normal progression of most public speaking courses. Section I discusses the foundations of public speaking such as the need for public speaking, the nature of public speaking and the way to deal with speech anxiety. An excellent chapter within this section is Chapter Two. It is an overview chapter which prepares students for their first speech and provides a preview for the rest of the book. This is a great help for those instructors who get their students started speaking early in the semester or quarter. Many public speaking textbooks do not have a chapter such as this and I believe this is an added benefit and attraction. Section II discusses audience analysis and all the related elements. Section III discusses how to put together a public speech. This discussion includes evidence gathering, organization, language style, delivery and visual aids. Section IV discusses the different context of public speaking such as informative, persuasive, argument, and special occasions.

What I like most about this textbook, is the additional material available for use by students and instructors. A video is available for purchase by each student. I think students learn a great deal by imitating what they see. There are good speeches on the video and this may make student speeches better in the classroom. I also like the idea that they give extra speeches at the end so that students can learn not only to speak well but begin the process of becoming critical consumers of speeches as well. I appreciate and value the examples of speeches and speech outlines given in the text as well. These examples give students a guide to look at when constructing their own outlines and speeches. Students seem to appreciate these examples as well. The instructor's manual also includes many new activities. I am continuously searching for new activities to do in class and this manual is very useful.

While the textbook, in general, meets all of the requirements and needs of a basic public speaking course, a few details need to be addressed. First, Chapter 3 of the textbook spends a lot of time discussing different communication contexts. This chapter belongs in an introduction to communication studies or contexts course. Many universities and colleges already devote an entire course to the purpose of introducing students to the various communication contexts. I do not believe that this information is an important or vital part of a basic introduction to public speaking course.

Second, the chapter on evidence needs to include a section on the ethical gathering of information being certain to include a discussion of the ethics of using information from the many Internet Services available to students. With the increasing reliance of students on computers and the amount of information available to them on computers, any book dealing with evidence and the gathering of data for support should include information on how to ethically use and cite computer generated evidence.

Lastly, while the book has a section on ethics in public speaking, I believe that this should be expanded. Ethical considerations are in inherent part of public speaking. Thus, I would like to see the authors include discussions about the different approaches to studying ethics, the ethical obligations of the speaker and some real world situations in which speakers must make ethical choices. I want my students to start developing their own approach to ethics which can guide them in any situation and to be familiar with the situations in which speakers must make ethical decisions.

Overall, I believe that this textbook is a good solid introduction to public speaking textbook. Even the weaknesses noted above are easily remedied. A

itle creativity, omission and the use supplemental resources can correct hese problems. Brydon and Scott have contributed greatly to the resources wailable to public speaking instructors. In summary, I believe students will ind the textbook user-friendly and informative, and instructors will find the manual, the videotape and the sample outlines and speeches greatly medicial.

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