

BULL FROM TURNBULL ...

Compressed Speech

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"We got the curious feeling that we could hear things a lot faster than the person who was talking to us could say them," said Robert S. Brubaker of the University of Illinois.

Brubaker is a desciple of the new movement to speed up speech, because he feels that all the pauses we put in our speech are a waste of time.

He feels that with today's crowded curriculum, we can't afford to waste time pausing in our speech.

So get with it, gang; get on the telephone right now and try out modern speech. Say: Hello this is John Smith How are you I am fine I just called to say hi when are you coming over I haven't seen you in a long time how're the kids goodbye. You've now killed a forty-five minute social call and blitzkrieged your friend to silence.

Or get up in Speech 200 and say: The purpose of my speech is to persuade and inform and confuse I believe we must have more botanical excursion to Tahiti and if you'll elect me to S.G.A. I won't be any worse than anyone else.

I'm not knocking speed speech. I can talk about as fast as anyone, as a matter of fact. But speed speech is not a timesaver. On the contrary, it is a time waster, because you pour out more trivia than ever, and become so good at B.S. that you spend all your time in the cafeteria gassing with the artists.

Could you imagine the Behrend Readers speed speaking? It would wipe out stage freight because the show would be over in about three minutes.

But, admittedly, compressed speech could cut out a world of nonsense. Political speeches could be chopped and filibusters would become extinct. T.V. commercials would be made as quick and painless as a slap in the face. Everything said in an hour soap opera could be said in a minute or two.

And maybe 75 minute lectures would only have to meet once a week.

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