NEW ORLEANS MEETING ATTRACTS LARGE CROWDS

This year's NALLD meeting held in conjunction with AECT in New Orleans was a very exciting event. The presentations on the new videodisc machine were attended by about three hundred persons, although many had to be turned away because of the lack of seating and standing room. Kent Wood headed a team from Utah State University that presented various aspects of the present and future use of the videodisc/microprocessor unit. Archie Purvis, Director of Marketing, MCA Discovision, Inc. outlined some of his company's plans for the videodisc and answered many questions from the audience regarding technical matters and cost projections.

Many of those present were not aware that the videodisc unit is available in a home model costing about $700 and in a commercial model which is projected to sell for about $2500. The commercial model has a built-in
NALLD members Joe Sheehan, Ken Dodd, Charles Richardson and Dale Lally pose with a videodisc

microprocessor which permits almost instant access to any of the 54,000 frames located on one side of the disc. This unit also permits slow motion, stop action, reverse action and has two sound tracks so that more than one language may be used on the same disc. Some members of the audience saw a potential use for this device to replace microfilm as a storage unit, but it was pointed out that there are severe limitations placed on print media by the television monitor necessary to view the material. Other presentations on the videodisc concentrated on its potential for interfacing with a computer for individualized instruction materials.
Jackie Tanner from the University of Virginia led a very successful presentation on the high speed tape duplicator. Several dealers were present to demonstrate different aspects of tape duplication and the audience had an opportunity to question them concerning duplication problems and techniques.

Mrs. Tanner's second presentation was a demonstration on how to take black and white slides from prints and postcards. After taking several pictures she developed the film without the use of a darkroom.

Your NALLD program chairman has scheduled an equally exciting meeting for the ACTFL meeting at Thanksgiving in Atlanta, so be sure to join us there.
FILMS International Film Bureau has introduced a new series of French cartoons, “Les Aventures de Monsieur Carre,” that seem very well suited for students in the second semester of their first year. The cartoons are about ten minutes in length and deal with situations such as the office, subway, etc. For further information contact

International Film Bureau
332 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Illinois
60604

Mexican Folk Dance is the title of two very good films that demonstrate some of the most popular Mexican dances. The films are photographed skillfully so that both the total choreography and individual steps receive the focus of the camera. The films could be used to teach the dance or as a cultural supplement to class work. These films may be obtained from

AIMS Instructional Media Services, Inc.
626 Justin Ave.
Glendale, California
91201

INSTRUCTIONAL VIDEOTAPE SOUGHT FOR CENTRAL STATES CONFERENCE The 1980 Central States Conference will be in Milwaukee next spring. NALLD will conduct an Instructional Media Fair to give conference participants an opportunity to view institutionally produced videotapes which are available at cost to other schools.

If your department has one or more videocassette tapes which you would be willing to make available to other schools on a cost plus basis, and you would like to have demonstrated during the 1980 NALLD Media Fair in Milwaukee, contact 608-262-1408 or

Mr. Tom Goldsworthy
Director of Labs for Recorded Instruction
University of Wisconsin - Madison
Room 279 Van Hise Hall
1220 Lenden Drive
Madison, Wisconsin
53706

If you cannot personally bring your videotape, you can arrange to send it to Tom Goldsworthy and he will take it to the Media Fair for you.
POSITION WANTED  Director of Language Laboratory for two-year or four-year college. Supervise and direct all areas: administration, instructional, research, writing proposals, training lab personnel, repair and maintenance. Also instruct in French language. Fluent. MA in French language and literature. 15 years lab director and instructor in French at the community college level. Five years at the high school level. Available September 1, 1979. Salary; negotiable. Contact

Frank Friedman
Mott Community College
1401 E. Court St.
Flint, Missouri
48503

JAPANESE CONFERENCE  JALT (Japan Association of Language Teachers) will hold its annual language teaching in Japan conference (LTIJ '79) at Doshisha University in Kyoto, November 23-25, 1979. Abstracts are solicited for presentations ranging from 30-minute papers, demonstrations to 6 hour workshops on topics relevant to language teaching and learning. Send two copies of a 200-word abstract plus 50-75 bio-data statement before August 31 to:

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