

# Face Lifting Nears for Language Lab



**Double Attention For Mozart's Birthday**

Mozart, a doggone good Boxer dog, was hustled out of his warm bed in Houston to see two birthday cakes baked for him by his owners, Keith Van Dusen, 7, left, and Mickey Van Dusen, 10, left. Mozart, just recovering from a touch of flu, ate both cakes with little effort. (AP Wirephoto)

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Battalion Staff Writer

The Department of Modern Languages Laboratory is about to undergo a series of extensive face lifting operations which will make it one of the most up to date modern language labs in the state, Jack A. Dabbs, professor in the Department of Modern Languages, revealed last week.

The language lab is located in Room 124, Academic Building, next to the Faculty Mail Exchange. The new lab would take in Room 126 adjoining the present laboratory, said Dabbs.

"Right now there is a door between the two rooms, but it is nailed shut," Dabbs said.

**New Lab**

When the new lab is constructed, this door will be opened allowing students and instructors to pass from one lab to the other without having to open the door to the hall, thus keeping noise from the outside at a minimum, said Dabbs. In addition to opening the door, a section of the wall between the two rooms is to be cut out and a glass window will be installed, he added.

The window will open into a control booth much like a control booth in a radio station, Dabbs explained. This soundproof booth will house a master console which will give the instructor much greater flexibility in teaching and correcting students, Dabbs said.

**Master Console**

"With the new master console, an instructor will be able to plug into any student's recorder, listen to his progress and correct any errors the student makes," Dabbs pointed out. "Or an instructor may listen to a group of students, correct any one person in the group or the group as a whole. By pressing a button, an instructor will be able to make announcements to the entire lab, or to an individual."

"And he will be able to do all this with a mere flick of the wrist while sitting in one chair!" Dabbs exclaimed.

Wisconsin led the nation in the per capita consumption of beer and ale in 1958 with a naverage of 24.5 gallons. Nevada was second with 22.2 gallons and New Jersey, Michigan and Pennsylvania third with 19.9.

The additional laboratory room will accommodate 30 new booths, said Dabbs. The 30 new machines added to the 14 now in use will make 44 recording machines available to students.

"The new lab will also contain a projection booth and a screen for showing films and other visual education aids," Dabbs said.

An official from Monitor Laboratories, the firm who will supply the recorders and do the wiring and installation for the new lab, is expected on the campus sometime next week to confer with the Department of Modern Languages about the work, Dabbs said.

**Established in 1958**

The laboratory was established in September, 1958, and has proved its worth many times over, Dabbs said. Approximately 400 students use the lab every week, he said.

"Some periods," said Dabbs, "we have to turn many students away

because the 14 machines now available are all in use."

"There is a quite noticeable difference in the work of the student who uses the lab regularly and the one who studies at home," Dabbs said.

**Tape Test**

As an example, Dabbs said he uses a tape recording of a Spanish radio broadcast to test his fourth semester Spanish students on their ability to understand spoken Spanish. This year he played the tape to his third semester Spanish class who has been using the lab. Their comprehension was as good or better than the fourth semester classes in the past, he said.

The lab is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. every school day and is available Saturday from 8:30 a.m.-12 noon to any student who wishes to use it, Dabbs said. An instructor is always on duty in the lab to assist anyone in locating tapes or operating the machines, he added.

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## Open House, Supper Top Public School Week in Area

By RUSSELL BROWN  
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The featured event of Texas Public School Week in the Bryan-College Station area is slated for Thursday night in the A&M Consolidated School Gymnasium when the Mothers' and Dads' Club holds its annual Community Supper. Serving will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Mrs. Vergil Clark, supper chairman, has commented last year's supper attracted a crowd of 1,200 and even more are expected this year.

Supper tickets are being handled this year by Mrs. Ellis Smith and will be sold at \$1 for adults and 60 cents for children under 12. One ticket covers a meal of fried chick-

en, baked beans, rolls, relishes and dessert with milk or soft drinks extra.

In conjunction with Public School Week, the junior and senior high schools will hold assemblies and open house demonstrations beginning at 7:30 p.m. The high school will run through its first three classes on the morning schedule, each 10-15 minutes long, to let parents and interested friends see how the students are progressing in the work they are turning out. The junior high will hold their assembly first, convening to classes when the seniors take the auditorium.

No special program has been planned by the elementary school

according to Mrs. H. S. Creswell, elementary principal. Illness has forced teachers to review basic material for absentees, but parents are welcome to come during the week.

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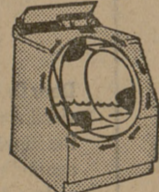
SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—A Democrat won the door prize at the annual picnic of Utah Republicans.

Salt Lake City Democratic official Otto R. Maas was given the GOP outing tickets by one of his employes. Maas' wife dropped them in a box as the couple walked past the picnic site on their way to another picnic at a nearby resort.

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