

UNL students flex tongues in \$20,000 language lab

By Larry Lutz

A foreign language lab, designed to give UNL students maximum exposure to the language they are studying, begins operation this week.

According to Hans Gilde, lab director, the more contact students have with a language, the easier it is for them to learn it.

The lab will enable students to do just that, he said, because of its size and flexible schedule. The lab has 60 separate stations, each with its own tape recorder and headphones. The lab will be open 40 hours a week and students can use it anytime during that period, he said.

The \$20,000 lab replaces two other labs, each about 20 years old. One of the old labs was for the Romance languages and one for the Germanic languages, but the two will share the new lab. Combining the labs will make it more efficient and economical to run, according to university officials.

James Van Horn, director of budget and facilities for the College of Arts and Sciences, said the school reduced the number of rooms and personnel needed to run the labs by combining them. The new lab is larger than either of the older labs, enabling the department to serve more students at one time, he said.

The new system also allows students studying a variety of languages to use the lab at one time. The new lab is equipped for students studying Spanish, French, German, Czech, Russian, Italian, Swedish and Japanese.

The lab's new equipment enables the student to do a variety of things he hasn't been able to do before,

Gilde said. Because students have their own tapes, they can repeat difficult parts of the lesson and can record their responses to questions to compare their voices with native speakers, he said.

Because the new system uses cassette tapes instead of reel-to-reel, students can take the tapes home, he said.

Committee seeks to replace Bader

UNL Chancellor Roy Young has named an 11-member search committee to find a replacement for the position vacated last month by Ken Bader, vice chancellor for student affairs.

Young has recommended the appointment of Ronald D. Gierhan as acting vice chancellor to the NU Board of Regents.

Young named four faculty members, three representatives from the administrative staff, three students and one Alumni Association member to the committee.

Joe Aguilar, director of the Cooperative Services Project; Dr. Peter Cunningham, associate professor of animal science; Mary Jo Deegan, assistant professor of sociology; and acting Accounting Dept. Chairman John Goebel will represent the faculty on the search

committee.

Counseling Center Director Vernon Williams, Multi-Cultural Affairs Director James Smith, and Suzanne Brown, Nebraska Union assistant director of programs, will be the administrators on the committee.

Student committee members are Patrick L. McTee of North Platte, Alan Eveland of Ames, and Cheryl Cummings of Grand Island.

Lee Liggett, first vice president of the Alumni Association, was also named to the committee. Liggett is from Lincoln.

Young also recommended the appointment of John L. Baier as acting dean for student development, replacing Ely Meyerson, who has taken a position with the University of Hawaii.

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