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## Language Labs <br> Useful New Tool

By CHARLES C. WELLS
State News Staff Writer
The use of language laboratories in teaching foreign languages has been vastly overrated, a recent survey shows.
Raymond $F$. Keating, research fellow in the Institute of Admin-
istrative Research istrative Research at Teachers College, New York City, made the
conclusion from a preliminary study of 2 New York school districts.
While language laboratories may be effective, the study showed that many schools are doing as well as those with habs or even bet er without them, he said.
Language laboratories
Language laboratories have made great changes in the teaching
of foreign languages. Students in classes where they are used sit
in findividual booths and learn by repeating what they hear from tape recordin Keating's final report will be available in July. Stanley R.
Townsend, professor and chairman of foreign languages here, agreed
with with most of the Keating report.
"We have used language laboratories here for sever al years and
they have been successful," he said. "However, laboratories won't they have been successful," he said. "However, laboratories won't
make all. language teaching successful; nor will they replace the
teacher."
The MSU language laboratory facilities are located on the first The MSU language laboratory facilities are located on the first
floor of Morrill Hall. They are designed sothat four classes can use
the laboratory at once.
"MSU has found them to be a useful tool when used as a supple-
ment to classroom teaching and individual study," he added. Ment to classioom teaching and individual study, ". he added.
The principle of the laboratories is not wrong because it has been
Tsed suceessfully for many years, he said. Atter introduction and
uractice in class, they serve to reinforce wher the reen used successtully for many years, he said. After introduction and
practice in class, they serve to reinforce what has been learned.
Laboratories are also useful in overcoming a student's reluctance
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ing other students from hearing errors in pronunciation which they
might adopt and in providing a better means of testing the student might adopt and in providing a better means of testing the student
orally.
Townsend indicated that the problem with language laboratories
is a misunderstanding of what they can and cannot do. If they are is a misunderstanding of what they can and cannot do. .f they are
used as a supplement to classroom work, then they are useful, but One serious limitation of the Keating study is that all the school
systems surveyed were far above average in wealth. Obviously schools with superior teachers who have been doing an excellent
job are not a good measure of what might be achieved elsewhere.
$\qquad$ the training of teachers on how to use the electronic aides. Also
isted are insufficient guidance in helping them select materials and proach into the total foreign language curriculum.
The laboratory equipment has been offered free to schools unde the National Defense Education Act of 1958 and this has been a stim-
ulus for schools to adopt it. Another factor the report says, is that commercial and educational overselling has
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