



Vaglio's students can retake tests

by Carolyn Morton

Dr. Anthony Vaglio, assistant professor of music, has been employing a unique system of testing in his classes. In his theory, ear training and music education courses, Dr. Vaglio uses testing methods which he thinks allow the students to learn the material to the best of their abilities.

Dr. Vaglio refers to his tests as diagnostic sessions. "Diagnostic sessions are an opportunity for students to become familiar with their weaknesses and build them into strengths," he noted. Students have the option of retaking a test if they are not pleased with the first score. The retake covers the same material as the first, but the wording of the retake will be modified.

"Learning is an ongoing state and a continuing process. I think it is bad to label a person according to one testing situation. If you make a C on a test and you know what you did wrong, you are not encouraged to learn further. You are encouraged to learn if you can take that test over again," he commented.

Dr. Vaglio does not take credit for the concept of diagnostic sessions. He formulated his own ideas on testing after reading material by such men as Robert Mager and Terrel H. Bell. Mr. Bell is a superintendent of a school system in Utah with 63,000 students. He employs models used by H.E.W. and N.A.S.A. to supervise the school system. The system called Management by Objectives is one in which students and teachers know what is ex-

pected of them according to specific objectives. Bell discusses this in his book entitled A Performance Accountability System for School Administration.

On averaging grades Dr. Vaglio commented, "In school I reacted against courses that had only a midterm and a final. If you made a 70 on the midterm and a 100 on the final, the professor gave you a 85. If the material from the midterm was on the final, you had mastered the material by the end of the course. As far as I'm concerned if the final task of the course involves all previous material, it throws averaging grades out of the window."

Dr. Vaglio practices what he preaches. Of the 17 students enrolled in his "Music in the Elementary School" course, 15 attained an A and 2 got Bs.

"It's not that the course is easy. The student succeeded because they knew what was expected of them and the communication between us was open," he commented.

Two students in the "Music in the Elementary School" class commented on the diagnostic sessions. Junior Lisa Barker said, "I think it's fantastic. In a college situation the idea seems unrealistic, but if his beliefs could be spread throughout the campus, the learning that takes place could be greater."

Junior Janet Surles added, "By taking the test a second time, you are not only given the opportunity to improve your grade, but, more importantly, the student has a chance to put into use what she has learned from mistakes made in the first

test. This seems to help everyone learn rather than

continuing the errors and going on to other material."

BEW plans announced

by Mary Katherine Pittman

"For the good of one another" is the feeling held by the members of Black Voices in Unity, Meredith's organization for Black students, in presenting Black Emphasis Week to the Meredith Campus.

"Studies in Africanism" is the theme for the week of Feb. 6-10, including an art exhibit, speeches and several opportunities for discussion. Stokely Carmichael, who was actively involved in the "Memphis to Montgomery March" of 1966, and O.A. Dupree of Shaw University will be featured speakers, with a Black Art exhibit presented by James and Ernestine Huff.

On Monday, Stokely Carmichael will speak at the 10 a.m. convocation in Jones Auditorium, immediately followed by an 11 a.m. discussion hour in Cate Center. Another opportunity for discussion will be held at

7:30 p.m. in Belk Dining Hall with a Discussion Group to coordinate further discourse.

From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Stokely Carmichael will be visiting the class of Pat Ramsey.

The worship service in CEA on Wednesday will feature O.A. Dupree, whose topic will be "Christianity and Africanism: Some Positive and Negative Aspects."

James and Ernestine Huff will close the week with a lecture on "Black Art - a study in African culture," on Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m., followed by a reception in the Rotunda of Johnson Hall. These events will be open to the public free of charge.

By means of Black Emphasis Week, the members of Black Voices in Unity hope to convey to the Meredith community the idea that: "unity among the races in our world cannot be achieved until all of us turn our attention to understand the differences,



Tom Jackson stressed the importance of assertiveness, communication and serenity in job tactics during his lecture last Wednesday evening in Jones Auditorium.

feelings, and psychology of those considered to be different around us." Furthermore, the members of BVU feel that: "the efforts that we make to present a program for you can be a very real opportunity for both of us."

Astro's and Phi's gain members

by Allisa Allen

This semester, the Astroketon and the Philaretian Service Clubs held their rush week from Monday, Jan. 16 through Friday Jan. 20. During this period various social activities were held to introduce the different service projects that the two clubs sponsor.

The Astro's accepted 40 new members into their club.

Their main project is to work with the handicapped children at the Shelby Child Development Center.

The organization plans to sell raffle tickets for 25 cents in the next few weeks. The prize will be two tickets to the Village Dinner Theatre. They also plan to hold a volleyball mixer in March with some of the fraternities at North Carolina State University.

The Phi's inducted about 78 new members this semester. Their main project is to work with the children at a cerebral palsy center. Once a week they also work with a Boy Scout troop at the center. Their activities include sponsoring a booth at the Country Carnival held at Meredith in Feb. The organization is also considering sponsoring a needy family.

Dem's attend seminar

On Saturday, Jan. 28, 1978 the Campaign Seminar '78 sponsored by the N.C. Federation of College Democrats and the N.C. Young Democrats was held at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Democrats from across the state were present to learn more about the campaign process. The Seminar provided views and approaches of other accomplished political campaigners, such as Howard Lee, Secretary of the North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development, Secretary Joe Grimsley, Department of Administration.

Those attending learned the importance of voter registration and get-out-the-vote campaigns, communication with those assisting the campaigns, and precinct and county organization. The speakers were also available for questions and personal contact. During the lunch break, Debby Bryant, President of the Meredith Young

Democrats, attended the executive committee meeting. Information on the State College Federation and Young Democrat Convention and fund raising was discussed. As a result, the Meredith Club is planning to attend the convention in Winston-Salem and sell pocket calendars in support of the Democratic party.

During the afternoon the importance of fundraising, campaign research, and media campaigning were also presented to the group of about 350 supporters. Texas lieutenant governor Hobby was guest speaker for the seminar. The seminar provided the opportunity to learn more about campaign organization and the experience of meeting other YDC members, Statewide. The seminar was concluded by a reception given at the Governor's Mansion as a way of thanking the Young Democrats of North Carolina by Honorable James B. Hunt, Jr. Meredith College was represented by Eloise McCain and Debby Bryant.

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RSW Symposium

Fifteen seminars, a futuristic music recital and a number of movies will be offered during the RSW symposium March 28-31 on "What Future For My Generation?" Among the choices available are a simulation game conducted by the Sociology department, "Our Spanish Sisters: Past, Present, and Future," "Is There a Future for Literature?", a visiting authority on energy, panels on a number of topics and others. The future of science, art, business and economics,

psychology, history, health and the family will also be discussed during one or more sessions.

"We hope that each student will find several seminars in which she is interested," stated Dr. Sarah Lemmons, RSW director.

Many committees are at work, under the general guidance of the Steering Committee, composed of Cindy Allen, Cindy Truelove, Jacqueline Beza, Merna Galassi, and Sarah Lemmon, all members of the RSW Advisory Council.

Practitioner - New Hours

The Nurse Practitioner's new hours are: Monday, 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Bible Study

A Bible study on the gospel of Mark will be held Monday afternoons, 4-5 p.m., in the faculty lounge upstairs in Cate Center. It is sponsored by the Wesley foundation, Methodist church. Everyone is invited.

Move - Note Time Change

"Phantom of the Opera," the free movie being presented in the library Friday, Feb. 3, will be shown at 7 p.m. instead of 6 p.m.