

# U-M Language Lab In Residence Hall

Students at a University of Michigan Residence Hall are about to get a perfect roommate—a language laboratory whose sole purpose is to help them with homework.

For the first time anywhere, an experimental 10-booth language lab will be set up in a residence hall (East Quadrangle) with full access to all language programs playing in the central language laboratory several blocks away (in Mason Hall).

Here, in a nutshell, is how it works. Thanks to a device called Dial Selector, a student using the main lab puts on earphones, then turns on his lesson by simply dialing a number on the dial in his booth—a process rather like a person phoning for correct time.

BY USING the same device a student at the dormitory lab gets his program from the central lab in somewhat the same manner as placing a direct long-distance call. All 10 booths will be dial-operated by Deane. Until then the lab will receive a limited number of language problems.

This never-before-attempted experiment, if all goes well, may open up a new avenue in the field of language lab operation, now an integral part of foreign language teaching at the University, said Edwin M. Hanson, developer of the experiment and acting director of the U-M Language Laboratory.

Not only do dormitory labs operate closer to dormitory students, but, more important, relatively inexpensive auxiliary labs are one practical solution to the ever increasing number of students in need of lab. Last year, for example, more than 4,000 students spent nearly 6,000 hours per week in the central lab's 145 listening booths.

But there's another aspect, said Hanson. New teaching techniques are constantly refining and improving the instructional materials on tapes. And in response to better

materials, students tend to spend more time working in the lab.

ONE NOTABLE modern teaching method is the "programmed instruction" in language. Generally it teaches a language in tiny, easy-to-digest steps carefully sequenced in logical order.

The steps increase in difficulty so gradually that the student hardly knows it. One such "programmed" language course being taught at the Michigan Laboratory is Latin, programmed by University Professor Waldo E. Sweet.

The dormitory lab is expected to open as soon as the wiring operation ends in October, Hanson reported.

If properly scheduled, the dormitory lab can handle from 200 to 300 students, Hanson explained. Many language classes, especially beginning courses, require drill sessions in the lab.

The U-M Language Laboratory is one of the oldest and largest in the country. It operates on a free-access, library-type basis open to students six days a week. Currently, 22 different languages are available for instructional purpose at the Laboratory.

## State's Driver Education Program Wins Nat'l Award

Michigan's high school driver education program has again been singled out as the model for the nation.

For the second successive year Michigan has received the Award of Excellence in the annual National High School Driver Education Award program, sponsored by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Moreover Michigan is only one state that has ever won this award in the program's 14-year history.

The Insurance Institute said the award was won each of the past two years by the state because 90 per cent of its public high schools provided 90 per cent of the eligible students course consisting of a minimum of 30 classroom hours and six hours of practice driving.

ACTUALLY, UNDER Michigan's law provides that public schools must offer the course to the above mentioned youth, free of charge. All youngsters wishing to obtain licenses at 16 and before Joseph C. Dodge, 843 S. Michigan, L. W. Dodge, 216 1/2 S. Michigan, L. W. Dodge, 1320 Pontiac Trail, Wall Lake and S. A. Youngsters took high school driver Dodge, 621 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

## Men's Club to Hear Military Expert

The Men's Club of Christ Church General Bork is currently president of the Economic Club of Detroit. A former military advisor to Chiang Kai-shek, he will speak

on "The Red Tide in Southeast Asia." The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., Nov. 5, in the club dining room. **Try an Eccentric Want Ad!**



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collected will translate itself into a gift of health and hope for less privileged children overseas. Here Mrs. Harry Stover passes out canisters to Melissa Hyde, 953 South Reading, and Bonnie McClary, 2951 Masefield, Bloomfield Hills.

## Pedestrian Safety Urged In Huge Poster Campaign

Birmingham—Bloomfield area drivers this week were urged to "Watch For The Person Afoot," as the most dangerous period of the year for pedestrian traffic accidents started.

A poster carrying this message prepared by the Traffic Safety Association is being erected on 1,200 street-side standards in the metropolitan area and another 1,200 are being posted throughout the state.

Of the 132 persons killed so far this year in Detroit, 64 were pedestrians—nearly one-half of the toll. The same number of pedestrian were killed in the identical period in 1961.

DONALD SLUTZ, managing director of the Traffic Safety Association, singled out three pedestrian violations as chiefly responsible for the greatest number of pedestrian accidents. These are: 1. Starting to walk across a street in midblock without looking for approaching cars, the greatest single cause of pedestrian fatalities. This is most often done by an older pedestrian at night when it is harder for the driver to see him.

2. Stepping back into the path of an oncoming car by a pedestrian caught in the middle of the street by traffic coming in both directions. When a driver sees a pedestrian in this situation, he should slow down and be ready to stop. If need be, to give the pedestrian as much "sacred room" as possible.

3. Darting suddenly into the path of a car.

## Army Schedules Procurement Fair For Businessmen

The nation's first U. S. Army Mobility Command Procurement Fair will be staged Nov. 1 at the Defense Contract Information Center, 7310 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

Approximately 350 items will be put up for competitive bids at the fair, according to Maj. Gen. Alden K. Sibley, Commanding General, of the U. S. Army Mobility Command.

Many of the items will be procured competitively for the first time. Outside of the St. Louis, Mo., headquarters of the Transportation Material Command, Detroit's Procurement Fair will be the only location where such items will be offered for bids.

The contracts will be for \$2,500 or less and will involve such items as machine metal products of steel, aluminum, brass and bronze, with only a handful requiring casting and forging. There will be a small number of gaskets, assemblies and plastic, rubber and textile items.

ENGINEERING DRAWINGS or purchase descriptions will be available at the fair for each firm interested in bidding and there will be counselors present from the six Mobility Command installations which are responsible for procurements, Gen. Sibley said.

Installations participating in the fair are the U. S. Army Tank-Automotive Center, Detroit; Transportation Material Command, St. Louis, Mo.; Engineer Procurement Office, Chicago, Ill.; Transportation Research Command, Ft. Eustis, Va.; Quartermaster Purchasing Agency, Columbus, G.; and Engineer Research and Development Laboratories, Ft. Belvoir, Ill.

Such fairs have been held in the past by only the Transportation Material Command. The Nov. 1 fair will be the first time that all Mobility Command installations will participate.

Gov. John B. Swainson arranged for the fair through the Michigan Economic Development Department. Also sponsoring the fair are the Greater Detroit Board of Commerce and Small Business Administration.

"Bringing future fairs to Detroit and other cities of the state will depend on business participation in the Nov. 1 fair," Gen. Sibley said.

## Beverly Resident Honored by Bureau

BEVERLY HILLS—Mrs. Julie Brenner, 19860 Chelsea, has been selected volunteer of the week (for Nov. 7-14) by the Central Volunteer Bureau of the United Community Services, Detroit. The selection was made on the basis of outstanding community service.

Mrs. Brenner is a member of the board of directors of the Haven Farm at Romeo, an "emergency home" that takes care of retarded and other handicapped children and adults from Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. Mrs. Brenner and her husband, Harry, helped found the home.

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