1983, Carol took "Hello, Dolly!" on one final tour around the United States and Europe. This time the show was videotaped at the Kennedy Center for future release on cable TV.

In 1984 she will be reunited with composer Jerry Herman on a new project. Herman, who wrote the songs and lyrics for "La Cage Aux Folles," "Mame" and "Hello, Dolly," has been working on a revue about the Ziegfield Follies which will demand every bit of Carol's comedic talents.

Channing herself is eager for the challenge. "We have to try it out in workshop first because not even God almighty knows where the laughs are," she explains. "But the creative period is like the pregnancy process, like carrying a child. It's the happiest, most wonderful, fertile time of life.'

And, by her own confession, Carol plans to use every trick of the trade she has mastered during a half century to de of performing for audiences--including mun some of the tricks she used to fend off num the spitballs in the fourth grade of Commodore Sloat Grammar School.

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THE KEY TO RESOLVING PERSONALITY PROBLEMS IS EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATION.

Personalities, Yes; Personality Conflicts, No

by Freda Grones

wenty-year-old Kathy seemed quite happy with her first real job--until she came home in tears one day. "I just can't seem to get along with Ann," Kathy told her mother. "I guess it's a personality conflict."

Tom was building a successful career as a purchaser when a new manager took over the department. "Nothing I do pleases this guy," Tom began complaining. "My job is at stake and I don't know what to do about it."

After three months, Helen considered her promotion into management a mixed blessing. "I never thought that my biggest problem would be getting along with another manager," she said.

Call it what you like, a personality conflict or human nature, friction among people who must work together is never pleasant and has been known to ruin careers and affect the bottomline profits of a department or company.

So what's a Kathy, Tom, Helen or anyone caught in such a situation to do?

Know Yourself

Most experts agree that just about any such conflicts can be resolved if at least one of the individuals is willing to do some self-analyzing and communicating. Then too, there are a number of things that a company can do to prevent personality conflicts from developing in the first place.

Bill Ellermeyer, president of Career Management Services, Santa Ana, California, says, "Everybody has his or her own work personality--and that's good. But work personalities may be quite different from those displayed at home. It's quite possible for people to be easy-going and flexible within the family, but very rule-

"PRESENT THE PROBLEM AS YOURS. LET THEM KNOW HOW YOU FEEL."

oriented at work. The opposite may be true as well."

According to Ellermeyer, there are a number of psychological assessments, such as the Myers/Briggs Survey, that can help people determine their work personalities. Most of these assessments do this with a series of self-tests or questions. But basically there are only two questions you need to know the answers to: What pleases/displeases me? What are my hot buttons?

"Self-knowledge is power," Ellermeyer says. "So one secret to more harmonious relationships is knowing yourself."

The other secret involves effective communicating. It's usually a mistake to go to other people and demand that they change because you're annoyed, inconvenienced or unhappy,''

Ellermeyer says. "You might be right, but generally such demands only make matters worse. Instead, present the problem as yours. Let them know what is worrying you and how you feel. With this approach, essentially you are asking for help--not demanding a change. If they then choose to change, all good and well. But it must be their decision."

Barbara Fielder, industrial relations consultant with Fielder and Associates in Tustin, California, agrees and adds, "Doing all you can not to put the other person on the defensive is important. You don't want to create an atmosphere of attack."

Threats should be avoided. Fielder says, "Generally, threatening someone, especially in your first conversation regarding the problem, is not a good idea. But if you do make a threat, be prepared to carry it out."

Her suggestions include first asking the other party to meet with you privately, at a mutually convenient time, and, if possible, on his or her turf.

"Plan what it is you want to say," Fielder advises. "You might even consider writing it down so you can more effectively construct and review any points you want to make.

"You will want to be as specific and objective as you can," she continues. "Your purpose is not to overwhelm, but to clarify and correct by supplying facts and by being objective."

Fielder gave the following examples of ineffective statements:

"For some reason, you don't seem to like me."

"You're never satisfied with what I do. My old manager never had any complaints."

"What's wrong with your department? Why can't you get the data to us on time?"

Effective statements might sound more like these:

"I need your help. I know you're probably as upset as I am because we haven't been working well together. What can I do to help make the situation better?"

"Mr. Black, I know every manager has his own preferences. I need to know more about how you want me to carry out my responsibilities."

"Last Tuesday the data needed to finish this month's sales report was late getting to us."

In addition to carefully wording your complaint, Fielder says full attention to the other party's answer is equally vital. "You must give the other person a chance to reply and really listen to the answer. After all, he or she may have something to say that you haven't even considered. They may even have a solution you haven't thought of.

"Chances are," she continues,
"you will find the other person as
eager to solve the problem as you are.
Fortunately, most of us don't enjoy
working with unnecessary stress and
most of us realize how dangerous any
conflict in the work arena can be."

A Positive Environment

Most companies are certainly aware of that danger. Crandall Gudmundson, president of Odetics, Inc., says, "The way people interact and get along with each other is of prime importance to the welfare of the company."

Odetics, a California-based company that designs and manufactures electronic devices for the space industry, was founded in 1969. Gudmundson says, "Originally, the company had six employees--its founders. The original six are still with us, plus 444 others. One of the major reasons, we've been so successful is that we've taken care to build a sense of togetherness or family, and a sense of open communication."

The company's philosophy, incorporated in its orientation manual, reflects these efforts. It encourages managers to: create a positive, involved-people environment; maintain an informal, nonstatus approach; promote from within whenever possible; acknowledge the importance of every function within the company, or eliminate it; reward dedication to reliability and technical excellence.

These policies are put into effect in many ways. Gudmundson says, "Encouraging a family atmosphere really begins even before someone is hired. We like having new people come aboard, but we are very careful when hiring. We check references."

One of the things looked for is the individual's compatability at prior

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positions. "If a person was fired once because he or she couldn't get along, it may not have been that individual's fault," Gudmundson says. "On the other hand, if there's more than one such incident, it might indicate an inability or unwillingness to work harmoniously with others."

Then too, most candidates interview more than once for a position. Gudmundson says, "I like to tell people that starting a new job is similar to getting married. And one of the nice things about marriage is the romance. We believe in a lot of romancing and long engagements. That gives everyone a chance to know each other."

The prospective employee's immediate supervisor is always present at interviews. "That's an extremely important relationship," Gudmundson says, "so immediate supervisors have a strong say about whether or not someone is hired."

To put new people at ease, Odetics uses the buddy system. Gudmundson says, "It's just not right to have anyone arrive for his or her first day or work and not know what to do, who the others are, where the bathrooms are, etc. So we always put the newcomer in the care of someone in the department who knows the ropes."

Only first names are used at Odetics. "We don't believe in Sirs and Misters," Gudmundson says. "I call people by their first names and they call me by mine."

The nonstatus approach Odetics believes in is implemented in other ways as well. Instead of a formal organizational chart with pictures, names and titles of the company's directors, there are 12 (one for each month) large charts. Each displays th photo, name and birthday of every employee born during that month.

"We don't believe in preferential parking spaces either," Gudmundsor says. "We have only one reserved parking spot at each of our facilities. Every two months, we all vote. The reserved spot goes to the winner of that election. It's a lot of fun. Once we voted the spot to a man who didhave a car. During his two months, we all got a chance to steal it."

Ideas are always welcome at Odetics. Gudmundson says the company has an annual training day for the exchange of ideas and the discussion of goals and philosophies. "But we also have other meetings for this type of exchange much more frequerly," he adds.

Employee suggestions are reviewed by a committee of three. If implemented, they are rewarded. Depending on the value of the suggetion, the reward could be as much as \$500-- or simply a special coffee cup "We also try to think in terms of which the person would like," Gudmundso says. "That's not always money. For instance, we recently surprised one of our engineers with a personal computer. We asked his wife, and she say that was what he really wanted."

Odetics also has a unique bonus plan which rewards achievement as well as attendance. Every two month each department supervisor compiles list of special goals or milestones. Employees can earn extra money by reaching these goals and/or by not taking any unauthorized time off.

But the emphasis is on fun as well as work. "We like doing things together after work hours," Gudmundson says. Many of the company's programs cater to that kind c involvement. In addition to various sports teams, Odetics has an active drama club, choral group and exercicenter.

Gudmundson thinks the exercise center is an effective common denominator. He says, "Everyone becomes everyone else's peer when they exercise and sweat together. It just another opportunity for building friendships--getting to know and appreciate each other's personalities an avoiding personality conflicts."

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A PERSON RARELY GETS PROMOTED TO A POSITION FOR WHICH HE DOESN'T LOOK THE PART.

Dress With Dignity

by Elaine Phillips, ATM

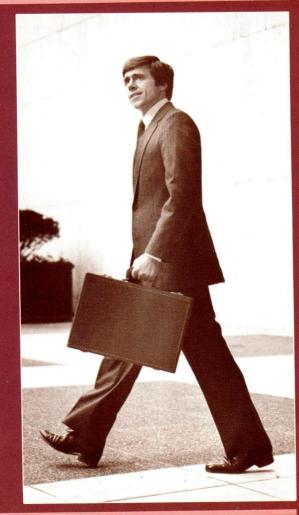
B efore you open your mouth to speak, your clothes start talking about you. As Toastmasters, we want our appearance to say "I'm competent, I'm professional, and you can trust me," but how can we go about achieving this?

Psychologists call the control of the image we present to others "impression management." Like it or not, first impression management is nothing new. People of high status have traditionally worn crowns, head-dresses or distinctive outfits, while hunters decorated themselves with the horns of animals they had killed.

As Toastmasters, we should aim not at the outlandish or trendy, but at clothes which speak with authority, dignity and good taste. If money is a problem, invest in quality, not quantity

Polonius in "Hamlet" gave some excellent advice which is as valid today as it was in Shakespeare's time: "Costly thy habit as thy purse can buy, but not expressed in fancy; rich, not gaudy; for the apparel oft proclaims the man."

Dressing appropriately is essential for developing poise, self-confidence and self-esteem. The moment your audience looks at you, they begin to



WORD WISDON

by David Rottman

The new year is traditionally a time for assessment. Here's a test to determine your level of word mastery. Good luck!

- 1. an anchorite by nature:
 - a. a conservative b. leader c. enthusiast d. recluse e. scoundrel.
- 2. a carefree philanderer:
 - a. rebel b. flirt c. nomad d. vagrant e. debutant.
- 3. a feeling of lassitude:
 - a. longing b. excitement c. anger d. sorrow e. weariness
- 4. a pristine culture:
 - a. complex b. agricultural c. different d. primitive e. peaceful
- 5. a solemn anathema:
 - a. occasion b. pact c. curse d. guarantee e. ceremony
- 6. a diaphanous curtain:
 - a. transparent b. opaque c. ornate d. folded e. woven
- 7. a salient observation:
 - a. sarcastic b. profound c. striking d. meaningless e. lewd
- 8. to corroborate a statement:
 - a. confirm b. withdraw c. revise d. compose e. contradict
- 9. in an urbane manner:
 - a. unctuous b. refined c. hurried d. carefree e. swift
- 10. a cataclysmic upheaval:
 - a. universal b. awesome c. celebrated d. violent e. predicted
- 11. to ruminate at length:
 - a. discourse b. explain c. reflect d. object e. imbibe
- 12. filled with levity:
 - a. contempt b. nostalgia c. concern d. lightness e. anxiety
- 13. an incredulous look:
 - a. earnest b. inquiring c. skeptical d. critical e. puzzled
- 14. a dissonant chord:
 - a. loud b. incongruous c. inaudible d. vibrating e. high-pitched
- 15. the mundane pleasures:
 - a. forbidden b. worldly c. costly d. exotic e. jaded
- 16. a wizened face:
 - a. kindly b. mysterious c. omniscient d. protuberant e. withered
- 17. to mollify a friend:
 - a. appease b. defend c. insult d. ignore e. tease
- 18. to give approbation:
 - a. protection b. notification c. commendation d. counsel e. aid
- 19. a circumspect judgment:
 - a. faulty b. prudent c. revised d. hurried e. suspicious
- 20. a delectable prospect:
 - a. lingering b. postponed c. delightful d. amicable e. tasteless
- 21. a frenetic retreat:
 - a. strategic b. timely c. deadly d. frantic e. tragic
- 22. a feckless child:
 - a. pitiable b. careless c. cowardly d. lost e. friendless

Answer key:

1.d; 2.b; 3.e; 4.d; 5.c; 6.a; 7.c; 8.a; 9.b; 10.d; 11.c; 12.d; 13.c; 14.b; 15.b; 16.e; 17.a; 18.c; 19.b; 20.c; 21.d; 22.b.

make value judgments as to your economic and educational level, trustworthiness, social position, sophistication and moral character.

Your overall appearance can trigger an immediate response in your audience. The movie industry has long known this. The late Edith Head, grand dame of Hollywood couture, created glamorous attire for film stars

and won eight Oscars, believing strongly that clothes make the person. She had that unique ability to create wardrobes to package stars for their situation, time and place.

Your inner self is reflected in the clothing which covers up to 90 percent of your body. For this reason, you should dress for where you would like to be in life, not for where you are

now. Think about what you want you s appearance to say about you. By packaging yourself to achieve specific goals and objectives, you can contribute significantly to your success. It is rare for a person to get promoted to a position if he doesn't look the part. Is your image working for you?

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SEVENTY PERCENT OF YOUR CLOTHES SHOULD BE SEASONLESS.

The way you dress is every bit as important as the way you act and speak, in determining your effect on people. Not only can it give you credibility as a speaker, it may even determine how far you go in life.

The following are a few suggested guidelines.

- •Strive for comfortable, versatile, affordable clothes-garments that speal (ei of quality, not quantity.
- •Avoid impulse shopping and buying without trying the garment on
- •Only build on an already successful wardrobe.
- •Keep your clothes in good repair, impeccably cleaned, and you will find that they will provide you with that sensible, serviceable, long-lasting look you are striving for.
- •Keep 70 percent of your clothes seasonless. Build first on solid colors that project the real you, then graduate into plaids, checks, stripes, etc. The best seasonless fabric is a 55 percent wool and 45 percent polyester blend.

The Well-dressed Man

Men should wear a conservative navy blue or charcoal gray singlebreasted or double-breasted three-pied suit (solid or pin stripe). In cooler climates, the 55 percent polyester and 45 percent wool blend is light-weight, seasonless and durable. In warmer climates, choose cotton, linen or 100 percent seersucker. Avoid double-knit suits and sports coats, pants or shirts. Your best insurance in enhancing you image and drawing the audience to your face and eyes, is a crisp, immaculate white shirt. One hundred percent cotton or 55 percent cotton and 45 percent polyester will reflect rather than absorb the light. It is also more authoritative than a colored

Your tie is your finishing touch. It in accent color to balance the well-issed Toastmaster. Choose a darker is for your ties, then put your acmit color into play--red, burgundy, the, etc. You can choose a pin dot, agimental or rep stripe tie. All silk is

must. A dress and jacket are feminine and presentable but lack the versatility of the classic suit. The 55 percent wool and 45 percent polyester blend is your best choice. In a warmer climate, you may prefer cotton or linen.

Your suit should be solid in one of the five basic shades--black, brown,

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best, followed closely by a silk and polyester blend. Always make sure your tie touches the top of your belt buckle for a more elongated look. A handkerchief puff in the same accent wolor as your tie will balance your look.

Your shoes should be of good qualily leather in basic brown or black (either slip-on or lace-up).

The Well-dressed Woman

For women, a two-piece suit is a

navy, gray, camel or white. Most women suit the classic, clean-cut lines of the Channel jacket with a soft dirndl or slightly gored skirt.

Choose a tailored day blouse in a complementary color to your hair, complexion, suit and business situation. Pale blue, dusty rose or aqua will be feminine, yet authoritative.

To pull your look together, always wear hose that elongate the body and complement the ensemble. Choose

earth tones for a brownish outfit, charcoal with blacks and darker colors, soft gray with gray tones, and navy with navy-based colors. For a blush of color, don't hesitate to include sea mist, violet or powder blue in your wardrobe hose.

Shoes should be of fine leather and in the classic pump style. Black and brown are basics, but navy and bone are also perfectly acceptable.

A strong, confident woman does not need a lot of jewelry. Pearls will take you round the clock, 12 months a year, and will not intimidate anyone. Gold and silver are also safe. Tiny stud earrings are perfect for day with a pearl, gold or silver necklace.

Remember the golden rule: You don't have to be busy to be elegant.



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1518-2 Unity

Bellevue, WA--Wed., 12:30 p.m., Unity of Bellevue, 16330 N.E. 4th St. (747-9892).

3152-3 Rio Salado

Tempe, AZ--Tues., 6:30 p.m., Plaza del Sur, 2655 W. Guadalupe Rd. (893-2964).

3643-3 Prickly Pear

Luke Air Force Base, AZ--Wed., 11:30 a.m., Silver Wings Recreation Center, Meeting Room (856-7241).

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Phoenix, AZ--Thurs., 7 a.m., Good Samaritan Medical Center, 1111 E. McDowell Rd. (239-4200).

5318-3 Vat Cats

Tucson, AZ--2nd & 4th Tues., 11:30 a.m., VA Medical Center, S. 6th Ave. (792-1450, x 591).

5315-5 Voyagers

San Diego, CA--Tues., 7 a.m., Padre Trail Inn, 4200 Taylor St. (277-0948).

5326-5 SAI Communicators

San Diego, CA--Wed., noon, SAI Comsystems/ 3rd Fl., Conference Room, 2815 Camino del Rio South (293-7500).

5305-6 Monterey Jacks

Edina, MN--Thurs., 11:45 a.m., Monterey Jacks, 4940 Viking Dr. (893-8736).

5306-6 Conklin Lunch Bunch

Minneapolis, MN--Wed., noon, Conklin Company, Inc., 4660 W. 77th St. (831-4044).

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Portland, OR--Thurs., 11:45 a.m., Portland Motor Hotel, 1414 S. W. 6th Ave (225-3285).

1915-9 West Coasters

Spokane, WA--Tues., 6:15 a.m., West Coast Grocery Co., P.O. Box 2808 T.A. (928-7700).

5307-14 All American

Columbus, GA--2nd & 4th Thurs., 7 a.m., American Family Life Assurance Co., 1932 Wynnton Rd. (323-3431, x 587).

5320-18 University of Delaware

Newark, DE--Tues., 5 p.m., Purnell Hall, Amstel Ave. (366-0188).

974-19 Communicators

Des Moines, IA--Wed., 11:30 a.m., Employers Mutual, Acorn Room, 717 Mulberry (247-7529).

5295-19 Reddy

Sioux City, IA--Tues., noon, Iowa Public Service Building, 401 Douglas (277-7716).

5313-19 Speakers of Tomorrow

Emmetsburg, IA--Fri., 6:45 a.m., Palo Alto County State Bank, 11th & Broadway (852-4006).

4033-20 Missouri Basin

Bismarck, ND--1st & 3rd Wed., noon, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 1717 E. Interstate Ave. (223-0441).

2765-22 HNTB

Kansas City, MO--Wed., 12:05 p.m., Howard Needles Tammen & Bergendoff, 9200 Ward Parkway (333-4800).

3860-22 State Liners

Kansas City, MO--Tues., 12:30 p.m., Black & Veatch AB Conference Room, 1500 Meadow Lake Parkway (967-3359).

5319-22 Speakeasy

Lenexa, KS--Thurs., 6:30 a.m., Delux Check Printers, Inc., 14685 W. 105th St. (888-7300).

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Burkburnett, TX--Sat., 8 a.m., Sarji's Restaurant, 909 Sheppard Rd. (569-5059).

3006-25 UCC

Dallas, Tx--2nd & 4th Wed., 11:30 a.m., UCC Conference Center, UCC Tower Exchange Park (353-7618).

2295-26 Rocky Top

Denver, CO--Mon., noon, Peabody Coal Co., 10375 E. Harvard Ave., Suite 400 (337-5903).

5314-26 Noonshiners

Fort Collins, CO--Mon., 11:45 a.m., Applegate's Landing, 2721 S. College (482 - 4595).

5316-26 Peterson

Peterson Air Force Base, CO--1st & 3rd Tues., 11:30 a.m., Peterson AFB NCO Club (591-3661).

3867-30 Ben Franklin

Des Plaines, IL--1st & 3rd Thurs., 5:15 p.m., Ben Franklin, 1700 S. Wolf Rd. (298-8800).

5302-30 Essayons

Chicago, IL--1st & 3rd Thurs., noon, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 219 S. Dearborn & 536 S. Clark (353-4333).

5311-31 Sentry

Concord, MA--Tues., 7:30 a.m., Sentry Insurance, Rt. 2 (369-8600, x 2289).

5325-32 Sundowners

Olympia, WA--Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Rib Eye Carriage Restaurant, 1200 Plum (456-4645).

2517-35 American Family Executive

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Dunn, NC--Thurs., 6 p.m., Holiday Inn (892-8081).

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Waterville, ME--Tues., 6:30 p.m., Water ville House of Pancakes, Kennedy Memorial Dr.

5304-48 Ampex

Opelika, AL--Tues., noon, Ampex Corp. Training Room, P. O. Box 190 (745 - 7643).

5176-52 Just For Fun

Los Angeles, CA--Thurs., 11:30 a.m., Union Oil Co., 460 S. Boylston, Californ Rm. (977-5126).

1784-52 FEDS

Van Nuys, CA--1st & 3rd Wed., 11:30 a.m., Van Nuys Federal Bldg., 4th Fl., 6230 Van Nuys Blvd. (842-7634).

1870-52 North Hills Jaycees

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Glendale, CA--1st & 3rd Sun., 2:30 p.m. Beacon 1412 Valley View Rd. (500-0398).

1710-53 Great Plains

Plainsville, CT--1st & 3rd Wed., 5:30 p.m., Plainville Municipal Center, One Central Square (747-2316).

2892-56 Frankly Speaking

3901-7 Houston, TX--Wed., noon, Houston N. Melbou Medical Center, 710 W. FM 1960 6:30 p. (440-1000).Fl., 27

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435-58 Piedmont Executive

Grenville, SC--2nd & 4th Tues., 11:45 Im., Colonial Court Motel, 755 Wade Hampton Blvd. (242-6700, x 617).

1294-58 Shaw

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5312-60 Westmount

Waterloo, Ont., Can--Tues., 7:30 a.m., Dminion Life Assurance, 111 Westmount & South.

3310-61 Teleglobe

Montreal, Que., Can--Thurs., 5 p.m., Bowie Room at Teleglobe Canada, 680 Sherbrooke St. West (281-5092).

5322-61 Contact

Ne. Foy, Que., Can--Tues., 7 a.m., Chateau Bonne Entente, 3400 Chemin Ste. Foy (653-6310, 653-7794).

5321-62 Unity

Grand Rapids, MI--Thurs., 7:30 p.m., Unity Church, 1711 Walker N.W. (453-9909).

1163-63 Freedom Speakers

Chattanooga, TN--Thurs., 6:30 p.m., Howard Johnson's Restaurant, Ringgold Rd. (892-5443).

3410-69 Ipswich

lpswich, Qld., Aust--2nd & 4th Tues., 730 p.m., A.P.I. Bldg., (Post Office), Limestone Street (201-6552).

1077-70 Lithgow & District

Lithgow, N.S.W., Aust--1st & 3rd Mon., 7:30 p.m., Lithgow Workmans Club, Tank Street (521461 or 512277).

4289-70 Ginninderra

Canberra, Aust--1st & 3rd Mon., 7 p.m., Canberra Labor Club, Chandler Street, Belconnen (466113).

5308-70 Port MacQuarie

Port MacQuarie, N.S.W., Aust.--2nd & 4th Wed., 7:30 p.m., 'Roto' Lord Street (85-5522).

5323-70 Chatswood Communicators

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3901-73 National Australia Bank

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3775-74 Goldfields

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4151-U Morris Gellman

Buenos Aires, Argentina--1st & 3rd Tues., 7:30 p.m., American Club, Viamonte 1133 (774-8811, x 325).

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