



## Editor's Corner

*Spanish Through Videotape:* Dr. Jose Labrador, Cleveland State University, has developed a new program entitled "Teaching Spanish Through Videotape". The 24 minute videotape illustrates techniques for using films which have been recorded on videotape for easier classroom presentation.

*Free Booklet:* A free booklet entitled "Creative Audio Tape Techniques" may be obtained by writing Jim Lantz, V.P. Audio Visual Sales Audio Magnetics Corp., 234 W. 146 Street, Gardena, California 90428

*Shortwave Broadcasts:* MADISON—"Hier ist Deutsche Welle. Kidnappers of West Berlin political leader Peter Lorenz have demanded the release of six leftist extremists from prison . . ."

The short wave broadcast from West Berlin is heard in German by language students in a recorded instruction laboratory at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

A French language student may listen to a short wave interview with actress Catherine Deneuve describing her views on life and the dramatic arts in her native tongue.

Other students may hear a sports report from Rome, a Radio Netherlands broadcast of a "detective partie" (story), or a variety program in Finnish from Radio Helsinki.

News and cultural broadcasts are offered in 18 languages (in the dial-access lab in Van Hise Hall). The short wave programs are an effective learning exercise, UN-Madison faculty members and students agree.

"Students need to hear as much authentic French as possible, not just the professor's," commented Prof. Arnold Miller. His composition-conversation class members prepare written summaries of short wave broadcasts for practice in understanding current French expressions.

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Cultural information is acquired by listening to contemporary programs, according to Tom Blair, teaching assistant from Madison (522 W. Wilson St.).

"A broadcast about a French postal strike was an example of differing attitudes in the two countries. Whereas the U.S. might call out soldiers to move the mail, the French would be more likely to let it pile up until the strike was settled," Blair explained.

A sophomore journalism student, Teri Henry of (1509 Old Middleton Rd.) Madison, credits the broadcasts with sharpening her recognition of the French version of a "southern accent." "Vowels sound more nasal in the south of France than when spoken by Parisians," she explained.

Relatively inexpensive equipment is used to pick up the overseas broadcasts and transfer the programs to tape recording.

Laboratory Director Thomas R. Goldsworthy (5416 Main St., McFarland), recalled, "Our chief technician, Bernard Brochart (2413 Fremont Ave.), Madison, hooked up the Hammarlund HQ-200 equipment at a total investment of about \$700."

Wisconsin students perked up recently when Deutsche Welle mentioned a musical exchange between Kiel, Germany, and the Wisconsin city of the same name. Al Donsing (126 Sunnymeade La.), Madison, librarian in charge of the recordings, explained, "Musicians from Germany will form an international band at the Kiel Summerfest June 28. And a group from Wisconsin will perform this summer in Kiel, Germany."

*Audio-Tutorial Spanish:* Students at the University of California at Davis now have the option of taking a beginning Spanish course by the audio-tutorial method. The course includes lab materials, slide-tape programs, learning activity packets and text. — *Accent on ACTFL*, November 1975.