

Electronics To Be Used In Linguistics

They're going to teach languages with electronics at Georgetown University.

An electronic language laboratory is now being equipped in Poulton Hall on the University campus to help students learn languages much more effectively.

The new teaching technique combines the use of tape recording instruments and IBM multilingual selector equipment, used widely for simultaneous interpretation.

The technique, Georgetown officials said, was developed by Prof. Leon Dostert, director of Georgetown's language institute, and by engineers of the International Business Machines Corporation.

The electronic equipment has been under experimentation for a year in the Institute of Language and Linguistics, and the new laboratory will be ready by September for the language programs of the School of Foreign Service and the College of Arts and Sciences.

The laboratory will seat 125 students at a time. It is so set up that a student, sitting with headphones in a semisoundproof booth, may select his lesson for repetitive drill work in any one of six languages. Laboratory work will be correlated with class instruction.