

Controversial Test Considered Useful

By DEMONT ROSEMAN JR.

A personality test, caught in the cross-fire of a congressional subcommittee hearing after 22 years of apparently good behavior, is considered a reputable and valuable clinical and research tool by a UNC psychiatrist.

He uses it routinely for students who come to him with emotional problems.

And it will be given this fall — for the second consecutive year — to all incoming freshmen here.

But, says Dr. Clifford B. Reifler, "I can't over-emphasize the fact that we do not use the test to make administrative decisions.

"It is not for screening or admission, but for research on problem prevention."

One of the major criticisms of the suddenly controversial Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) is that results of the test are being used in some instances to decide if an applicant for a job is qualified or if an employee should be discharged from his job.

The federal government — now taking a skeptical look at the practice — has been using psychological tests since World War II to measure the "fitness for duty" of some of its employees.

"To make an arbitrary cut-off point for the MMPI test — below a certain point you fail and above you pass — and to make an administrative decision solely on this basis is an inappropriate use of the test as originally designed," Reifler maintains.

"With our present state of knowledge, any one test is not a sufficient criterion for a decision affecting a person's life. "The test should be weighed with a lot of other pertinent information which then should be analyzed by skilled and competent experts."

Reifler, an instructor in psychiatry at the UNC School of Medicine and director of psychiatric services for the UNC Student Health Service, uses the 556-item MMPI quiz in two ways.

It is a "clinical tool." All students seeking psychiatric counseling take the test.

"The test gives me a lot of information which I might get from a patient by talking with him over a long period of time," Reifler says. "But doing it that way would take considerably more time, often more than the student with an immediate problem has."

"With an interview and a patient's history, the test helps me get an additional perspective.

"We don't use the test in any administrative sense, only in a clinical sense, much in the way a medical specialist would use an X-ray or a blood count."

Another use of the MMPI here is for research.

"We want to find out, if we can, what the answers to the test actually relate to in a person's personality," said Reifler.

"We want to know what the test tells us about sick or well people, what it may have to do with such things as academic achievement or underachievement as well as with such different illnesses as coronary artery disease or mental depression."

Last fall, for the first time, all entering freshmen here were given the MMPI as part of pre-registration.

"No one is accepted or kicked out on the basis of this test," it is emphasized again.

What about the charges that psychological testing is a "reprehensible invasion of privacy?"

"The use of the test, not the test itself, might be an invasion of privacy," replies Reifler.

"The use of the test is not a problem here. A student's anonymity is preserved by attributing his test to a code number. And none of the items in the test are ever searched out to see how a particular student answered a particular question."

Tar Heel Basketballers Plan 25-Game Schedule

A 25-game basketball schedule will be played by UNC next winter, it was announced yesterday by Athletic Director C. P. Erickson.

"This is the most games we have played during the season since 1957," said Erickson. "It is quite an attractive card and one which will demand the most of our athletes."

Coach Dean Smith, who will have three members of last season's starting five returning, faces the usual task of meeting seven Atlantic Coast Conference foes plus some of the nation's top inter-sectional squads.

Among the non-conference foes with promise of great strength are Vanderbilt, Utah, West Virginia, Ohio State, Florida and NYU. Teams which have been played in past history now returning to the schedule are Princeton (NCAA semi-finalist), William & Mary and Richmond.

Florida State appears on the card for the first time ever.

Director Kai Jurgensen has announced the cast of "Private Lives," a Noel Coward comedy to be presented by the Carolina Playmakers June 8 to 11 in Graham Memorial lounge.

Two veteran Playmakers, Martha Noll and William M. Hardy, an associate professor in the Department of Radio, Television, and Motion Pictures, have been cast in the leading roles in Coward's farcical ballet comedy.

The play revolves around two honeymoon couples who occupy adjoining terrace suites in a French hotel. The groom of one couple is the ex-husband of the bride in the adjoining suite.

For 'Private Lives'

Playmakers Select Cast

The Hardys, who were last seen together in a Playmaker production of "Rain" when they were both doing graduate work in dramatic art, will portray the formerly married couple who can not live together happily and yet are utterly miserable when separated.

Playing the wide-eyed, baffled young bride married to a man in love with his first wife will be Phyllis Rice of Quaker Hill, Conn. Miss Rice, a student at George Washington University, recently appeared as Catharine in the school theater's production of "Suddenly Last Summer."

Other members of the cast include Alan Pickrell of Emory, Va., and Gisele Lamarque of Nice, France. Mr. Pickrell, who teaches dramatic art at Emory and Henry College, has appeared in Nashville theatre productions of "My Fair Lady," "The Fantasticks," "J.B.," "Guys and Dolls," "The Rainmaker" and "Send Me No Flowers." Miss Lamarque, who will appear as a French maid, has been seen in a WUNC television produc-

tion of Tennessee Williams' "Moon's Kid Don't Cry."

Setting and lighting for "Private Lives" will be done by Nathan Garner, a graduate assistant in dramatic art. The state-manager for the production is Ronald Spainhour, a graduate student in dramatic art. The play will run for four nights in the Graham Memorial lounge. Admission is free.

Operation Headstart

Dr. Carl Brown of the School of Education will lead a discussion on Operation Headstart at the Binkley Baptist Church supper study program at 6 p.m. Sunday.

Operation Headstart, a program designed to give preschool cultural enrichment to children from lower income homes will be in full swing next Monday.

Rides are available in the morning at 9:30 and 9:45 a.m. to attend a discussion of Harvey Cox' "Secular City" and at 10:30 a.m. for the morning worship service.

"I believe the ACC will be the best balanced league in recall," Smith said. "We open against Clemson. They have everyone returning. We played one of our best games against them last year at Charlotte and won by only two points."

West Virginia and Utah will be played in doubleheader fashion at Raleigh on Dec. 30 and 31. N. C. State is the other participating club in the two-night affair.

The Tar Heels will meet Princeton in Greensboro on Dec. 27, while Florida is slated for Dec. 18 at Charlotte. The Queen City will also host the North-South doubleheader once again.

Top returning letterman for the Tar Heels will be Bob Lewis, who averaged 20 points per game as a sophomore. Tom Gauntlett, a frontcourter, and guard Johnny Yokley were regulars in late season. The brightest newcomer is stylish Larry Miller. He averaged 33 points as a freshman.

Who, Where And When

Dec. 1	Clemson	Clemson
Dec. 4	William & Mary	Chapel Hill
Dec. 6	Ohio State	Columbus
Dec. 8	Richmond	Chapel Hill
Dec. 11	Vanderbilt	Nashville
Dec. 16	Florida State	Chapel Hill
Dec. 18	Florida	Charlotte
Dec. 27	Princeton	Greensboro
Dec. 30	Utah	Raleigh
Dec. 31	West Virginia	Raleigh
Jan. 3	Maryland	Chapel Hill
Jan. 5	Wake Forest	Winston-Salem
Jan. 8	Duke	Chapel Hill
Jan. 12	N. C. State	Chapel Hill
Jan. 15	Virginia	Charlottesville
Feb. 3	Wake Forest	Chapel Hill
Feb. 5	Maryland	College Park
Feb. 7	South Carolina	Chapel Hill
Feb. 9	NYU	New York
Feb. 12	VPI	Chapel Hill
Feb. 15	N. C. State	Chapel Hill
Feb. 18	Clemson	Charlotte
Feb. 19	South Carolina	Charlotte
Feb. 22	Virginia	Chapel Hill
Feb. 26	Duke	Durham
Mar. 3, 4, 5	ACC Tournament	

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