As we experiment with uses of technology, we must resist a simplistic view of the venture. Technologies are more than means to ends. They change our goals, for they change our very natures as organisms. It is believed that educators cannot refrain from extensive technological innovation. In doing so, however, they must sensitize themselves to the fact that the changes will ramify in profound and unpredicted ways. P. A. Meisler herein presents an inventory of promising and as yet unassimilated educational technologies, and discusses some of the general issues and puzzles that appear to be important to a consideration of technology in education. The inventory: audiotape, overhead transparencies, slides, motion pictures, intermedia configurations, and multimedia configurations. (GO)
TECHNOLOGIES FOR LEARNING

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1. Introduction

In the midst of a society pervaded by technology, the American educational community is in the process of assessing the ways in which it can use a variety of available technologies. If technology can help to improve the quality or efficiency of our educational programs, then American education, pressed by the large number of students involved in its great experiment in mass education, can sorely use that help. But the technology would be even if we did not of many students have the problems and high costs.

We do, after all, live in the most highly technological society in history. Our students have assimilated technology into their lives more fully and comfortably than any previous generation. It is therefore valid to wonder whether an educational system without radical and technological changes can effectively reach such a student population. I doubt that it can.

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discuss some of the general issues and puzzles that appear to be important to a consideration of technology in education. But with a few comments that are to be included under the heading of "educational technology," "instructional technology" or, as I would prefer, "technologies for learning." I wish to include techniques that are not "instructional" in a narrow sense. For example, a great deal is learned from participation in certain simulation games, but the games do not instruct which certain types of educational films do. In other words, the "learning" in "technologies for learning" is to be construed broadly.

Nor do I wish to include only activities that involve mechanical or electronic devices. For I do wish to include programed instruction, even when it is not presented in a machine format. And I also believe that sensitivity training and other types of group learning experiences are parts of the new technologies for learning. Programed instruction and sensitivity training organize our energy and activities in new ways on the basis of knowledge of how we learn and grow.
They are therefore as much a part of our educational technology as any projector.

II. AN INVENTORY OF TECHNOLOGIES FOR LEARNING

A. AUDI-O-VISUAL MEDIA
1. Audio tape
2. Overhead transparencies
3. Slides
4. Motion pictures
5. Intermedia configurations
6. Multimedia configurations

Tape recordings (and long-playing records), slides, films and overhead projections are widely used in the presentation of lectures and lessons. When they are well prepared and skillfully used, they unquestionably improve instruction by conveying an expanded range of substantive materials through their images and sound. Even if these devices did not bring new subjects and phenomena into the classroom, they would be important for the interest and excitement they add to a teacher's efforts.

In their simple uses these media tend to be viewed as teachers' aids. This view can be limiting if the teacher feels that the media materials can never stand alone, that they must always be thoroughly assimilated into his own lesson. Some films and tapes are remarkably effective
instructional tools as they stand, and the good teacher need
feel no reluctance or guilt about letting these materials
speak for themselves. Another way of stating this is that
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We will use the term "intermedia configurations" to
describe combinations of the common audio-visual media when
they are used to present tightly programmed units of instruction.
A tape and slide presentation may be used, for example, to
illustrate the use of a laboratory technique or to give an
analysis of a textual passage. Intermedia configurations
are often used to guide students through a set of activities,
not only to present a body of information. These presentations
can be independent and self-sufficient units of instruction,
which may be used by individual students or groups without
an instructor's presence. Major advantages of intermedia
configurations are that such units may be prepared to very high quality in terms of visual images, oral presentation, and instructional logic. In some cases subject matters may be presented which would be difficult or impossible to exhibit without the media. These presentations may also be made randomly accessible to students, thus allowing them at the student's leisure. This characteristic becomes especially important if large numbers of intermedia presentations are available, for they may then be used in various combinations and for diverse purposes.

When they are well prepared, intermedia configurations may rival or surpass the instruction of an excellent teacher. But common audio-visual media may be employed in other less conventional ways, to exploit some of their creative and aesthetic potential, and to deal with subject matters in ways which employ less familiar instructional logics. I use the term "multi-media configurations" to refer to uses of the media whose internal structure is closer to that of an artistic event or happening than to that of an instructor's lesson.
Multi-media configurations tend to use a great deal of equipment, and to immerse participants in a complex media-created environment. The multi-media presentation may have a fairly linear and discursive message. But it may also be more complex; it may be a media massage, to refer to McLuhan's pun. The involvement of each member of the audience may be quite different and unique.

On occasion, students have chosen to prepare presentations as part of their work in a course or for the new form. The results have been very impressive from several points of view. The preparation of a presentation turns out to be a fine means by which a student can demonstrate what he has learned in a course or seminar. It is a most effective and engaging way to share one's learning. And the process of preparing a multi-media presentation is invariably an intense learning experience, for it involves asking basic questions about the subject matter as the available materials are altered, arranged and ordered. As is the case with most of our technology for learning, these media seem
to become most productive when the student rather than the teacher gains control and acts as the designer of the materials.

B. Programed Instruction

1. Book format
2. Teaching machine format
3. Computer-assisted instruction

The strengths and weaknesses of programed instruction are by now well known. The engagement of the student's active response, the careful articulation of the logic of a subject matter, and the opportunity for the student to work alone and at his own rate all contribute to making programed instruction an effective learning technology. Many people have found programed instruction to be boring and tedious. It remains to be seen whether the state of the art advances to a point at which most programed instruction will be more pleasant and interesting.

There is little doubt that computer-assisted programed instruction will overcome some of these limitations. Computerized systems for programed instruction are coming progressively
closer to the ideal of handling a large number of student-constructed responses, thus freeing programed instruction from the fairly rigid and uninspiring format of the multiple-choice question. Computerized systems can handle much more complex branching and, in general, a more sophisticated range of instructional strategies than other programed instruction formats. The computer can also respond to each student in the light of its record of the student's earlier performance. At present the computer is a medium for the communication of programed instruction. At some point in the future it will become a unique and complex technology for learning in its own right. It is hard to speculate on the characteristics of that learning technology, but we do know that it will be capable of presenting highly individualized instruction, it will handle large and complex bodies of information, and it will offer a wide variety of approaches to learning.

D. CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION AND VIDEOTAPE RECORDING

Private television has been used for schools and universities. Television and videotape have offered universities a solution to large enrollments in courses. One mode of use
is to record an instructor’s lecture at the beginning of the day and then to replay it several times in many classrooms. Sometimes a library of lectures or lessons is accumulated, and the tapes made available to groups or individuals. Some large university systems broadcast their instructional programs. In all of these patterns the instructor usually behaves exactly as he would in the classroom in the absence of television cameras. This behavior is a waste of resources.

Television introduces the possibility of employing a wide range of visual materials and production techniques. Our students have grown up accustomed to learning and acquiring a great deal of information from television, and commercially with great skill and failure to abandon standard presentation in favor of those to television results in the loss of learning and student involvement.

When I try to teach, as I do sometimes, I am appalled by the results, which seem so little more than insipid. The teaching seems to succeed the teaching seems to cause the individual to distrust his own experience, and to stifle his own learning. Hence I have come to feel that the outcomes of teaching are either unimportant or hurtful. This medium is used when this happens. I find that individual group involv ement. The first step in private television’s creative experiment.

Carl Rogers
be to remove the teacher from the screen and to make him a member of a production team which will include writers, announcers, artists and media professionals. Private television offers the capability of reaching a large student population, but this potential must be pursued simultaneously with the development of televisions characteristic strengths and styles of presentation; otherwise we will be reaching a great many students with instruction of an obviously inferior quality. An excellent classroom lecture may well be mediocre when presented unaltered on television.

Private television offers a set of educational opportunities even more unusual than those represented by its potential as a creative medium for teacher-to-student instruction. Videotape recording permits individuals...
or groups to observe themselves in a wide variety of situations. An important situation, for example, is the normal class or seminar discussion, in which the dynamics of the group may be observed and analyzed. Significant phenomena and patterns of behavior, even those that ordinarily pass unnoticed, become quite obvious. They may be understood and dealt with when they are negative, and built upon and strengthened when they are positive. Many people remember the shock and surprise of first hearing their voices on tape. Videotape can offer a person or a group far more useful (and surprising) information.

Groups that have an explicit introspective orientation, i.e. groups that are partially or wholly committed to examining and learning from their own operations, can find that a videotape facility is an elegant and powerful resource. Videotape recording offers the individual teacher an important opportunity to criticize and improve his own classroom work. Videotape is, in general, an important tool in many situations, ranging from those in which self-understanding is the goal, to those in which learning a specific skill (e.g. public speaking, interviewing, selling) is sought. On some college campuses there are also movements to explore the aesthetic potential of video-recording; this holds enormous promise for the enrichment of a community's cultural life.
D. GAMES AND SIMULATIONS

This is a rapidly developing and very exciting field. The full range of subject matters that supports game or simulation is not yet clear, but I would judge it to be quite large. Various sorts of social systems, from a business corporation in an economic environment to an international organization in time of war, have been simulated in game forms. But games are not limited to subjects in the social realm; the properties of certain biological systems have been taught by games, as have parts of algebra and symbolic logic.

It may be helpful to mention, as examples, two of the many games I have tried with college-age groups. On several occasions we have used the Inter-Nation Simulation (INS), which may be the most widely used and one of the most complex games available in the social sciences. Players in INS work on teams, each team representing a nation. Rules and responsibilities within each team are divided up among players, with special rules dealing with economics, diplomacy, military affairs, etc. The game consists of time periods during which players must make economic, military, and diplomatic decisions, the results of which...
are calculated and returned to the teams according to a fairly complex mathematical model of international relations and economics. Students finish the game with a greater understanding of the principles of international relations, especially as postulated in the INS model, as well as with a greater appreciation of the emotional and interpersonal dimensions of the subject.

INS, like many other games, elicits a tremendous amount of enthusiasm and excitement.

Another example is a RAND Corporation simulation that I used in a non-disciplinary seminar on the future. Participants played the roles of national policy-makers allocating units of resource among development projects for different types of technology. In making resource-allocation decisions students had to try to predict the social results of each set of technological developments. In another part of the simulation, groups representing different segments of the population evaluated, from their perspectives, the predicted social consequences of specific technologies. Discussions became quite intense, as assumptions concerning the future, values, and the nature of technology were challenged.

It is interesting to note that the field of educational games and simulations is play nuclear "catch-up" a spin-off of war-game techniques nuclear button used by the military, of computer money, arms renewed arms race
techniques used by engineers and physical scientists, and of simulation approaches to social systems used in social scientific research. One natural result is that some simulations are computer based, thus involving some very complicated and sophisticated models of the subject matter. This is one of the most promising frontiers in the use of computers in education.

Most observers are extremely impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment elicited by many educational games. Although we have little hard data on the effectiveness of these games, we have some reasonable speculations. Simulations probably help participants to appreciate the functional meaning of theories and principles as they operate in concrete situations. Many teachers are reluctant to use simulations or games until all of the principles of the subject matter have been mastered discursively. Such caution is probably unwarranted, and may deprive students of the opportunity to arrive at general principles through induction from concrete circumstances. Another interesting aspect of games is that the resultant learning is often social in nature, i.e. students learn together as they collaborate as team members. Participants develop a real interest in the competence and understanding of their colleagues. A result is that students teach each other in a natural and enjoyable situation.
(I have often interrupted, after an hour, an educational game being played by people who were initially strangers. Invariably I can point out that they are communicating about and helping each other deal with the subject matter on a level of comfort and good feeling that would usually take months of regular classroom association to achieve.)
Many simulation games like INS involve students with a theoretical model of the subject matter. One of the most important stages in the use of games is the examination, after the game is over, of the characteristics and limitations of the model. Participants may approach this examination by observations of what the rules of the game did or did not let them do, how realistic these rules are, and how realistically the consequences of one's moves are determined by the game's structure.

Some individuals or groups are able to get into the activities of altering old games or constructing new ones. Such ventures amount to attempts to create functioning and "playable" theoretical models of a subject matter. It is hard to over-estimate the extent to which this involves the search for basic insights into the subject matter.

On a theoretical level we have good reason to believe that the urge to play in young (and old) organisms is an extremely adaptive learning process. Play has a natural attraction for all of us, and its roots are intimately bound up with our need to learn in order to survive. Developments that allow us to return to and tap this part of our nature in the formal process of education have tremendous potential.

Granting that childhood is playhood, how do we adults generally react to this fact? We generally ignore it - because play to us is a waste of time. Hence we erect a large city school with many rooms and expensive apparatus for teaching but not for the play instinct, which is a small concrete space. A.S. Neill Summerhill
E. Mass Media

1. Broadcasting
   A. Television
   B. Radio

2. Long-playing records
3. Magazines and newspapers

"Educational" broadcasting, whether sponsored by a university, school system, or educational network, has generally suffered from the failure to use the television or radio medium with imagination. As discussed earlier, there has been a stifling allegiance to traditional educational formats like lectures and panel discussions. The educational broadcasting networks have begun to move beyond these limitations, however, and they are achieving some very notable successes.

Whereas some schools and universities make good use of the available educational broadcasting offerings, educators largely ignore commercial broadcasting. Many of the criticism of the broadcasting "wasteland" are valid. Nevertheless, there is an important portion of television and radio programs that would enrich and be useful to almost any educational setting. Network news and special affairs programs are often excellent, and many programs do have significant artistic content. Also one role of education is surely
the examination and criticism of popular culture in order to assist the student to probe and become aware of the cultural forces acting upon him. From this perspective it would be important to bring a wide sample of broadcasting matter into the educational environment, including programs which one would judge to be of low quality.

The availability and cost of both videotape and audiotape recorders make it possible for an educational institution to use commercial materials repeatedly and according to a convenient schedule. It is unfortunate that schools and colleges do not have continuing policies and facilities for making a wide range of radio and television programs routinely available to their teachers and students. How realistic is an educational system that insulates itself almost totally from the most vital and effective communications media of society? Similar comments apply to the printed mass media and long-playing records.

F. Sensitivity Training

We will use "sensitivity training" as a shorthand term to refer to a range of new or experimental techniques
designed to help people to understand themselves and to relate to each other better. This field is remarkable for its enthusiastic adherents and also for its vehement critics. This is not the place for a review of the evidence on either side or for an attempt to make sense of the controversies surrounding sensitivity training. Let it suffice to point to a congruence between the professed aims of American education and the goals of exploring inner space.
sensitivity training.

Many of our educational institutions reject a narrow definition of their mission. They are, they claim, interested in more than the development of the human intellect. They are concerned with the "whole man," with the liberation of creativity, the training of moral sensibilities, the ability of an individual to understand himself and to relate to others in a productive and satisfying fashion. Sensitivity training is intended to be responsive to many of these matters. It therefore seems reasonable that those segments of the educational community professing interest in these broader constructions of the aims of education should consider sensitivity training techniques as a possibly useful technology for learning, as a set of activities and structures that might be fully integrated into the fabric of their institutions and programs.

**6. ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS**

Amplified telephone and its auxiliary devices for transmitting written or visual information are quite promising. They have helped schools and colleges to overcome their physical isolation and their remoteness from the learning resources of people and events.
We may expect that the advance of communications technology, especially as satellites come into use, will continue and strengthen the trend towards overcoming the geographical isolation of learners.
H. XEROGRAPHY

The advent of inexpensive means for reproducing images on paper offers a range of new opportunities for teachers and students. In addition to the ease with which original or existing printed material may be distributed, image and print reproduction may be used as a creative medium to stimulate learning or to exhibit its results. In a sense we have overcome the high costs and technical expertise associated with the publication of materials, for small and moderate numbers of people.

I. INDEPENDENT STUDY MATERIALS

There have been many projects in recent years involving the extensive use of independent study. Such projects have used a number of the techniques described above, such as independently available audio-visual units and programmed instruction. There have also been special study guides and independent study syllabi developed. The educational community has accumulated a significant body of experience with independent study. The following types of questions have been asked: To what extent should the student be responsible for the initial definition of the independent study project? What are the most effective manners for an instructor to
intervene and support a project, and how frequently should this be done? What are the best ways to help a student explore the available human and other resources for his study? What processes are successful in the evaluation of an independent study project? To what extent should the definition of an independent study be open to alteration during its execution?

Many of these questions may have valid answers. It must also be recognized, however, that attempts to systematize independent study activities can be destructive. Independent intellectual work is risky. Attempts to diminish the risks too greatly or to control independent activities too aggressively can emasculate the whole enterprise.

J. SPEED READING AND EFFECTIVE STUDY TRAINING

There seem to have been breakthroughs made in recent years in both these fields. We would be doing many of our students a great service if we could integrate such instruction into many or most of our educational institutions without attaching to them the stigma associated with "remedial" work.
24. PHOTOGRAPHY

Still and motion picture photography have become the favored forms of artistic expression of a sizable segment of our young people. (This is an instance of the natural way in which they make technology a part of their lives.) As an artistic medium photography provides the educational opportunities associated with other forms of art, opportunities for the development of the creative and perceptual faculties. But photography also turns out to have a great promise as a technology for learning, even in situations in which aesthetic goals are subordinate to the goals of learning specific subject matters.

Projects in the photographic media dealing with a wide range of subject matters can yield enormously powerful learning experiences. Let us take an example from the social sciences—a group of students (on almost any level) studying phenomena of poverty. A photographic project, in which students attempted to capture the visible signs and effects of poverty, the images of the culture of poverty, could have tremendous educational rewards. One would expect such activities to sensitize the student to the sociological and economic significance of what he sees. And the photographic media would allow students to share their perceptions and thus to help each other to deal with the subject matter. The range of subjects in which such projects could be valuable
is large, including many areas in the arts and humanities as well as the sciences.

III.

PRINCIPLES AND QUESTIONS

We have made some general remarks about technology, and we have formulated a list of contemporary technologies for learning. The remaining question is obvious: How, when, and in what configurations, are these technologies to be used?

There is no simple answer, and the quest for an answer leads us to a consideration of some of the most difficult problems of educational philosophy and practice. Consider, for example, the questions raised by the range of possible relations between the technologies and the teacher.

Technologies for learning are often discussed as the means by which teachers are to be relieved of their petty and burdensome tasks; thus to be freed to attend to those parts of education which are truly central. The assumption is that the relationship of teacher to student is unalterably
the major locus of education. Technology therefore may attend to the peripheral tasks, allowing for more time and energy to be devoted to the heart of the educational system, the interaction between teacher and student. This view of technology and of the educational process is widely held. It has also been used, consciously or unconsciously, to try to assure teachers that neither their importance nor their roles are to be changed by technological innovations.

But it is important to consider the possibility that the role of the teacher will change in its basis. The culture of young people is increasingly separate from the adult people may well be of what they learn and the mass media their parents and effect of rapid societal of experiences which younger generations but which are quite dissimilar from the experiences of older generations. These discontinuities, along with the availability of new communications technologies for learning, suggest that we might reconsider the familiar notion of the teacher's role in education.

To argue on a general level that the teacher must remain "central" to education or that he will be "displaced" does not make much sense. Before the real issues can be joined it is necessary to articulate the full range of a teacher's activities. Teachers have many roles. They
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The college officials reserve the right to make changes in the credit assignments, e.g. the detailed evaluation of a student's performance may pass largely from the teacher to a testing specialist. Surely emphasis will be redistributed among the various parts of a teacher's functions, e.g. training for skills and conveying information may be de-emphasized while attention to the problems of human relations may become more important.

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Cultural change in general and technology in particular are bound to affect the conglomerate role of the teacher. New elements, e.g. the preparation of materials for further development by media experts, may be added. Old elements may be deleted, e.g. the detailed evaluation of a student's performance may pass largely from the teacher to a testing specialist. Surely emphasis will be redistributed among the various parts of a teacher's functions, e.g. training for skills and conveying information may be de-emphasized while attention to the problems of human relations may become more important.

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Convey information and help students to learn a great variety of skills. They approve of some things and disapprove of others, thus affecting students' value systems and personalities.

Teachers give advice and counsel, and they serve as adult models for many types of intellectual and emotional behavior. Teachers create social environments of various types within which their students live. This list can, no doubt, be extended.
intimately connected with the manner in which technologies for learning are deployed. We cannot know, at present, exactly what those changes will be. One thing that we can hope, however, is that the changes will be produced in a context in which a full range of alternatives has been explored.

We need to identify or create a large number of educational institutions that will use technologies and teachers in different ways. Some institutions might implement systems in which teachers act out a radical change in emphasis among parts of their role, with technologies assuming some functions which traditionally have been served by teachers. Other schools might attempt a "symbiotic" approach between teacher and technologies in as many different functions as possible. There is a very large range of possible alternative configurations of human and non-human resources in the construction of learning environments. We are in a period in which
there are many resources that have not been fully tested and whose promise is not completely understood. In such a situation we must encourage the deployment of our capabilities in many configurations and patterns, so that our eventual choices will be informed ones.

There are factors to consider other than the teacher's role, as we experiment with new patterns of technology. For example, it would be an elementary mistake to confuse the process of learning about technology with the process of learning by means of technology. Nevertheless, the two processes are not entirely distinct. The child who learns arithmetic through interaction with a computer has learned more than arithmetic. He has learned, at least implicitly, something about the nature and potentials of computers. (And if the medium really is the message, he may have changed in more subtle ways.) The nature of our society requires that we help our students relate to technology in a positive and liberating way, perceiving both the threats and the promises of the technological parts of their environment. The technologies for learning may be among the major ones with which the student is involved. As we
experiment with different patterns of technology, therefore, we must remember that we are serving these broader educational goals.

If students are to be offered an environment that is both technological and educational, that environment should probably be quite responsive to the student's initiatives, and initiatives should be easy and acceptable. Many of the technologies for learning are found to be most effective in helping students deal with subject matters when the student himself takes over and becomes the designer of materials and activities. Our usual pattern of using technology, however, is to begin with applications that assume a passive student. The technology is a medium of communication from an instructor. This is also the assumption of the people who manage the machines; the closer the student's hand is to the machine, the more uncomfortable the manager is. When this pattern is overcome we find that the specific goals of subject matter learning can be pursued more effectively, as well as the more general goal of helping students to understand and deal with technologies. (It should be noted that the force towards technological patterns which are accessible to student initiative may be opposed, in some circumstances, by the need for teachers to use the technologies in professional and highly polished ways. Compromises in equipment and costs may be especially difficult when both of these desiderata are kept in mind.)

Before we conclude, let us mention two perennial questions in educational philosophy. These issues must be dealt with in almost any
meaningful discussion of education, and a consideration of technologies for learning is no exception. As we consider and experiment with different configurations of learning resources, we must take a position, firstly, on the extent to which education is to be directed by the learner. The second question is related: What are the appropriate contemporary curricular and subject matter categories? These two issues are related, for a position in favor of traditional or disciplinary categories will usually imply methods which are strongly teacher directed; teachers (but not students), after all, are trained in and for the most part committed to those categories. If, on the other hand, one allows for unconventional curricular categories, learner-directed processes may make more sense.

The technologies can be used to create an educational environment in which the student's behavior is carefully controlled. They can also create an environment of great choice and student self-direction. Similarly we can use technologies in the service of standard subject matters or in programs involving other curricular categories. Our commitments in these matters will, to some extent, influence the technologies we use and the ways we use them. Programed instruction may be neutral with respect to both these issues, and can be used in many ways. Network television, on the other hand, is not neutral with respect to curricular categories; it is not likely to support the traditional subject
matter divisions, but it would support new ones. Sensitivity training, if it is an important part of an educational system, would be likely to reinforce student direction of learning but not commitment to our normal subject matter divisions. It would be possible to try to characterize all of the available technologies for learning in the light of these and other basic questions of educational philosophy.

*How's that for talking your language?*

The task that faces the educational community is the articulation, by experimentation and use, of the nature and possible uses of the available technologies. This must involve the construction of a wide range of educational environments, the deployment of human and technological resources in many configurations. And these attempts must be viewed from the perspective of all of the most basic questions that we can ask about education.

As we experiment with uses of technology, we must resist a simplistic view of the venture. Technologies are more than means to ends. They change our goals, for they change our very natures as organisms. I believe that educators can not refrain from extensive technological innovation. In doing so, however, they must sensitize themselves to the fact that the changes will ramify in profound and unpredicted ways.