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ABSTRACT  The report consists of three major sections: a review of the literature on correspondence education in the United States, a report of research at Stanford University on computer-assisted instruction (CAI) in the home, and an extensive cross-referenced annotated bibliography. The literature review is organized under six main subsections: enrollment trends, factors influencing completion rates, characteristics of correspondence students, correspondence work versus residence work, course presentation methods, and a partially annotated bibliography of references cited in the review.

In the described home-based experimental CAI program for gifted junior high school students, 28 students were able to receive courses in elementary and college logic, computer programming, and foreign languages via teletypewriters placed in their homes and linked by the home telephone line to the computer. The bibliography, covering the home-based instructional uses of computers, television, and other media, has three subsections. The first is the annotated bibliography which contains references divided into five groups: computers in education, television and videotape, multimedia, nontraditional study, and reference materials. The second subsection assigns to each reference a list of descriptors appropriate to it. The third subsection assigns to each descriptor the appropriate references.

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This report consists of three major sections. Section I is a review of the vast literature on correspondence education in the United States. Section II is a report of our work at Stanford University in computer-assisted instruction in the home; the details of this research have been included because work in this field is relatively limited thus far. The final section is an extensive cross-referenced annotated bibliography surveying the instructional uses of computers, television, and other media.

We have organized the literature review under six main subsections. The first subsection discusses the increasing numbers of correspondence students and shows the trends over the years. The second subsection concerns the tendency of many correspondence students not to complete the courses they have begun and cites literature in which attempts have been made to relate completion rates to personal or course factors. We have summarized literature about characteristics of correspondence students in the student profile subsection under the subheadings of age, sex, occupation, education, geography, subject areas, reasons for taking correspondence courses, and data relating the individual factors. In the fourth and fifth subsections we cite literature comparing correspondence work to residence work and comparing different methods of presenting and conducting correspondence courses. Following the literature review is a partially annotated bibliography containing only the references cited in the review; its purpose is to provide easy access to statistics such as the kind and number of students used in a particular study.

In Section I, we have restricted our survey of correspondence study to correspondence study within the United States. Within this limitation we have not attempted to include every available reference, but rather we have attempted to present a representative sample of the available material. We have excluded many studies on correspondence courses in the military and correspondence courses for overseas dependents; we have also excluded
correspondence study in hospitals and agricultural extension courses.

Section I. is a preliminary report of a home-based computer-assisted instruction (CAI) experiment. In the fall of 1973 the Institute for Mathematical Studies in the Social Sciences (IMSSS) began an experimental home-based CAI program for gifted junior high school students. The students were able to receive courses in elementary and college logic, computer programming, and foreign languages via teletypewriters placed in their homes and linked by the home telephone line to the IMSSS computer. With the exception of proctor help, which was available by telephone during certain limited hours, the students were entirely dependent on the computer for course instruction and for the presentation and correction of problems and exercises.

Section III is a cross-referenced annotated bibliography covering the home-based instructional uses of computers, television, and other media. This section was designed to aid in a search for recent references (1970 to the present) concerning a particular aspect of educational media. Again, we have not included every work on instructional media, but rather we have presented a representative sample, as well as many bibliographies which may be pursued by the interested reader. There are three subsections in Section III. The first subsection is the annotated bibliography, which has been divided into five groups: computers in education, television and videotape, multimedia, nontraditional study, and reference materials. Since very few references can be described in exactly one way, we constructed a list of descriptors for the references. The second subsection assigns to each reference a list of the descriptors appropriate to it; the third subsection assigns to each descriptor the appropriate references. Additional explanation and discussion of Section III immediately precedes the bibliography.

We had originally intended to include a separate section on a technical analysis of the various technologies for home-based instruction and also a section on an economic analysis of the technologies. The

1 Partial support for this work was provided by National Science Foundation Grant NSF-EC-43997.
technical analysis is fairly well covered in the annotated bibliography in Section III of the present report. Representative samples of the use of radio, television, and computers for home-based instruction are given. And in Section I there is, as we have said, an extensive survey of the traditional means of instruction in the home, namely, correspondence study.

In contrast, we were disappointed in the extent to which we were able to identify in the literature any economic analysis of the various technologies for home-based instruction. From a variety of considerations it is clear that ordinary correspondence courses are at the present time the cheapest means of delivery of instruction, but, as far as we were able to determine, there has as yet been no extensive analysis of the costs of the other technologies. Costs, of course, represent the simplest kind of question. There is, as far as we can see, absolutely no literature on any attempt to construct education production functions for the various technologies that can be used for the delivery of home instruction. Moreover, the data for making such an analysis are not yet actually available. We return to this subject in our section on conclusions and recommendations.
I. LITERATURE REVIEW OF CORRESPONDENCE STUDY

Usage

Enrollment in correspondence schools in the United States has climbed from under 500,000 in 1910 to over 2,000,000 in 1970; this increase is illustrated in Figure 1, which shows findings of a 1972 survey of home study enrollment (Bolina, 1972).

Kempfer (1973) estimates the current total correspondent student body to be 5,018,630. A summary of his data is shown in Table 1; he arrived at the estimate of over 5,000,000 based on an analysis of incomplete responses and projections of other known factors. The student-body figure includes enrollments in a previous year for courses often requiring as long as three years to complete. The largest single user of correspondence instruction is the federal government, especially the armed forces, which enrolls almost 2,000,000 students annually.

Estimates of total enrollment by the National Home Study Council (1967) are higher; they estimated that 5,270,913 students were enrolled in United States correspondence courses in 1966. They also estimated that over 8,000,000 students throughout the world were studying by correspondence. In 1966, the National Home Study Council (1966) surveyed major free-world correspondence schools outside the United States. Sixty-three schools in 29 countries reported a total student body of 2,277,524, with 1,142,633 students enrolling during 1965 in 12,903 courses of study.

Completion

Completion rates. Studies of completion rates—that is, the percentage of enrolled students who complete correspondence courses—indicate that, with few exceptions, completion rates have been, and still are, relatively low. Before citing the data, we need to give two cautionary notes about interpretation. Kempfer (1973) noted that dropout data are limited in usefulness because many students enroll in a course with no intention of
Figure 1. Total enrollment in correspondence schools in the United States, 1900-1970 (Bolina, 1972).
Table 1
Size of Enrollment and Student Body in Correspondence Education, by Type of School, 1970 (Kempfer, 1973)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type of School</th>
<th>Student body</th>
<th>Enrollment</th>
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<td>Private schools</td>
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<td>NHSC members</td>
<td>1,850,197</td>
<td>790,492</td>
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<td>Nonmembers</td>
<td>(1,630,128)</td>
<td>(649,913)</td>
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<td>Federal and military</td>
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<td>1,851,493</td>
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<td>Colleges and universities</td>
<td>312,592</td>
<td>234,212</td>
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<td>Religious</td>
<td>323,720</td>
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<td>Business and industry</td>
<td>68,891</td>
<td>43,671</td>
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<td>Total: All Schools</td>
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<td>3,227,585</td>
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completing it. They are only interested in a particular segment of a course but must enroll in the entire course to receive that segment. McKenzie, Christensens, and Rigby (1968) mention another problem, which is that individual suppliers have different criteria for course completion: Some say that the course is completed if a certain percentage of the lessons has been completed, some say that all the lessons must be completed, and some say that all the lessons and the final examination must be completed. Most of the studies we found did not indicate which criterion was being applied, so the figures we cite may not be strictly comparable.

Bittner and Mallory (1933) surveyed 25 state university extension divisions in the South, West, and Midwest; their results are shown in Table 2. They found completion rates ranging from 40 percent at the University of Oklahoma to 86 percent at the University of North Dakota; the overall completion rate was 61 percent. They also measured something they called "success rate," which was defined to include students who completed at least 70 percent of the required work and students who were transferred to residence work; the overall success rate was 75 percent. Kennan (1940) studied private schools in the United States—in particular, the International Correspondence Schools (I.C.S.) and the Women's Institute (W.I.)—and found a much lower completion rate of 20 percent. Tempesst (1965) studied the home-study completion
Table 2
Completion Rates in 25 State University Extension Divisions
(Bittner & Mallory, 1933)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Institution</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Enrollments</th>
<th>Success rate</th>
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<th>Mortality rate</th>
<th>Corrected completion rate</th>
<th>Corrected mortality rate</th>
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<td>1929-30</td>
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<td>1929-30</td>
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<td>Arkansas</td>
<td>b</td>
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<td>49</td>
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<td>77</td>
<td>69</td>
<td>31</td>
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<td>34</td>
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<td>Florida</td>
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<td>59.1</td>
<td>40.9</td>
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<td>Kansas</td>
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<td>70</td>
<td>42</td>
<td>56</td>
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<td>Kentucky</td>
<td>1919-29</td>
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<td>58</td>
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</table>
Instituition | Date      | Enrollments | Success rate % | Completion rate % | Mortality rate % | Corrected completion rate, % | Corrected mortality rate, % |
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Utah | 1929-30 | 699 | 55 | 45 | | | |
Washington U. | b | 542 | 45.6 | 54.4 | 56.6 | 43.4 | |
Wash. State C. | Wisconsin | 1927-28 | 7,073 | 49.9 | 50.1 | | |
           | 1928-29 | 4,568 | 62.5 | 37.5 | | | |
           | 1929-30 | 5,018 | 60.6 | 39.4 | | | |
Total | | 45,812 | | | | | |
Averages | | 75 | 61 | 39 | 71 | 30 | |

a Students for respective years.
b Alphabetical or numerical sampling over a period of years.
c Enrollments.
d Semester hours 8,964, 8,749, 8,589 for the respective years.
e Computed from eliminations.

rates at the University of Utah. He found a completion rate of 56.5 percent and a so-called "net completion rate" of 70.6 percent. The net completion rate was based on the formula: number completed divided by the difference of the total count and the number who returned no assignments. Ball, Kim, and Olmstead (1966) selected a random sample of 1,000 persons registering for correspondence courses at the University of Washington at Seattle and found a completion rate of 40 percent. As a comparison, we will from time to time in this paper cite a study of apprentices in the construction industry (McCaulay, 1962). The results of McCaulay's survey of apprentice dropouts from 1952 through 1960 are similar to the findings concerning correspondence dropouts; the completion rates did not rise over the years. The completion rate in 1952 was 53.4 percent and the completion rate in 1960 was 48.8 percent, with values close to 50 percent in the intermediate years.
Personal factors as they relate to completion. Personal factors of students—including age, sex, intelligence and aptitude, educational level, study habits, work in first few weeks of course, reasons for taking the course, and reasons for dropping the course—have been examined to see if any relation could be found between them and completion. Kennan’s (1940) data revealed no relationship between age and completion among students studying at I.C.S. and W.I. The ages having the highest relative completion rates in order are, approximately, 50 years, 19 years, and 30 years. Ritter (1965) studied 10 years of correspondence courses (1954-1963) at the State College of Iowa. The median age of students completing correspondence courses ranged from a low of 32.4 years in 1961-62 to a high of 48.2 years in 1954-55. There were no tendencies for the median age of those completing the courses to increase or decrease over the years. Ball et al. (1966) and Donehower (1968), on the other hand, found that age was positively associated with completion. Ball found that only 34 percent of the students 34 years and under completed their courses while 57 percent of the students 35 years and over completed them; Donehower found that the mean age for completing was 32.9 years and the mean age for withdrawing was 30.9 years.

Concerning sex and completion, Smith (1935), in his large sample of 5,700 students from the years 1925 through 1932, found that more women completed correspondence courses than men. Ritter (1965) found that approximately 70 percent of the students completing courses were married women, 23 percent were unmarried women, and the rest (7 percent) were men of unknown marital status. Ball et al. (1966), looking at the statistics in a different way, found that 33.4 percent of the males who enrolled, and 47.8 percent of the females, completed their courses.

Childs (1963) in a survey of supervised correspondence courses concluded that whether intelligence or aptitude is an important factor in determining which students will finish a course is unclear from the available evidence. She says that pupils who register for correspondence courses are, in general, above average in ability and that there may be a slight but not pronounced tendency for those of greater ability to complete the courses they begin. There is also, according to Childs,
some evidence that pupils who are rated higher by their supervisors on personal characteristics that may affect success in correspondence study are somewhat more likely to complete their courses than are pupils who are rated lower.

The work of Smith (1935) and Donehower (1968) suggests that adults with higher educational training complete their courses more frequently than do those with less formal schooling. The same relationship was found by Ball et al. (1966) thirty years later: the higher the level of education, the higher the percentage of students completing their courses. Hughes (1955) questioned 249 correspondence students at the University of Florida and found that prior college experience and prior correspondence study experience both had a statistically significant positive effect on completion rates. Hughes also investigated the relation of study habits to completion but found no difference in successful and unsuccessful students with regard to study habits.

Many studies have indicated that students who complete the first assignments of a course soon after receiving them are more likely to complete the course. James and Wedemeyer (1959), for example, interviewed 55 adults and 125 high school students taking correspondence courses through the Extension Division of the University of Wisconsin. All except four of the students who did not complete their courses quit before completing the first third or fourth of their assignments. James and Wedemeyer concluded that if a student hands in the first third or fourth of his course work, he will probably complete the course. Similarly, Donehower (1968) found that students who submit lessons soon after enrolling are much more likely to complete the course, and Ball et al. (1966) found that students who complete a course are most likely to do so in the first 12 months. Pfeiffer's (Pfeiffer & Sabers, 1970) data indicate that students who completed the first lesson have a high probability of completing the course. A student in a one-hour course who submitted one lesson had an 85 percent chance of completing the course, and a student in a two- or three-hour course who submitted one lesson had a 70 percent chance of completing the course. Students in the Glatter and Wedell (1971) survey of correspondence in Britain had the highest incidences of dropout in the early stages of a
course. Correspondingly, 'dropouts are more frequent during the early stages of apprenticeship (McCauley, 1962); approximately a third of all dropouts, are reported during the first 25 percent of the term, with the remainder of the losses being spread rather evenly over the latter 75 percent of the apprenticeship.

Donehower (1968) found no correlation between living distance to the correspondence center and time to complete, but he did find a small correlation between living distance to the center and whether the course is completed.

Kennan (1940) did not find strong relationships between reasons for taking a correspondence course and probability of completion. The mean percent of lessons completed for those taking courses definitely associated with their occupation was not appreciably higher than that for groups showing no such association. There was a slight tendency for people who were studying courses for avocational or cultural reasons to complete a larger portion of their courses than people who studied for vocational reasons. There is also a slight tendency for people with the objective of transferring to a new occupation to study more persistently than those who are seeking only to improve their present work. Hughes (1955) found that students who desired teacher certification had a 79.5 percent completion rate, those seeking college credit for degrees had a 62.2 percent completion rate, and those seeking general vocational-professional improvement had a 55.1 percent completion rate. He also found that the necessity for meeting a deadline had a statistically significant positive effect on the completion rates. Ball et al. (1966), too, found that students taking courses for teacher certification had the highest completion rate--61.7 percent. Those taking the course for university credit had a 38.0 percent completion rate, those taking the course for general interest had a 29.3 percent completion rate, and all others combined had a 26.2 percent completion rate.

Several studies (Bittner & Mallory, 1933; Fairing & Huglies, 1950; James & Wedemeyer, 1959; Hartsell, 1971; Kennan, 1940; Sloan, 1966) have questioned dropouts concerning their reasons for dropping out or for their disinterest. Data from these studies are presented in Table 3; we have sometimes combined categories or changed
the wording slightly from the original to fit the results into a common table.

The main reasons given for dropping out have remained stable over the years: lack of time; complaints about the course itself, e.g., the work is too boring, too difficult, or has too little human contact; and change of plans, such as rescheduling the course to residence work or beginning a new occupation that does not require the course. Other problems have been illness, financial problems, and lack of library facilities or other materials.

Glatter and Wedell (1971) surveyed part-time students in general and concluded that correspondence study is not more affected by dropouts than part-time study. Thirteen percent of their sample of 960 students whose main method of study was correspondence dropped out, while 12 percent of their sample of 840 students using the part-time oral method did so. The three most common reasons for dropping out for part-time students were similar to reasons given by the correspondence dropouts: The strain of combining study with work was too great, there was a change in career plans so the course was no longer required, and the demands of the student's domestic responsibilities had increased. A similar comparison was made by Kennan as early as 1940 with similar results. He compared the percentage of correspondence students who dropped out for reasons other than dissatisfaction with the course to the corresponding percentage of dropouts from nine colleges and concluded that the percentage of dissatisfied correspondence school dropouts is not much greater than the percentage of dissatisfied college dropouts.

Course factors as they relate to completion rates. Some investigators have tried to find characteristics of the courses themselves that influence completion rates. Ball et al. (1966) found that the course type has a definite influence on number of completions; the highest percentage of completions (62 percent) was for education courses and the lowest (24.3 percent) was for business administration. Bradt (1956), from his study of 5,000 USAFI correspondents, and James and Wedemeyer (1959), from their study of the University of Wisconsin Extension Division correspondents, concluded that courses with goals stated clearly are more likely to be completed. Kennan (1940) found that persons who pay cash for their courses...
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a A student could give more than one response.

b Twenty-two of these 167 students claimed they were still studying after three years.

c This number does not include those in the subcategories below.

d Data were gathered in 1964.
complete a much larger portion of their courses than persons who pay on the installment plan. Persons who are more or less supervised by public school administrators or teachers are also more likely to be persistent in their work than others. However, according to Kennan, sending progress reports to employers upon request of the enrollee has little effect on completion. The quality of marks given by the correspondence instructor has a significant effect on the continuance of enrollee interest in study, but course length does not. Finally, although courses range in length from two to over two hundred lessons, Kennan found only a slight relationship between length of course and persistence of study.

Spencer (1965) examined 3,303 correspondence-course completions at the Correspondence Instruction Department of Pennsylvania State University during the period of July 1, 1962, through June 30, 1963. He was interested in studying the relationship to completion of some of the personal factors described above combined with the course factor of number of credits. He found that 91.7 percent of all college-credit completions were in the 3-credit courses, and 71.1 percent of all noncredit completions were in 2-unit courses. He feels that all correspondence courses should be of these two lengths. Men constituted 72.8 percent of all completions in the 3-credit courses, and 99.5 percent of all completions in the 2-unit courses. The mean completion time in months was not proportional to the number of credits a course provided. Men and women who had higher educational levels earned higher grades in 3-unit courses, but the educational level of students completing 2-unit courses had no effect on their grades. Older women in the 3-credit courses earned higher grades, but this was not true for men. Women completing 3-credit courses have a slightly higher educational level, are slightly older, take less time, and earn higher grades than men. Men completing both 3-credit and 2-unit courses used more time to complete courses in which they earned lower grades. More time for lower grades did not hold true for women in the 3-credit courses.

Student Profiles

Profiles for correspondence students have been developed including such characteristics as age, sex,
occupation, educational level, geography, opinions about correspondence courses, and popular subject areas.

**Age.** Kempfer (1973) presents the following two age distributions (Figures 2 and 3), one from Noffsinger's 1926 data and one from his own 1956 data, which show that age distribution has changed remarkably little over the years. The median correspondent student age in 1956 was 26.5 years, and in 1926 it was 26 years. Other studies support these figures. Rowbotham (1965) found the heaviest enrollment of students in the University of California Extension Division (26 percent of the sample) occurred in the 21- to 25-year category. In 1967, the median age of a sample of 340 people taking home-study electronics training was 25.9 years; the largest group (35.2 percent of the total) was 18 through 24 years of age, and the second largest group (32.0 percent of the total) was 25 through 34 years of age (Home Study Review, 1967). Donehower (1968) found 33.15 percent of his sample of Nevada University students were 20 through 24 years of age and 16 percent (the second largest group) were 25 through 29 years of age. Clark (1966) constructed a student profile of the student body of the International Correspondence School based on a statistical study of the more than 70,000 students who enrolled with I.C.S. in 1965. Twenty-nine percent of the students fell into the 20- through 24-year age range; 56 percent were older than 24 years, and 39 percent were younger than 20 years. The age spread of students differed significantly for men and women. Only 8 percent of the men were younger than 20 years, but 27 percent of the women were under 20. Fifty-three percent of the men were in the 20- through 29-year age bracket, while only 40 percent of the women fell within this age group.

**Sex.** Most reports find a greater number of men than women enrolled in correspondence courses. Rossi and Johnstone (1965), in their large survey of adult correspondence students, found predominantly men taking correspondence courses. Clark (1966) found a much higher percentage (91 percent) of males enrolled in I.C.S. schools than women, but he notes that there is probably a higher proportion of women in the entire home-study field than the figures indicate, because many students are enrolled in high school, business, art, and writing courses, which are very popular with women. There was a
Figure 2. Age distribution of private home-study students, 1926 (Kempfer, 1973).

Figure 3. Age distribution of private home-study students, 1956 (Kempfer, 1973).
slightly higher proportion of females (54.7 percent) in Donehower's (1968) sample, but only 23 percent of Kempfer's (1973) sample were females. Two reports from the University of California (Mackenzie et al., 1968; Rowbotham, 1965) indicate that sex and age must be considered together. Rowbotham found that up to and including age 35, there are more men than women; after age 35, there are more women. Similarly, Mackenzie reported that 54 percent of the students under age 35 are male, and beyond that age female students outnumber men.

Occupation. Noffsinger (1926) found that most correspondence students came from the middle and lower-middle economic groups, and most of them came from business (34.4 percent) and industry (22.9 percent). Many were in the trades and industries or were semiskilled workers aspiring to acquire the skills necessary to enter the skilled trades and business. More recent studies show a different picture. Clark (1966) writes that, as technical needs changed, the bulk of the student body shifted from unskilled workers to skilled workers, and later from skilled workers in the blue-collar group to white-collar workers. In 1965, 30 percent of his large sample of I.C.S. students were employed in professional and managerial, sales, and clerical and service occupations. Ball et al. (1966) found that the three largest occupational categories in his sample of University of Wisconsin correspondence students were students with no other position (31.3 percent), nonprofessionals (30.4 percent), and teachers (18.9 percent); 27.6 percent of the sample were using correspondence to supplement day courses, and 29.2 percent were using correspondence to continue their university education while working at other occupations. The six largest groups in Fairbanks' (1968) sample of 1,040 Oregon State correspondence students were teachers, college students with no other position, high school students, others studying high school courses, armed forces students, and homemakers. Kempfer (1973) presents the following table (Table 4) comparing the occupational distribution of home-study students in 1926 and 1956. His figures do not show the trend of a shift toward more professionals indicated by the preceding studies.

Education. Noffsinger (1926) found that 61 percent of his sample had at least a high school education; 46
Table 4

Occupational Distribution of Private Home Study Students as Reported by Two Researchers (Kempfer, 1973)

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aData gathered in 1956.
percent completed high school, 14 percent completed four years of college, and 1 percent had some graduate training. The Rossi and Johnstone (1965) survey showed that the median number of years of schooling among adult correspondence students was 12.2, which was identical to that for the total sample of adult participants. Participants from the lowest and highest educational brackets use the correspondence method less than those from the middle range of the educational continuum. In Rowbotham's (1965) sample, 42 percent of the enrollees had some college training, while 35 percent held a bachelor's degree or better. Twenty-five percent had been previously enrolled in other correspondence courses. Clark (1966) found that 68 percent of his I.C.S. sample had at least a high school education, a figure which had increased from 50 percent in 1955; similarly the number of students with some college training increased from 10 percent in 1955 to 20 percent in 1965. In Ball's (Ball et al., 1966) sample, 35.5 percent had three to four years of college, while 20.8 percent were using correspondence courses to extend their education past high school.

Geography. Noffsinger (1926) reported that the most popular locations for correspondence study were communities with populations from 2,500 to 100,000, where there was a degree of competition in semiskilled vocations but where the community was not large enough economically to provide agencies for this kind of training. Forty years later, Rossi and Johnstone (1965) arrived at the same general conclusions. They found that adult learners from small to medium-sized communities were more likely to pursue correspondence study than their urban counterparts. Forty-four percent of adult correspondence students live in areas with populations under 50,000, while only 29 percent of all adult learners live in similar areas. The results support the suggestion that correspondence instruction is useful to those geographically isolated from resident learning. Clark (1966), however, argues that the notion that most private home-study students are located in rural or small-town areas—remote from other educational facilities—was not borne out by his profile study of I.C.S. students. Instead, the distribution of his sample paralleled population density almost exactly; for example, the three largest states in terms of
Population; California, New York, and Pennsylvania, also had the largest I.C.S. student population.

Schwir (1929) surveyed correspondence students at the University of Colorado; in 1929 the courses most often selected were freshman- or sophomore-level courses with education and English being the most popular subject areas. Smith (1935) found advanced English composition, applied English grammar, and elementary English composition popular at all grade levels; advanced English composition held first or second place in all but two of the age groups, and applied English was only slightly less popular. The following chart (Figure 4) summarizes data of I.C.S. student enrollment by general subject area (Clark, 1966). Clark relates the chart to home study in general in 1966 as follows. The largest percentages of I.C.S. students were enrolled in business and high school courses, and these were certainly two of the most popular areas of study throughout industry. (In fact, several large private

![Figure 4. Enrollments by subject (Clark, 1966).](chart.png)
home-study schools offered only these areas of study or emphasized them in their promotion.) However, more I.C.S. students (32.2 percent) were enrolled in engineering or related programs than in any other single field of endeavor, and this was not representative of the field. Most of the other correspondence schools did not offer engineering courses, and those that did offer such courses enrolled relatively few students in them. Two other subject areas--art and electronics--deserve special explanation because the chart does not accurately reflect the popularity of the fields. Many students were enrolled in electronics and art courses; most of the largest home-study schools taught electronics, and some offered electronics courses exclusively. Also, several schools, including one of the three largest, taught art. Clark concluded that most private home-study students at the time of his survey were studying in the following fields: business, high school, electronics, engineering, technical and trade areas, and art. The remaining students were studying in special interest fields.

Reasons for taking correspondence courses. Fairbanks (1968) questioned Oregon State University students about their reasons for taking correspondence courses and their attitude toward them. The majority felt that the role of correspondence study was to provide diploma and degree courses to which one would otherwise lack access; most had favorable attitudes toward correspondence study. Kempfer (1973) correspondingly reported that an analysis of student profiles showed that the greatest number of enrollees wanted to get ahead in the fields in which they were already working; they were using home study for personal advancement. Seventy-one percent were taking vocational courses, 14.9 percent were taking academic courses, 11.1 percent were taking courses in religion, and 2.7 percent were taking recreation and avocational courses.

Interrelations. Donehower (1968) reported some interesting findings concerning the relation of some of the above characteristics of correspondence students to grades. Grade-point averages increase with level of education. They also increase with age until age 60 when they begin to decline. There was no correlation between sex and grade-point average.
Rossi and Johnstone (1965) compared correspondence students in general in the three tables (Tables 5, 6, and 7) shown below. Figures are given for those persons participating specifically in correspondence instruction (correspondence students); all those participating in any kind of study program, including correspondence study (all students); and all those interviewed, both students and nonstudents (survey sample). For most categories, correspondence students are comparable to students in general. The notable exceptions are that there is a much higher proportion of men in the correspondence sample, there are more craftsmen and foremen and fewer professional and technical workers in the correspondence sample, and there are fewer correspondence students in large cities and more in small cities and rural areas.

Table 5
Adult Student Population Distribution
(Rossi & Johnstone, 1965)

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*Base: 345
| Base: 4,710
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(Rossi & Johnstone, 1965)

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LeMaire (1964) compared males taking correspondence courses to males in the United States population in general and found that male enrollees did not resemble the total male population. Some differences are, for example, the older the persons were, the less apt they were to enroll in correspondence courses; there were twice as many high school graduates who enrolled for correspondence courses as would be expected on the basis of the number of male high school graduates in the total male population; there were nearly twice as many persons who had attended college who enrolled for courses as would be expected on the basis of the total male population; and there were fewer enrollees in cities with populations of 25,000 or less and in cities of 500,000 or more than would be expected on the basis of the total population.

Paisley, Hall, Mick, and Paisley (1972) reported some differences between adult education students and the population in general. Adult education participants are on the average more than six years younger than the "average" American adult. Sex, marital status, race, and religion do not appear to distinguish the adult education
### Table 7

Occupational Distribution of Adult Students in the Labor Force (Rossi & Johnstone, 1965)

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\(^a\) Base: 295
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\(^c\) Base: 14,265

Participant from the rest of the adult population. However, the well-educated and well-employed groups are overrepresented. Participants are twice as likely as nonparticipants to have attended college and to hold professional or technical jobs.

**Correspondence Work versus Residence Work**

Not surprisingly, much interest has been shown in comparing student achievement via correspondence with student achievement via residence work. Most studies of this type compare final grades of students taking a course by correspondence with those of matched students taking the same course in residence. Others use standardized tests instead of final exams, and some have compared other
measures of success upon completion of the course or a series of courses. We found one study that used students who had taken several courses by correspondence and several in residence and compared their overall grade-point average in each method. Most of the work indicates that students who take courses by correspondence achieve at least as much as students who take courses in residence.

Childs (1971), considering the evidence of several studies, concluded that students enrolled for instruction by correspondence study achieve academically as well as students enrolled for instruction by other methods, and that when a difference does exist, it is likely to favor the correspondence study method. Dubin and Favaggia (1968) made an extensive survey of the literature comparing various methods of study. They had to conclude that most studies showed no differences in final examination scores obtained through supervised independent study and any of the following methods: face-to-face instruction, lecturing, discussion method, and lecture-discussion method.

The oldest comparative study we found was one cited by Bittner and Mallory (1933); it was conducted in the first semester of the 1930-1931 school year at the University of Minnesota. The professor of a course in educational psychology taught that subject to 20 students in the classroom and to 35 students through correspondence. He found that the correspondence group had a slightly higher average on the final examination. About the same time Feig (1932) made a comparison of academic achievement and showed that correspondence students performed better than students having the same course in class with the same instructor. Meierhenry (1945) used standardized examinations to compare the vocational education of high school students who studied by correspondence to those who studied in class, but he found no differences in performance.

A much larger study was conducted by Childs for her Ph.D. dissertation (1949). She chose 14 subject areas and compared the people who completed these courses by supervised correspondence with people who took the same courses in five Nebraska schools chosen at random. When the subjects were matched for IQ and chronological age, the mean scores of the correspondence students on
achievement tests exceeded the mean scores of the classroom pupils in seven subjects; and there was no significant difference between the mean scores in three subjects. When the subjects were matched on IQ and G.E.D. (General Educational Development) scores, the mean score of the correspondence students exceeded the mean score of the classroom students significantly in one course and not significantly in two courses. According to Childs, the study indicates that the achievement of supervised correspondence students is definitely on a par with regular classroom students.

Newman and Highland (1956) showed that 64 airmen who had available only printed materials without instructor assistance could learn as much as three other groups of 64 airmen who studied (a) with especially competent instructors, (b) with tape recordings and workbooks, or (c) with tape recordings and slides. Farnam (1957) found that 66 university extension course students were significantly superior to 82 resident students in vocabulary test scores and on scores measuring comprehension level. Dysinger and Bridgeman (1957), on the other hand, found no significant differences between home and in-class students studying introductory psychology at the University of Wisconsin.

Crissey (1966) examined the effectiveness of training naval officers by correspondence. He used a three-assignment course called "Security of Classified Matter," which was chosen because it contained subject matter vital to Naval interests and because the material was not likely to have been learned in civilian experience. A test was given immediately upon completion of the course and again four months later. He found that the correspondence group had a significant gain in knowledge and that four months after completion of the course they still retained most of what they had learned. The knowledge of officers who had completed the course was compared with that of officers who had had recent security experience. Officers actually occupying security billets scored no higher than officers who had just completed the course; officers who had recently occupied security billets scored no higher than officers who completed the course four months previously. Officers who had the course plus experience produced significantly higher average test scores than those who had had only training or only experience.
Glatter and Wedell (1971, p. 48) draw the following conclusions based on their survey of correspondence courses in Britain: "It seems therefore that when it comes to taking tests and examinations, students taught by correspondence do as well as and sometimes better than those taught orally. They may also perform better in subsequent oral education if they have been successful in their correspondence studies. We are here, of course, talking about students who have actually got to the stage of sitting the examination or taking the test. Very few of the studies referred to so far even mention dropout, and only one gives the wastage rate from the courses in question."

We located three studies that examine the future success of correspondence students. Childs (1956) made up an experimental group of 79 students who had taken mathematics by supervised correspondence study in high school and had entered the University of Nebraska and registered for mathematics with no intervening training in this field. Her control group consisted of 79 matched students chosen from the same college mathematics class. Final grades were used as the measure of achievement. Her work indicated that pupils who have studied mathematics by correspondence in high school are on the average likely to have more success in future mathematics courses than those students of comparable ability who have not had this experience. Kennelly (1962, 1965, 1967) conducted two studies to see how well graduates of a correspondence high school perform in college; both studies involved graduates of the American School, a correspondence high school. He asked college registrars to rate the American School graduates as above average, average, or below average. For the second study he also verified that the colleges the graduates were attending did not on the whole have lower academic standards. In 1962; registrars gave ratings of average or above to 81 percent of the American School group; figures for the college population in general indicate that 72 percent perform above average or better. In 1967, 84 percent of the correspondence school graduates received ratings of average or above. Kennelly feels that the evidence is compelling that correspondence school graduates are not only adequately prepared for college, but tend to perform as well as, or better than, their peers.
Thordarson (1965) obtained similar results in a comparison of 400 students attending rural schools studying freshman high-school subjects, and students studying the same subjects in regular high schools. The status of both the correspondence freshmen and regular high school freshmen at the end of the five-and-one-half-month experimental period compared favorably with the status of freshmen throughout the nation in all of the areas measured. This was especially true of the fields of natural science and mathematical fundamentals, in which the initial status of both groups was above that reached by freshmen in other states by the middle of the year. The progress of correspondence freshmen in social studies during the experimental period surpassed that of regular high school freshmen during the same period; the difference was significant at the 1 percent level.

The following studies illustrate other kinds of comparisons of correspondence study to residence study. Larson (1932) examined a group of 56 students who had taken both residence and correspondence work at the university level; 72 percent of the students attained higher grades in correspondence courses than in residence courses. Corey (1934) compared test results of college freshmen listening to a lecture or reading identically worded materials for the same length of time. For immediate recall, the reading group was significantly superior to the lecture group, and, for the recall test 14 days later, the reading group was again superior but not significantly so. Milton (1962) studied long-term differences of in-class exposure to a psychology course versus out-of-class self-study with a typed version of the lecture. He found no differences in dropout rates from college and no differences in the number of students who immediately took the second half of the course, but slight differences in favor of the out-of-class group to enroll in upper-division psychology courses. Spencer (1965) found that grades earned by correspondence-study degree students were higher than those earned by resident students at Pennsylvania State during the 1963 spring term. Johnstone and Rivers (1965) questioned people about whether they would prefer to take a course they were very interested in by correspondence or classroom. Older people were more likely than younger ones to prefer correspondence; in addition, the lower a person's
socioeconomic status, the more likely he was to favor correspondence. The latter finding was especially true among women.

Method of Presentation

Several studies have searched for ways of improving correspondence courses by various changes or additions. While the change most often studied is the addition of programmed materials, the effect of programmed materials on learning is as yet unclear. Kempfer (1965) sent questionnaires to 136 universities, private correspondence schools, and federal agencies to see to what extent they were using programmed instruction; 120 replied, and 23 said they were using programmed instruction. Based on many statistics compiled from these 23 replies, Kempfer concluded that a modified form of programmed instruction offered some real advantages for correspondence instruction; a true linear format was too bulky and expensive for general use but could be useful for some purposes. Provisions for frequent student response to specific stimuli along with immediate feedback appeared to aid learning and was liked by students.

Childs (1966) summarized work comparing correspondence courses with and without programmed instruction and concluded that, while some evidence suggests that students in programmed correspondence study complete the courses in less time, the achievement of the students is approximately the same under both methods. She added that if there is a learning advantage, it rests with the regular correspondence study method.

Walsh (1962, 1963) conducted two experiments to test the importance of a programmed learning device, the PL-100, in a correspondence study situation. In each case, an experimental group used the PL-100 along with their regular correspondence course materials and a control group used only the regular materials. In the first experiment the two groups were similar in achievement, rate of progress, and nonstart and dropout rates, but the reactions of students were overwhelmingly in favor of the PL-100. In the second experiment, the progress rate was greater for the experimental than for the control group, and again the responses were overwhelmingly in favor of the PL-100. Achievement rates, nonstart rates, and
dropout rates were again similar. Schoen (1964) reported a mixed reaction by students to programmed instruction and a preference by a slight majority for conventional correspondence study. Tohtz and Long (1963) found no differences in achievement between experimental and control groups of freshmen taking expository writing via programmed instruction or conventional homework assignments. Sjogren (1964) compared three methods for teaching ninth grade English and algebra, namely, programmed materials only, regular correspondence materials, and regular correspondence with certain parts programmed. No significant differences were found in either subject between the achievement test means or dropout rates. Algebra students using all programmed materials completed the course in considerably less time, but there were no significant differences in mean completion times in English.

Kennelly (1965) compared achievement and learning time of students using traditional correspondence work with those of students using programmed materials. He found that the mean performance of students using conventional correspondence materials as measured by a standardized achievement test was superior in four out of five tests of significance. The mean learning time of students using programmed instruction was faster in three out of five tests of significance.

Stewart (1965) cites two studies favorable to the use of programmed materials. In the Bronx Community College of the City University of New York, where the normal attrition rate of a physics course was higher than 30 percent, the attrition dropped to less than 5 percent after the introduction of programmed instructional materials. U.S. Air Force personnel report that in using more than 100 programmed courses, Air Force students have saved 33 percent in learning time.

Friedman (1965) learned some student reactions to programmed courses by using two groups, one taking a course via standard correspondence materials and one taking the same course with programmed materials. Midway through the course he sent to each member of the standard group a programmed lesson corresponding to the lesson they were currently studying, and to each member of the programmed group a standard lesson corresponding to the programmed lesson they were studying. He found that when
A student is permitted to inspect the lessons, he will more often choose the programmed type, but that students often feel that they do not get as complete or comprehensive a course using programmed materials.

Other research has suggested different kinds of changes that might be made in correspondence courses to improve learning. As early as 1929, Reinoehl (1929) looked at number and length of periods of inactivity in relation to performance in correspondence courses. He found that the quality of work was affected unfavorably by periods of inactivity, and the quality of work tended to decrease when the number of months to complete it became excessive. Long lapses of inactivity occurred in the students who dropped their courses before completing them. Long courses tended to be pursued more rapidly than short courses; 24 assignments made a satisfactory course length for most students.

DiVesta (1954) compared three ways of presenting written material and two kinds of examinations. The three kinds of writing styles were formal, informal, and division into units similar to those used in programmed courses. The two kinds of tests were closed book, and open book in which the students received a copy of the examination at the beginning of the course. More subjects in the open-book-examination groups finished the course than subjects in the closed-book-examination groups. There were no significant differences in achievement in subjects in the three types of learning groups, but subjects taking the open-book examination made higher achievement gains than subjects taking the closed-book examination. The retention test, closed book for everyone, was given 30 days after receipt of the final examination. Learning style made no difference in retention of the student's achievement level, but the closed-book-examination groups had significantly lower retention scores than the open-book examination groups. The subjects who took the closed book examination maintained their original achievement level on the retention test, while those who took the open book examination had significant losses over the 30-day period.

Montross (1956) and Wilson (1968) experimented with ways of making correspondence courses more personal. Montross compared an experimental group who received standard correspondence materials plus special letters and
visits from the staff with a control group who received only the standard materials. The experimental group completed significantly more assignments per student per month and had a significantly greater percentage of students returning assignments each month than the control group. The experimental group completed 24 percent more assignments overall, had more total completions, and had fewer students not beginning than the control group, although these differences were not significant. Most importantly, the experimental group made significantly greater achievement gains and had a more positive attitude toward correspondence courses. Wilson's study involved two experimental groups and a control group; for one experimental group the lessons were graded but not returned, and for the other group there was feedback via telephone. The control group received only the standard correspondence materials. In terms of numbers of students submitting lesson one, completion rates, and time required for completion, the performance of the experimental groups was better than that of the correspondence subjects. Students in the experimental groups were more likely to start the course, more likely to complete it, and more likely to complete it in less time. However, of those who did complete the course, students in the traditional correspondence study group and those in the experimental group without voice contact received higher grades and increased their posttest scores over their pretest scores by a greater, but not significantly greater, margin than the other experimental group. In line with this, Childs (1966) concluded from her survey of studies on teaching by correspondence that the nature of the response made by the teacher who evaluates student lessons is not in itself important, but that what the syllabus or teacher can do to elicit student responses in the form of either tests or written assignments does increase student interest and achievement.

Conclusions

First, the large numbers of students that have been enrolled in correspondence courses for a wide variety of subjects throughout this century provide adequate testimony to the need for home-based education. What is also important in assessing this evidence of need is that
the large numbers of students are not concentrated in any single topic but range over the widest possible diversity of student groups, from adults with very specific vocational education aims to adults seeking professional or cultural enrichment without highly specific career goals.

Second, the extensive data surveyed also make clear that the main features of this traditional form of home-based instruction have quite constant characteristics in terms of dropout rates in given areas of instruction, and it seems doubtful that substantial differences in effectiveness can be brought about by methods that stay within the traditional framework of correspondence instruction.

Third, the continued increase in the absolute number of students enrolled for correspondence courses in the United States, coupled with the evidence that this method of instruction is economically relatively cheap, leads to the conclusion that correspondence instruction will continue to have a robust future for the rest of this century. We consider later the possibilities of enhancing it by the use of recent technologies of instruction.

Correspondence-study References


Used a random sample of 1,000 students registering for correspondence courses at the University of Washington, Seattle.


A survey of 25 State University extension divisions in the South, West, and Midwest.

Includes a survey of enrollment in United States correspondence schools from 1900 through 1970.


A study of 5,000 United States Armed Forces Institute correspondents.


A comparison of supervised correspondence and classroom pupils in 14 high school subjects from 5 different subject-matter fields.


The experimental group consisted of 79 students who had taken mathematics by supervised correspondence in high school, entered the University of Nebraska, and were studying mathematics with no intervening training in mathematics. The control group consisted of matched students who had studied mathematics in regular classrooms in high school.


Fifty students from each of six high school correspondence courses from the University of Nebraska were selected as subjects. Tests of mental ability and supervisor ratings were studied to see if a relation could be found to correspondence course completion.

Review article.


Review of recent research.


A student profile of the International Correspondence School (I.C.S.) student body, which involved a statistical study of more than 76,000 students who enrolled with I.C.S. during 1965.


Two groups of 82 college freshmen at Teachers College, University of Nebraska, listened to a lecture or read identically worded material concerning an orientation course.


A large study of the effectiveness of training naval officers by correspondence. There were an experimental group of 115 officers and two control groups of 128 and 122 officers, respectively. Comparisons were also made with 475 officers who took the course through regular.
channels and 472 officers who could have learned the material through their particular experiences.


A comparison of three ways of presenting written material for a correspondence course and two kinds of examinations, 353 airmen completed the materials. The course was at the Officer Candidate School level and concerned an understanding of the development of physical education programs for combat fitness.

Donehower, G. M. *Variables associated with correspondence students*: A study to test twelve hypotheses. Reno: Nevada University, 1968.

The study involved 905 Nevada University students taking college-level courses.


A survey of literature comparing various methods of study.


A comparison of 41 students taking introductory psychology by correspondence with 167 students taking the same course in a regular classroom setting.


A questionnaire asking 26 questions about reasons for choosing correspondence study and attitudes toward it
was returned by 1,040 Oregon State correspondence students.

Fairing, R. L., & Hugfies, C. R. An analysis of students' reasons for failing to complete correspondence study. Gainsville: Correspondence Study Department, General Extension Division, University of Florida, 1950.

Two hundred forty-eight students enrolled in the Extension Division of the University of Florida responded to a questionnaire. All subject areas were represented.


A comparison of 66 university extension students and 82 resident students.


An evaluation of attitudes toward correspondence and residence work of 36 universities, 38 state departments of education, and correspondence students.


Compares student reactions to correspondence courses with programmed instruction with reactions to conventional correspondence instruction for an introductory course in electronics. Three hundred-eight students returned the questionnaire.


An extensive survey of correspondence education in Britain plus chapters on correspondence in other countries.

A questionnaire was sent to nonstart correspondence students at the University of Tennessee. Thirty-two percent responded.


In a survey conducted by Ziff-Davis Publishing Company, questionnaires concerning attitudes toward home study were sent to 3,000 readers of electronics magazines. Three hundred forty responded.


A questionnaire was sent to 441 correspondence students at the University of Florida, 249 replied.


Interviewed or received information about 55 adults and 125 high school students taking correspondence courses through the University of Wisconsin's Extension Division.


A monograph concerning many aspects of adult education including the results of a questionnaire survey of preferences for correspondence or residence courses.

Questionnaires were sent to 136 universities, private correspondence schools, and federal agencies to learn to what extent they were using programmed instruction. One hundred twenty institutions replied.


A survey of correspondence schools in the United States with a special focus on Illinois. Some data from the Home Study Council's 1970 survey are included.

Kennan, R. B. The private correspondence school enrollee. New York: Teachers College, Columbia University, 1940.

A survey of private schools in the United States, particularly the International Correspondence Schools and Women's Institute.


Questionnaires were sent to college registrars to find out how well graduates of the American School (a correspondence high school) performed in college. Questionnaires were returned from 365 colleges regarding 568 students.


A comparison of correspondence courses through programmed instruction with traditional correspondence courses at the American School (a correspondence high school).

A follow-up to the 1962 study; this time registrars from 620 institutions responded regarding 1,191 students.


Compared the grades received by 56 students who had taken both residence and correspondence work at the university level.


A study to see if there are any significant differences between characteristics of the United States male population and those of male correspondence school enrollees. Information was gathered from records of students who had enrolled for courses at the International Correspondence Schools during 1961.


An extensive study conducted by the Correspondence Education Research Project (C.E.R.P.) to provide a history of correspondence instruction, a survey of current problems and practices, an analysis and evaluation of correspondence instruction as a method, and some predictions about the future.


Meierhenry, W. C. A vocational education program for the small high school utilizing supervised correspondence study and work experience. Unpublished dissertation, Teachers College, University of Nebraska, 1945.

An experiment concerning the use of supervised correspondence for high school vocational subjects.


A study of long-term differences of in-class exposure to a first-year psychology course compared to exposure through a correspondence course.


Tested the effects of several ways of making correspondence courses more personal. Two groups of 44 students were selected from those who registered in the University of Wisconsin Extension Division from January 1953 to February 1954.


A survey of United States correspondence schools plus 63 correspondence schools in 29 foreign countries.


Compared four instructional methods with four groups of 64 airmen each.


A large survey of private home-study students.


An intensive study of 949 institutions, including large public school systems, junior colleges, four-year colleges, and universities, concerning two major questions: (1) In what ways are lifelong learning programs being promoted imaginatively and effectively? (2) Can exemplary practice be adopted or adapted by other programs for more effective outreach?


A study of correspondence students who do not complete their courses.


A study of the relation of number and length of periods of inactivity to achievement and completion. Subjects were 116 correspondence students at the University of Arkansas; 2,382 reports on their completed assignments were reviewed.

A study of 10 years of correspondence study at the State College of Iowa, Cedar Falls, Iowa.


A comprehensive study of adult, nonmilitary correspondence students in 1961-62.


A survey of students in the University of California Extension Division.


A study of the use of programmed instruction in military home study programs—particularly student reactions to programmed instruction. Two courses were used; 416 students completed one, and 138 completed the other.


A survey of correspondence courses taken by students of the University of Colorado using data from registration forms and correspondence instruction records.


Compares three kinds of correspondence instruction for teaching ninth-grade English and algebra; one included
the use of programmed materials. There were 191 students in the English groups and 186 in the algebra groups.


A questionnaire study of 135 University of Kentucky correspondence dropouts.


A survey of adult participation in home-study courses at Columbia University; the sample contained 5,700 students who registered in correspondence courses from 1925 to 1932.


A study of all (3,303) college-credit and noncredit correspondence completions at Pennsylvania State University during the period of July 1, 1962, to June 30, 1963.


Comments about applications of "learning systems" to the development of correspondence courses. Cites some studies about the use of programmed instruction in correspondence courses.

Study of completion rates of 2,092 University of Utah correspondence students in the 1962-63 school year.


A comparative evaluation of 400 students attending rural schools studying freshman high school subjects by supervised correspondence courses and students studying the same subjects in regular classrooms.


A comparison of 273 freshmen taking expository writing by programmed instruction with others taking the same course with conventional homework assignments.


A study of the importance of the PL-100 in a correspondence course in a mathematics course from the International Correspondence School. Fifteen hundred students enrolling for the course on alternate days during July and August of 1961 received a PL-100 as part of their course materials; records were kept for a control group who did not receive the PL-100.


Summarizes three experiments that follow the 1962 experiment; more than 5,000 International Correspondence School students were involved. An experiment involving the use of the PL-100 in a classroom under supervised conditions is also discussed.
Wilson, R. R. The effects of selected programming—Analog techniques and voice-contact on completion behavior in correspondence instruction. Unpublished manuscript, Michigan University, 1968.

Compared the effects of attempts to personalize correspondence courses; three groups of 50 adults each were used.
II. HOME-BASED COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION FOR
GIFTED STUDENTS

The Institute for Mathematical Studies in the Social Sciences (IMSSS) experimented with a special program of instruction for a selected number of highly gifted students in the Bay Area. Participating students, primarily in the age range of 10 to 14 years, were offered courses in mathematical logic and related parts of mathematics, including programming courses, and an introductory Russian course. The students did essentially all of the work at home on Model-33 teletypewriters that could be connected to the PDP-10 computer at IMSSS through an acoustic coupler and the home telephone. In this report we explain the program and discuss the results of the elementary logic course.

Procedure

Eight school districts in the areas surrounding Stanford University were invited to submit the names of students whose IQ as measured by the Stanford-Binet intelligence test was at least 165 and who seemed to have a wide range of outside activities; the latter condition was stipulated so we could determine how well a home-based computer-assisted instruction (CAI) curriculum would compete with other established interests. The districts were asked to include with each name a statement describing the student and indicating why he or she was being recommended for the program. Some districts did this; others submitted short autobiographies of the students, and some submitted only the test scores. From this information members of the Institute staff selected a total of 16 students; there were some from each district and an equal number of boys and girls. We made four exceptions to the criterion of having a Stanford-Binet IQ score of at least 165: Three of the children measured "superior" on the WISC but had not taken the Stanford Binet, and the fourth child measured only 132 on the Stanford-Binet but was an outstanding achiever in his district. Children who were not selected were placed on a
waiting list. All selected children were in the sixth, seventh, or eighth grade with the exception of one girl in the third grade and one in the fifth grade.

The program began in the fall of 1973. By June of 1974, 8 children had dropped out for reasons which will be explained later, and 3 more dropped out in the fall. Ten new students were selected from the waiting list in June, bringing the total number of children in the summer program to 18; 2 more new students were added in the fall, making a total of 28 gifted children in the program at some time during the experiment.

Tables 8 and 9 summarize IQ data and age data for the participating children, and Table 10 summarizes sibling data. Two facts about sibling placement of the students

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are of interest. First, none of our students was an only child, and, second, while 19 of the 28 students came from families with more than two siblings, 17 of these were either the oldest or the youngest child. We had only two students who had both an older and a younger sibling.

In November of 1973, letters of invitation were sent to the parents of each child selected for the program; copies were sent to the cooperating school district. The letters provided a description of the program, including the available curricula and necessary equipment, and indicated that there would be no cost to the family. All families agreed to participate. Installation of teletypes began as soon as permission was given by the parents; all were installed by January of 1974. The students were shown how to dial the computer at IMSSS, how to use the terminal, and how to sign on to the elementary logic course. With this minimal explanation all students were able to begin their CAI work.

A meeting was held on January 14, 1974, at IMSSS for parents and students. This was a general meeting to answer questions about the program and the curricula and to provide a tour of the IMSSS facilities. Parents were encouraged not to urge their children to work on the teletypes; instead, students were to pace themselves and work as much or as little as they wished. The meeting was well received and follow-up monthly meetings were planned. However, because of the gasoline shortage, no further meetings were held until June when the 10 new students had been selected.
A proctor was available at IMSSS four days a week during scheduled times so students could telephone for help. Some students, who indicated they felt too shy for telephone, were called once a week by the proctor to see if they were having any problems.

The summer program was similar to the spring program. Letters of invitation and explanation were sent to the 10 new students and a meeting was held June 17 for old and new students. This time the parents were not encouraged to come.

Summer students were told that they could take a programming course, BASIC, along with the logic course by writing or telephoning IMSSS to request a BASIC manual. This left the initiative with the student: Six students requested the manual and began the BASIC course, and two finished the course by January 1, 1975.

By midsummer it was apparent that eight students—four new students and four old students—were not working regularly toward completing the logic course. Weekly individual goals were set to encourage regular study. The students expressed approval of the goal setting but, in fact, did not change their work habits. By January 1, 1975, four of these students (two old and two new) completed the logic course, two (new students) were still working very slowly and irregularly, and two (old students) had dropped out.

Two students, who were friends attending the same school, seemed to enjoy competing with each other on the CAI curricula, and this competition apparently stimulated progress. After further inquiry, telephone lists of all participating students were mailed to the students. However, the students did not make much use of the lists, possibly because they were too shy to telephone peers they had not met.

Curriculum

The first part of the elementary logic-algebra program is basically a tutorial course in elementary logic concerned with introducing numerical and sentential variables, forming algebraic terms and sentences, and working with truth conditions of simple sentences. The logical connectives are introduced; as well as their truth analysis. Along with the introduction of each connective,
the rules of derivation appropriate to it are also presented. The student is required to make logical derivations using each of the rules, as well as to make more complex derivations combining the rules. In addition to the rules of logic, the student also learns and uses some algebraic rules. Several lessons are devoted to the concepts of validity of rules and validity of arguments.

The second part of the program is concerned with modern algebra. From a small set of axioms and rules of inference the properties of the field of rational numbers are developed. Beginning with the axioms for addition, the student proves some elementary theorems such as the cancellation law for addition. Axioms for multiplication and ordering are then introduced, and the student eventually derives as theorems the standard properties of the field. A more detailed outline of the elementary logic-algebra program and a complete list of rules and axioms taught each year can be found in Suppes, Goldberg, Kanz, Searle, and Stauffer (1971) and Suppes (1972); the early history of the elementary logic curriculum (for 1964-65) is given in Appendix 1 of Suppes, Jerman, and Brian (1968).

Basic information, including new vocabulary, dominance of connectives, strategies, and derivations involving English sentences, are presented in a multiple-choice response mode. The rules are presented one at a time followed by a few problems making one-step and then two-step use of the rule. Thereafter, derivations make regular use of the new rule and all previously given rules. For multiple-choice problems the error message WRONG, TRY AGAIN follows incorrect responses; the student continues to respond until he gives a correct answer. For derivation problems, incorrect syntax or invalid comments from the student are followed by brief explanatory messages. However, as there are often many ways of deriving a given conclusion from given premises, the computer allows any valid step, whether or not it helps reach the conclusion. Which rules to use and details of their use are matters of strategy determined by experience and ingenuity.

Other courses available to the students—the college logic course, the Russian course, and the programming courses—are not discussed in this report.
Results

Before presenting the data, we would like to give some observations of a general nature concerning student reactions to their CAI work. Three boys were, from the beginning, extremely interested in the system itself, both the hardware and the software. Two of these worked through the logic curriculum very quickly, while the third worked more slowly but regularly; these boys appeared to be more interested in completing the curriculum as a step toward learning more about the system than in the curriculum itself. Another boy was obviously enthusiastic about learning the logic material as an end in itself and worked very fast. A group of eight students (including one of the boys already mentioned) worked more slowly but regularly and without any pushing by the proctor. The remaining children required much encouragement by the proctor and, even so, worked very slowly and irregularly.

Of the 28 students, 10 asked to have their teletypes removed before they had completed the elementary logic course. All but two of these completed at least the first part of the curriculum. Five stopped at either the fifth or sixth lesson of Part 2; these lessons teach conditional proofs including the use of a working premise and the affirm-the-antecedent rule. These concepts proved to be difficult for most students and evidently were enough to push a student who was wavering into dropping. Two of the remaining three who completed the first part of the curriculum were about one-fourth of the way into the second part of the elementary logic, and the third student was a little over halfway through. One student dropped out of the program as soon as he completed the elementary logic course; he was a very good (i.e., fast) summer student who felt that once school had started, again in the fall he would have too much school work to begin the CAI college logic course.

When questioned about why they wished to drop the courses, two students indicated a preference for other time-consuming activities—swimming in one case and children's theater in the other; two others said they would have liked more personal contact—they liked the meetings and felt the telephone conversations with the proctor were not sufficient. The remaining students were not as specific and simply indicated a general lack of
interest. Eight of the students who requested the removal of their teletypes had worked a little on the programming courses but evidently were not stimulated by these either.

Tables 11, 12, and 13 show sibling data, IQ data, and age data for the 11 students who dropped out of the program early. Six of the 11 came from families of more than two siblings; only one was a middle child. It is interesting that both the student with the lowest IQ and the student with the second highest IQ were among those who dropped out.

Eleven students had completed the elementary logic course as of January 1, 1975. One winter student completed the course in 5.5 months, one completed it in 7 months, one completed it in 9.5 months, and one completed it in 10.5 months. Of the summer students, one completed

Table 11
Placement of Subjects among Siblings for Students Leaving the Program Early

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The course in 1.5 months, two completed it in 2.5 months, one completed it in 5 months, and two completed it in 6 months.

The minimum number of hours used to complete the course was 26; this student spread the hours over a period of 9.5 months. Another student used more hours to complete the course (32.5 hours) but fitted those hours into a period of 19 days. Of the students who have completed the course, the maximum number of hours used is 55.3; this student worked for 10.5 months. One winter student and two summer students had not yet completed the elementary logic by January 1, 1975; as of that date, they had spent 24.2, 25.3, and 48.5 hours on the system. The average number of hours used by those who completed the elementary logic course is 37.7.

Models of Individual Interest Trajectories

We studied in depth the interest level of individuals over time by using some general axioms about interest level from which can be derived a basic stochastic differential equation that seems to be characteristic of many different curricula. The equation is derived in Suppes, Fletcher, and Zanotti (1973). The solution of the stochastic differential equation may be written as

\[ y(t) = bt^k + c, \]

where \( y(t) \) is cumulative time on the system, \( t \) is a function of the length of time the teletype has been in
the home, and parameters $b$, $k$, and $c$ are estimated separately for each student. In fact, we estimated $b$ and $c$ 25 times for each student, once for each value of $k$ from 0.05 to 1.25 in steps of 0.05. (That is, $k = 0.05, 0.10, 0.15, ..., 1.25$.) As we will show later, the value of $k$ does not significantly affect the fit of the theoretical curves to the data.

In estimating individual parameters and fitting individual curves to individual student data, we used the mean standard error as our main measure to evaluate the fit of the theory. To be explicit, let $o_{ij}$ be observation $i$ for student $j$ and $t_{ij}$ be the corresponding theoretical prediction. Then the standard error of $n_j$ predictions for student $j$ is:

$$\text{standard error} = \left[ \frac{1}{n_j} \sum_{i=1}^{n_j} (o_{ij} - t_{ij})^2 \right]^{1/2}$$

and the mean standard error for the sample population of students is just the mean of their standard errors. We also used the mean absolute residual—that is, the mean absolute difference in the predicted and observed values for each student—and the mean of the maximum residuals for each student as measures of fit.

We observed the cumulative time for each student on the first and fifteenth of every month from October 1, 1973, through December 31, 1974, making an average of 10 points per student. The minimum number of points for any student was 2 (this student was not included in the data that test the theory), and the maximum was 22.

For the most part the theoretical curves were very close to the observed data. Figures 5 and 6 are examples of typical observed curves for students who had entered the program by January of 1974, and Figures 7 and 8 are examples of typical observed curves for students who entered in June 1974.

The curves for the summer students differ from those of the winter students as we would expect, because of the greater amount of time available to them during school vacation for working on the program. Plotted with each curve are two theoretical curves, one using the $k$ that gave the best fit in terms of mean standard error and the
Figure 5. Typical student curves with best and worst predicted curves (Student A).
Figure 6. Typical student curves with best and worst predicted curves (Student B).
Figure 7. Typical student curves with best and worst predicted curves (Student C).
Figure 8. Typical student curves with best and worst predicted curves (Student D).
other using the \( k \) that gave the worst fit. It is clear that the theoretical curves fit the data quite closely and that there is not much difference between curves given by the best and worst \( k \).

Figure 9 shows an observed curve for which the theory did not predict well; this student had a long period of inactivity followed by a period of being very active. It would be possible to derive an equation that would handle cases such as this one in which there are long periods of inactivity and then short bursts of activity, but only two of our students followed this pattern and we decided not to pursue the matter further.

To give a sense of the effect of using the same \( k \) for all students and to see how the mean standard error varies with the variation of \( k \), we show in Table 14 the results of letting \( k \) range from .05 to 1.25.

As can be seen from the table, the mean standard error varies from a maximum of 2.3606 for \( k = .05 \) to a minimum of 1.9391 for \( k = .70 \). The third column shows the range across students of the standard error. In the worst case, with \( k = .05 \), the top of the range is just slightly under 7 hours. The mean absolute residuals are shown in the fourth column; again the minimum, 1.6564, is for \( k = .70 \) and the maximum, 2.0207, is for \( k = .05 \). The sixth column shows the mean of the maximum absolute residuals; here the values range from a minimum of 3.3661 for \( k = .55 \) to a maximum of 4.3897 for \( k = 1.25 \). The range of the absolute residuals and the maximum absolute residuals are shown in columns 5 and 7; they exhibit a pattern similar to the ranges of standard error with the largest values for the extreme values of \( k \) and the smallest values for the middle values of \( k \).

At the bottom of the table we have shown the fixed value of \( k = .5620 \) that arises from taking the mean of the best individual \( k \)'s. This mean fixed \( k \) is close to the minimum shown in the table in terms of each measure of fit; this was true of the data in Suppes et al. (1973) as well.

In Table 15 we compare the results for this population mean of individually best \( k \)'s with the mean standard error for the individually best \( k \)'s.

As in the Suppes et al. (1973) data, all measures show improvement from going from an approximately best \( k \) that is constant for all students to individually
Figure 9. Curves for student for whom the model did not fit well.
Table 14

Evaluation of Fit of Theory Using Same Exponent $k$ for Each Student, but Individual Parameters $b$ and $c$

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estimated k's. The standard error moves from 1.9554 with a constant k to 1.4745 with individual k's; the mean of the mean absolute residuals moves from 1.6744 to 1.2932; and the mean of the maximum absolute residuals moves from 3.3638 to 2.7448.

Figure 10 shows how relatively flat the curve of the mean standard error is when a fixed parameter k is used for the entire student population; the data are graphed from the second column of Table 14.

The flatness of Figure 10 indicates that if a fixed k is used for the entire population, there is no need to have an exact estimate of it; any value in the range from .45 to 1.00 will give about as good an estimate as any other. In Suppes et al. (1973), a similar curve was found with the best choices for k being between .3 and .6.

In Figure 11, we show the histogram for the distribution of the exponent k when estimated individually. The figure shows a wide range of best k values, and in this respect there is great student variability. On the other hand, Figure 10 and the Suppes et al. (1973) work have shown that considerable variation in the range of k will affect only slightly the fit of the predicted curve to the observed data, and so the variability is not as great as it appears.

Conclusions

Five rather different, but salient, conclusions seem to emerge from this study.
Figure 10. Graph of mean standard error as a function of the parameter k.
Figure 11. Histogram of the exponent $k$ estimated individually for 25 students.
First, the high dropout rate experienced with this very special and very bright population of students is characteristic of the high dropout rates observed in other home-study courses. We left the structure of the program very free in order to test whether very able students of the kind we were working with would be able to sustain an interest in relatively difficult material over a long period of time. It should also be remarked that all of these students had very busy programs both in and out of school. We were in fact surprised, after the program began, to find the amount of time some of them were devoting to it.

Second, on the basis of the high dropout rate experienced, we would conclude that a sustained program of home study for gifted students would require the introduction of considerable structure and also, probably, clear arrangements about academic credit for the course work done. Perhaps the best arrangement would be, to be able to replace part of the routine school courses by the advanced courses available at computer terminals for home study, or at the very least to arrange for advanced credit for the courses competed.

From our extensive survey of the literature and from this intensive experiment, we believe that arrangements for introducing structure providing short-range goals for students, feedback on their progress, telephone conversations with proctors, and other forms of guidance and interaction need extensive experimentation in order to determine the optimal mix for home-study instruction. Our search of the literature indicates that there has as yet been very little serious experimentation on these matters. In view of the very large number of students engaged in home-study work in one form or another and given the technological possibilities for the future in terms of more intensive interactive courses available in the home, it seems most desirable that an extensive program of experimentation on the appropriate structures for such courses be undertaken.

Third, even though the students were in a very free environment of individualized study, the theoretical curves derived from the earlier work of Suppes et al. (1973) fit the student data surprisingly well. We believe that such theoretical curves can be introduced at a practical level to give students clear predictive
information on what they will accomplish in weeks ahead and to provide detailed guidance on their rate of progress. Such predictive student trajectories have, as far as we know, not previously been studied for home-based instruction. We believe that they offer an opportunity for a deeper understanding of learning rates in this environment and can be combined with advantage in the implementation of the kind of experimental work described in the preceding paragraph.

Fourth, in ordinary studies of achievement of students in different technologies, for example, in the extensive survey of Janison, Suppes, and Wells (1974), pretest and posttest achievement measures have been the primary instrument of assessment. The extensive data from correspondence courses and the restricted but detailed data from the group of very gifted students described in the present section indicate that, in the case of home-based instruction, the dropout rate is a more significant measure at the present time of assessment than actual achievement. This is meant in the sense that the primary problem of home-based instruction at the present time is, surely, to find ways to reduce the very large dropout rates encountered in almost all forms of home-based instruction. The variables that prove to have an effect on the dropout rate that were identified in Section I undoubtedly have substantial transfer effect to other technologies of instruction. We would recommend a very concentrated focus on dropout rate as an appropriate dependent variable for any experimental studies, and we would recommend that detailed quantitative and statistical models to predict the behavior of this variable be constructed. Although the literature surveyed in Section I is extensive, in one sense, with regard to analysis of the causes of dropout, it is on the other hand clear that detailed quantitative and statistical analysis using relatively sophisticated models has not as yet taken place and would almost certainly yield a better understanding of the phenomena than we now have.

Fifth, as we noted in the introduction to this report, we were disappointed at the lack of systematic studies of the costs of using various technologies for home-based instruction. We would strongly recommend that such studies be made, and we have some specific recommendations about such studies. It is evident that a number of
community colleges are now beginning to transfer a significant number of courses to a home-based environment. It would be particularly desirable to have data on the costs of this alternative method of instruction and also information as to whether the administrative decisions that have led to the offering of such courses have partly been due to economic pressures. We were not able to find data on the point, but it is our conjecture that the strong economic pressures on the system of higher education in this country constitute the most important single force for the continuing development of home-based instruction. Within the confines and purposes of this report, we were not able to undertake the analyses required for a serious projection of some of these trends. In fact, we believe that it is extremely difficult to obtain the relevant data to make such projections. It is for this reason that we would recommend that detailed analyses of a few specific community colleges and universities that are beginning to offer extensive home-based instructional programs by television would be desirable. It may be premature to undertake serious economic analysis within the next year, but certainly within the next three or four years such analysis should be feasible on the basis of the experience that various units of higher education will have accumulated by that time.

It is important that the matter of economic analysis be kept in perspective. It will for the indefinite future, until the cost of paper is far beyond what it is now, be cheapest to offer rather simple correspondence courses from the standpoint of educational inputs, but as our enormously complex system of higher education in this country gives adequate evidence of, we are not satisfied with minimizing educational costs even though the necessity of operating with strict budgetary constraints is now a problem faced by all levels of education. What we would recommend is that a specific effort be conducted over several years to develop and measure educational production functions for home-based instruction and that experimentation on various technologies for delivery of instruction be examined, especially from the standpoint of their production function characteristics.
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III. CROSS-REFERENCED ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY

Description of Bibliography

The cross-referenced annotated bibliography is in three subsections. The first subsection is the annotated references, numbered and alphabetized in six groups with the following group headings: dissemination; computers in education; television and videotape; multimedia; nontraditional study; and reference materials. To briefly describe the contents of each reference we developed a list of categories and subtopics; these descriptors include information about the nature of the paper, the type of program, and the particular subjects discussed in the paper.

The second and third subgroups combine the descriptor list with the reference list. The second subsection is a list of all the references with each reference followed by the numbers of the descriptors that fit best. The third subsection is the mirror image of the second subsection; it contains a list of all the descriptors with each descriptor followed by the numbers of the appropriate references. We have six groups of descriptors with the following descriptor-group headings: effects on users, media, program corruption, programs, and programs abroad. We did not include a special set of references to television in the media descriptor-group because we have a large group of major television references in the first subsection and because more than three-fourths of the other references we cite are concerned to some degree with television; thus a special listing for television here would not be useful in distinguishing references. We did not cross-reference any of the material in the reference group (in the first subsection); the content is evident from the title.

Most of the references we cite directly involve home study; however, we have included some references that discuss independent study programs that could be extended to home study. Similarly, some references to experiments in adult education and innovative educational technology that could be applied to home study have been included.
Our survey found very few references concerning the educational use of computers in homes. Britain’s Open University uses some home-based computer terminals as a part of their program (see item [1.04] in the annotated references) as does the TICCIT. (Time-shared Interactive, Computer-controlled, Information Television) project in the United States [1.03]. The Dial-A-Drill program in New York was a computer-controlled program in which students were called at home and given 5 minutes of practice in oral arithmetic problems; the oral exercises were generated from digitized word recordings stored on a computer disk, and the students responded by using a touch-tone dial [1.01]. The work of Stanford’s Institute for Mathematical Studies in the Social Sciences concerning use by gifted students of home-based CAI--reported in the preceding section of this report--is one of the few examples of detailed research into the use of computers for home study.

The articles we found on the uses of television for instruction fall into four categories: position papers and conferences, descriptions of educational television projects for adults, descriptions of educational television projects for children, and the use of educational television in other countries. The articles on videotapes include position papers and descriptions of educational uses for adults; these are much fewer in number than those on television. An outspoken proponent of the use of television in all aspects of education is Gattegno [2.21]; his book suggests a basic set of elements necessary for the successful use of the medium and includes some new ideas for more effective methods of presentation. Behrman [2.03] takes the opposite position and claims that television with its one-way communication is not a viable procedure for teaching. Gross [2.25] conducted a large experiment comparing 8,000 students enrolled in two television courses with on-campus students in the same courses. Much work has been done concerning the Children’s Television Workshop; some of it is descriptive and some experimental in nature ([2.02], [2.06], [2.11], [2.12], [2.13], [2.22], [2.26], [2.36], [2.38], [2.39]). Another television project for children is one concerning environmental education that was tried in Maine [2.04]. Foreign countries that have experimented with
educational television are Australia, Israel, and New Zealand [2.29]; South Africa [2.30]; and Japan [2.01].

We have combined literature concerning educational uses of combinations of media or uses of media other than computers, television, and videotape in the multimedia group. Programs in this group that combine media are not as extensive in scope as those included in the nontraditional study group which follows and do not, by themselves, lead to an advanced degree. We cite work that provides a sample of programs in the United States and in foreign countries and have included position papers, conference reports, and research reviews. Because of the scarcity of data concerning the use of these media in homes, we have included some references to projects involving media in classrooms or learning centers that do not require human instructors and thus could be used in homes as well; this is particularly true of radio projects.

The group we have called nontraditional study includes degree-oriented programs that involve the use of a combination of media for out-of-class study. A leader among such programs is Britain's Open University. Articles that describe the total program at the Open University have been included here (e.g., [4.08], [4.32]); articles that are concerned with a particular type of medium as used in the program have been included in one of the earlier groups. Several projects in the United States have been patterned after the Open University; these include the large SUN (State University of Nebraska) project (e.g., [4.16], [4.25]), the University Without Walls project [4.27], the Open University of Houston [4.33], and external degree programs in New York [4.18] and Florida [4.10]. Some work is being done at Montclair State College in New Jersey [4.21] toward finding ways to educate disadvantaged adults at home. Other literature mentioned in this group includes position papers, comparative overviews of several programs, and a few reports of similar work in other countries.

In the reference group we have included many bibliographies and educational indexes and directories to aid the reader interested in obtaining further information regarding a particular topic.
Annotated Bibliography

1. Computers in Education

1.01

AUTHOR: Beech, R. P., McClelland, S. D., Horowitz, G. R., & Forlano, G.
INSTITUTION: State Education Department, New York, 1970.

Telephone: In this program students are called at home and given 5 minutes' practice in oral arithmetic problems. The oral exercises are generated from digitized word recordings stored on a computer disk, and the students respond by using a touch-tone dial. The report describes the program and data and provides some conclusions about the results. A summary of the authors' extensive investigation of parent and student attitudes toward the program is included.

1.02

TITLE: Computer Assisted Lesson Service for Independent Study
AUTHOR: Brothers, W. L.
JOURNAL: Educational Technology, June 1972, Vol. 12, No. 6, p. 64.

INSTITUTION: This article describes the computer-assisted-instruction service of the United States Armed Forces Institute (USAFI). It includes major elements of the system.

Statistics: History of the program and cites some of the limitations and statistics of the lesson volume.

1.03

TITLE: Team Production of Learner-Controlled Courseware: A Progress Report.
AUTHOR: Bunderson, C. V.
MITRE: In 1971, the National Science Foundation funded two organizations, the MITRE Corporation in McLean, Virginia, and the University of Texas CAI laboratory, with two separate but related contracts for investigations leading to the further development of MITRE's TICCIT (Time-shared Interactive, Computer-Controlled, Information Television) computer system concept. The concept of using minicomputers, television, and cable distribution to produce a low-cost CAI system had been developed extensively by MITRE on the strength of a substantial internal commitment prior to this time. MITRE was to develop hardware, and Texas was to develop courseware.

Hardware: Since substantial additional courseware was required, a third team was established at Brigham Young University.

Courseware: This report gives an overview of the specific learner-controlled courseware production. An extensive reference list on the project is available.

1.04

TITLE: Communications Terminals Provide Lessons at Britain's Open University.


1.05

TITLE: Correspondence Study, Lost or Found.

AUTHOR: Holmberg, B.


Correspon-dence: The article describes correspondence study with emphasis on new educational methodology, course material, and media including CAI. Home study and student-teacher relationships are also discussed.

1.06


AUTHOR: Holtzman, W. (Ed.)


Implica-tions: The book deals with the application of computer technology to education, and the psychological and sociological implications of computer teaching, testing, and counseling.
1.07

TITLE: An Overview of the TICCIT Program.


CAI: The MITRE Corporation attempts to accelerate the mass dissemination of an educationally sound form of CAI through a multiyear program of development, demonstration, and evaluation. The goal of this program is to demonstrate that CAI can provide better instruction at less cost than traditional instruction in community colleges. An extensive list of other papers written about the project is available.

2.01

TITLE: Educational Broadcasting in Japan.

AUTHOR: Anderson, R. S.


Television: The article discusses various aspects of educational broadcasting in Japan.

2.02

TITLE: The First Year of Sesame Street: An Evaluation.

AUTHORS: Bali, S., & Bogatz, C.


3-5-year-olds: This report is an evaluation of the impact of educational television on 3- to 5-year-old children. One of the research questions was: Do children learn more in the home or in class? Characteristics of good learners are contrasted with those of poor learners. Two conclusions were: (a) children who watched the most tended to have the best pre-post gain scores, and (b) children viewing in their homes were at no disadvantage in comparison with those viewing in a peer-group environment with teacher supervision.
2.03
TITLE: TV, No Panacea for Education's Ills.
AUTHOR: Behrman, D.
Criticism: This was an experiment to show faults of educational television. The thesis is that one-way communication is not a viable procedure for teaching.

2.04
TITLE: North of Hamaskeog: A Newer-active TV Project.
AUTHOR: Bogart, E. R. Van de
Subject: A TV project in environmental education produced by the
Producer: Maine Public Broadcasting Network.

2.05
TITLE: Education and the Cable (A Personal View).
AUTHOR: Booth, E. G.
Advantage: The author suggests ways in which educators can take advantage of the opportunity cable-television offers. She states that while the number of educational institutes or public-school systems with actual experience in cable television is small, there are many indications that significant progress is being made in educating educators about cable.

2.06
AUTHOR: Bretz, R.
Home-based: A study was conducted concerning the use of television as a component of instructional programs designed for
Examples: home-based students. Three programs were examined: Chicago's "TV College," Bavaria's "Telekolleg," and one of the Children's Television Workshop series, "Sesame Street." The paper discusses the planning and development stages of these three projects, pointing out the procedures, activities, and elements of each that appear to be particularly significant to its success.

Checklist: A checklist of items necessary in the development of a new instructional program using television classifies the components necessary for success, in four phases.

Model: A general model is described that synthesizes the successful components in the preplanning, planning, promotion, production, operations, and evaluation stages, and gives a comparison of costs.

2.07

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2.08

TITLE: 1970 National Institute on Instructional Television and Adult Basic Education.

AUTHOR: Buskey, J.
A 3-week summer institute was established to train adult educators in the uses and techniques of instructional television and to acquaint television technicians with problems and goals of adult basic education. A central goal was to give television more than its previously marginal role in Adult Basic Education (ABE) programs.

2.09

TITLE: A Concept for Continuing Education of Adults. Adult Learning Program Service Development of Phase III.

AUTHOR: Carlisle, R.


Report: Details about the goals and content of the Adult Learning Program Service Development "ALPS One" project are included in this report by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

2.10

TITLE: Progress Testing . . . (With Sesame Street).

AUTHOR: Children's Television Workshop.


CTW: This report contains the following information about Children's Television Workshop (CTW) and Sesame Street: methods and procedures, progress testing, and results of the Character Familiarity Test. It also gives results of the ETS-CTW Sesame Street Test Battery.

2.11


Proposal: This report contains the following information about CTW: the present and the future, the problem of the preschool-educational wasteland, utilization by target audiences, and exploration of a new series on an approach to reading. Also in the appendix is a report on the following: instructional goals of Sesame Street,

2.12


AUTHOR: Children's Television Workshop.

School survey: The report discusses the success of The Electric Company as shown by a school survey. The survey included questions about school adoption levels, slow readers (target pupils), and viewing by pupils. There is also a teacher survey and a description of a manual, "Teachers Guide to the Electric Company." A discussion of technical deficiencies, activities to aid viewing, and future research is included in the report.

2.13

TITLE: Simulated Interpersonal Process Recall Through CCTV.

AUTHORS: Davis, W. C., & Whitehead, T. G. J.


Experiment: The article describes an experimental process which utilizes Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) to improve interviewer skills and to acquaint individuals with their own impact on others. The goal is to train people in a basic technique for self-analysis and review in an interviewer setting.

2.14

TITLE: An Interim Report on Britain's Open University.

AUTHOR: Dirr, P.


2.15

TITLE: Improving College and University Training.

AUTHOR: Dwyer, F. M.

Suggestirls: The article contains recommendations and suggestions to improve the visuals for instruction on television.

2.16
TITLE: Educational Television, The Next Ten Years.
REPORT: Stanford University Institute for Communications Research, Stanford University, California.
Problems: Problems of finance, program quality, manpower training and design and equipment of schools are discussed.
History: Appendices include brief histories of both educational television and educational radio.

2.17
TITLE: EVR: Teacher in a Cartridge.
New tool: The article discusses the electronic videocartridge as a potent new learning tool while emphasizing some of the new problems it creates.

2.18
TITLE: Cumbin: City University Mutual Benefit Instructional Network.
AUTHORS: Freund, S. A., & Marlmas, V. C.
CCTV: The development of a closed circuit television (CCTV) system has allowed the following 22 institutions to offer specialized courses on their campuses: 10 senior colleges, 8 community colleges, a graduate center, an affiliated graduate school, and 2 urban centers of CUNY.

2.19
TITLE: The Video Cassette as an Educational Reality.
AUTHOR: Gabor, S. C.
2.20

TITLE: Towards a Visual Culture: Educating Through Television.
AUTHOR: Gattegno, C.

Dr. Caleb Gattegno, a professional mathematician and educator, has been working in various fields of instruction for over thirty years; he is an outspoken proponent of the use of television in all aspects of education.

Elements: His book suggests a basic set of elements necessary for the successful use of the medium. He calls for a more visual use of the medium and claims that sound hampers the viewer's sight or vision as he watches television.

Gattegno suggests that more experimentation must take place to produce a new technology that would produce effects on the screen and the space around it. The author spends considerable time discussing not only television, but the viewer as well. Gattegno suggests the use of "horizontal programming," by which he means the use of 5- or 10-minute segments every day to develop a course of study that may take years to complete. One might call the segments single-concept presentations. or commercials. Sample "lessons" utilizing the horizontal programming concept are included.

2.21

TITLE: Pre-reading on Sesame Street.
AUTHORS: Gibbon, S. Y., & Palmer, E. L.
PAPER: Children's Television Workshop, June 1, 1970, 78 pages.

Description: This paper presents a brief history of CTW--its operational model and the workshop that carried out the initial experiment. It is concerned with the language and prereading goals represented in the Sesame Street curriculum. Descriptions of production techniques, teaching strategies, letter-learning goals, humor, and problems of sequencing and scheduling are provided. Some preliminary data indicate that success has been achieved in teaching letter identification.

2.22

TITLE: The Maze of People and Machines.
AUTHOR: Gibson, L. G.
Advantages: The article contrasts advantages and disadvantages of choosing television as a training/communications medium.

2.23

TITLE: Video-Cassettes, Formalists, and Informalists in Education.
AUTHORS: Gordon, G. N., & Falk, I. A.

Questions: This article deals with questions such as: What is this technology? What are the educational antagonisms?

2.24

TITLE: The Southern California Consortium for Community College Television.
AUTHOR: Gross, L. S.

Comparison: A consortium of 20 community colleges in Southern California enrolled 8,000 students for two televised college-credit courses and made comparisons between these students and on-campus students in the same courses. Information was gathered through questionnaires, college records, or interviews about course effectiveness, audience composition, and publicity results.

Results: Results are discussed.

2.25

TITLE: Directed Private Study.
AUTHOR: Jones, L. H.

Media: This article discusses directed private study, which offers flexibility, effectiveness, and economy when it uses television and other media in addition to the traditional classroom instruction.
2.26

TITLE: The Talk'n Tube MBA at the University of South Carolina.

AUTHOR: Knauss, Z.


2.27

TITLE: Course Production at the Open University I: Some Basic Problems.

AUTHOR: Lewis, B. N.


Team: The aim of this paper is to expose problems that arise when a collaborating team has to produce teaching materials for television broadcast under high time pressure.

2.28


AUTHORS: Mackin, E. (Vol. 1), Kimmel, P. (Vol. 2), and others.


ERIC: ERIC Document Reproduction Service Nos. ED 050 570 and ED 050 571.

ITV: In order to appraise the usefulness of instructional television (ITV) as the core component in instructional systems designed to meet the special needs of the educationally disadvantaged children of migrant farm workers, American Indians, and the inner-city poor, a study was made of the use of ITV programs to meet similar needs in other countries. The four in-depth case studies that are presented are: educational radio and television in Australia, ITV in Israel, the Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK) Gakuen (high school) program in Japan, and educational radio in New Zealand. The programs used in Australia, New Zealand, and Japan rely on correspondence courses to supplement the instruction provided on television, while the Israel ITV system is integrated into the school curriculum throughout the country.
2.29

TITLE: Management Training by Teletuition.

AUTHOR: Marais, G.


INSTITUTION: University of South Africa, Pretoria, South Africa.

Programs: This is a detailed paper outlining management training by television in South Africa. It describes the School of Business Leadership, the Master in Business Leadership, the Advanced Executive Program, and the Doctoral Program of the University of South Africa.

2.30

TITLE: Effects of Educational Television on Higher Education in the State of Colorado.

AUTHORS: Maxwell, L. M., & Lord, W.


Success: The authors suggest that the use of videotape at Colorado State University aids in instruction, as it saves costs and reaches many students. They feel that projects SURGE, graduate-level courses leading to higher degrees in engineering, and CO-TIE, a project offering prerequisites for pre-engineering, are applicable as solutions facing educators.

2.31

TITLE: MIT Videotape Series Can Replace Textbooks.

INSTITUTION: Massachusetts Institute of Technology Center of Advanced Engineering Study.


Lectures: The article advocates videotaping lectures and describes a special videotaped lecture series of Dr. R. F. Baddour, a noted chemist. The authors go so far as to ask the question, "Why have resident professors?"

2.32

TITLE: A Perspective on Cable Television and the University.

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This article about a conference, held in 1974 and called "Cable Television and the University," covers a wide range of the topics and issues dealt with at the conference, and supplements and clarifies some key points relating to the conference.

Television Technology and the Culture of Childhood.

This is a discussion of the importance of television to children (the heaviest television viewers) and the difficulty and lack of research evidence to analyze the effects of television. There is speculation on the role of cable television and the educational use of interactive cable television, with emphasis on the need for good research on the relation of the technology and childhood culture. Also discussed are technological changes in the future, such as the educational applications of two-way service. Such service would allow a child sitting at home to have his personal instructor in a course or play with his own companion in a game by hooking up his television set to a central computer. The possibilities for new children's programs are almost endless; Sesame Street and the Electric Company are only the beginnings of what might be accomplished.

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2.35

**TITLE:** Formative Research in Educational Television Production.

**AUTHOR:** Palmer, E. L.

**PUBLISHED:** Children's Television Workshop, 1972.

Behavioral: This comprehensive paper delineates the CTW operational model, curriculum planning, behavioral goals, experimental production, appeal of existing materials, and research on several other aspects of the CTW. It also addresses itself to internal compatibility; activity-eliciting, organizational and interpersonal factors; and many other topics regarding CTW.

2.36

**TITLE:** Automated Apprenticeship Training (AAT). A Systematized Audio-visual Approach to Self-paced Job Training.

**AUTHORS:** Pieper, W. J., et al.

**PUBLISHED:** April 1973, 241 pages.

Self-pacing: AAT is a systematized audiovisual approach to self-paced job training employing an easily operated teaching device. Two courses were developed for Air Force security police. Results indicate superior scores for the AAT graduates on a job-specific performance test, an apprentice knowledge test, and supervisor's ratings. Trainee man-hour requirements were lowered 30% and supervisory man-hours were lowered 70%.

2.37

**TITLE:** The Responses of Children in 6 Small Viewing Groups to Sesame Street.

**AUTHOR:** Reeves, B. F.

**PUBLISHED:** Children's Television Workshop, July 20, 1971.

Comparison: This report compares whole programs according to the following: degree of variety; length of individual program elements; program elements, including the teaching of numbers, words, letters, concepts, and cooperation; and program techniques including the use of guest stars, songs, and films.

2.38

**TITLE:** The Sesame Rather Project, Final Report.
INSTITUTION: Institute for Educational Development.


Overview: This report is a project overview including a literature survey, goals, objectives, details of the procedures, profiles of Sesame mothers and children, and an evaluation of the pilot project. It is a thorough and comprehensive report, complete with data evaluation and conclusions.

2.39


AUTHOR: Shabut, O. E.

LOCATION: Chicago City College.

CATV: This is a position paper on Community Antenna Television (CATV)—its educational promise and relevancy to the City College of Chicago.

2.40

TITLE: Televised College Courses in Maryland.

AUTHOR: Smith, W. S.


Credit: The article describes how college credit via television in the fourth year of operation has become a large-scale statewide operation in Maryland. In the fall of 1973, the Maryland Center for Public Broadcasting offered 8 different courses which provided credit through 17 colleges in every section of the state.

2.41

TITLE: Pilot Pattern for Home Management Instruction in Area Vocational School Curricula Based on Problems of Young Homemakers Employed Full-time in Clerical and Sales Occupations. (Continuation of Nos. 28 and 51). Final Report.

AUTHORS: Thomas, V. F., & Newman, A.

This report discusses the experience of 107 vocational students in a 6-week pilot project, which tested curriculum materials and implemented an instructional method consisting of 9 audiovisual instructional packets supplemented by correspondence with a master teacher. Data were acquired through interviews with teachers and questionnaires administered to students. It was suggested that, in order to use the materials in other types of educational centers, continuous correspondence between master teacher and students be encouraged, and additional units incorporating on-the-job management tasks be created. Several project materials are appended.

2.42

TITLE: Dr. Walter J. Fahey: Microcampus Originator.


Interview: An interview with the originator of a new approach to off-campus education utilizing videoplayers.

2.43

TITLE: Fifteen Years of Televising College Courses.

AUTHOR: Zigerell, J. J.


TV courses: In a letter to the Chronicle, James Zigerell, Executive Dean of the Learning Resources Laboratory and Television College, City Colleges of Chicago, discusses the televised college courses offered by this educational institution prior to the use of the term "external degree"

3. Multimedia

3.01


AUTHOR: Baran, P.

Two-way information services to the home may become a $20 billion per year industry by the end of the next decade; this report presents some market forecasts for 30 such home-information services. The 30 possible home information services are grouped into 6 major categories: education, business, general information access, shopping facilities, entertainment, and person-to-person communications. Services included in the education category are: computer-aided school instruction, computer tutor, correspondence school, and adult evening courses on television. Based on a Delphi study, predictions are made on uses of the categories of series. Appended computer printouts offer a compressed view of the forecasts for the 30 proposed systems.

3.02

TITLE: Open-minded Adult Education.

AUTHOR: Barnes, N.


The Open University may stimulate integrated, multimedia teaching in the field of adult education.

3.03

TITLE: An Experiment to Determine the Effectiveness of Using Audio-tapes for Independent Activities in a First Grade.

AUTHOR: Button, M.

PUBLISHED: 1972, 40 pages.


The experiment investigates the effectiveness of taped lessons accompanying worksheets for independent work activities in the first grade. The activities relate to reading and auditory perception. The audiotapes appeared to improve students' listening skills, but there were no other significant differences between experimental and control groups. It appeared that further study should investigate the impact of the individual's cultural background upon his ability to read.

3.04

TITLE: Broadcasting and Britain's Open University.
This article is a brief evaluation of the British Open University focusing on its use of radio and television.

3.05

TITLE: Central Arrangements for Promoting Educational Technology in the United Kingdom.


Overview: This a detailed report of the role of educational technology in Britain including descriptions and financing of old and new organizations. In addition, relations with the educational technology industry are discussed.

Finances: Annexed to the report is a proposal for audiovisual aids in education and an educational foundation for visual aids.

3.06

TITLE: The Open University--Tomorrow's Higher Education.

AUTHOR: Derolf, J.


Inter-discipline: The author describes Britain's Open University as a flexible adult-education system which utilizes an interdisciplinary approach and covers a wide range of subjects. He believes that each course should consist of correspondence packages, a series of television and radio programs, organized tutorials and counseling systems. He explores possibilities of the establishment of such universities in the U.S.A.

3.07


PUBLISHED: 1972, 92 pages.
Program: This is the fourth annual progress report of a multi-media, self-instructional, nursing education program. Accomplishments are outlined, and the current state of the project is described. Also included are sections on the probability of attaining the objectives, the impact of the project, and other publications. Descriptions of the study units which have thus far been developed and various other supplementary materials are appended.

3.08
TITLE: Extension Applications of Educational Technology.
Teaching aids: The article includes descriptions of programs using audiocassette tapes, computers, electrowriters, learning resource centers, audiotutorials, instructional television, radio, telelectures, telenetworks, closed-circuit television, videotapes, videocassettes, and instructional films.

3.09
AUTHOR: Gaudray, F., Comp.
ERIC: ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 047 533
Society: The demands made by modern technological society on the traditional educational system are briefly discussed.
8 countries: The remainder of the compendium describes 11 projects that are using educational technology--principally televised instruction--with success. These are projects from Brazil, Canada, West Germany, France, England, Japan, Poland, and the United States. Each report includes the aims of the project, a description of the programming, statistics about participation, and conclusions relating to the success of the programs.

3.10
TITLE: Some Background Considerations to the Establishment of an External Studies Programme.
AUTHOR: Gordon, H. L. A.
Combination: This study investigates how conventional, face-to-face teaching methods might be used in conjunction with correspondence study (CS), programmed instruction (PI), educational television (ETV), and radio broadcasts, to make higher education more widely available throughout the region served by the University of the West Indies. These auxiliary methods generally showed advantages in reaching scattered populations, coping with shortages of trained and skilled teachers, and enabling adults to study at home. Used with ETV, CS appeared to lose much of its flexibility but to produce more effective learning; it does enable students to proceed at their own pace. Some methods showed disadvantages in cost, feedback, and opportunity for practical work. Guidelines are offered for administering and planning effective multimedia CS. The current state of British CS and educational broadcasting is also examined, with particular attention given to the Open University. Ten references are included.

3.11
TITLE: Applications of Educational Technology at the Open University.
AUTHOR: Hawkridge, D. G.
Analysis: The author analyzes problems of subject-matter competence, diagnosing student abilities, creating conditions for improving instruction, and measuring achievement within the Open University framework.

3.12
TITLE: Continuing Education by Tape Correspondence.
AUTHOR: Hurley, H. K.
Radio: The article describes a program at the University of New South Wales, Australia, which utilizes radio lectures that are taped and sent to students.
3.13

TITLE: The Effectiveness of Alternative Instructional Media: A Survey.

AUTHORS: Jamison, D., Suppes, P., & Wells, S.


Effectiveness: This survey provides an overview of research on the effectiveness of alternative instructional media: classroom instruction (CI), instructional radio (IR), instructional television (ITV), programmed instruction (PI), and computer-assisted instruction (CAI). The objective is to bring together the overall results for the principal media. An extensive bibliography is included.

3.14

TITLE: Recent Developments in Radio/Correspondence Education in Kenya.

AUTHOR: Kinyanjui, P. E.


Radio: This article describes a radio program that has been particularly effective in upgrading teachers, who comprise 90% of the enrollees.

3.15


AUTHOR: Maclure, S.


Radio, TV: This article on the Open University discusses televised instruction, educational radio, and educational technology.

3.16

TITLE: Mass Media in Adult Education.

AUTHOR: UNESCO.
Seminar: Documents of the Prague Seminar, "The Contribution of Research to the Use of Audio-Visual Mass Media in Adult Education, Oct. 5-10, 1966." This international seminar, organized by the Central Committee of the Specialists: Czechoslovakia Trade Union of Educational and Cultural Commission, brought together 118 specialists in mass media from 14 countries. The aims of the seminar were to accelerate research relating to the use of audio-visual mass media in adult education, to initiate interdisciplinary exchange in such areas as techniques and methodology, and to further the cooperation of organizations and the coordination of their efforts in the field. Seminar reports, accompanied by commentary, deal with primary research problems, the state of the art of mass-media adult education, evaluation criteria, and aspects of viewer research. The work groups discussed radio, television, films, and possibilities for further research. Conclusions and suggestions were given concerning research and training needs, publications, information exchange, and cooperative program planning through UNESCO. The Document is available in English, French, Spanish, Russian, Czech, and German.

3.17
TITLE: Correspondence Study in Multimedia Learning Systems.
AUTHOR: Mathieson, D. E.

Correspondence: Assets and potentials of correspondence study with multimedia. This is a description of the Open University: University including uses of radio and television, correspondence study, short-term residential courses, and face-to-face meetings: face-to-face meetings with other students and tutors. It: Examination: briefly examines College Proficiency Examinations.

3.18
TITLE: Mediated Instructional Materials, Final Report.
ERIC: ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 079 958.
Materials: This final report reviews the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) TITLE 3 project that Evanston Township High School used to prepare self-instructional materials on film, audiotape, and videotape for use by students during independent study time. It lists the following objectives: (a) to determine the effectiveness of materials when used by other schools, (b) to identify problems involved with the exchange of materials between schools, (c) to identify students' and teachers' attitudes toward these materials, (d) to evaluate the effectiveness of these materials, and (e) to locate problems associated with local production and distribution of materials. A summary on expectations and the effect on cooperating agencies is given. The final section deals with continuing the project without federal assistance and states that the greatest resulting change was faculty recognition of the importance of mediated instructional materials.

INSTITUTION: National Association of Educational Broadcasters.

Radio, TV: This newsletter, which is published at unspecified intervals, contains news about educational radio and television. New public, private, and government programs are summarized.

TITLE: Radioprimaria: Pilot Project in Mexico Using One Teacher plus Radio to Teach Grades 4-6.
INSTITUTION: Information Center on Instructional Technology.

Mexico: The purpose of the Radioprimaria, a project of the Mexican Secretariat of Education begun in 1970, is to provide instruction in Grades 4, 5, and 6 to rural schools which have only the first three grades of primary school. The incomplete primary schools provide one teacher for Grades 1 through 6 who is assisted by the radio programs. The programs are prepared regularly in Mexico City and then transported to a university-operated radio station in San Luis Potosi where they...
Evaluation: are broadcast for 90 minutes a day. A Stanford study of Radioprimaria utilized the following methods to evaluate the radio schools in rural areas: direct observation, achievement testing, analysis of costs, questionnaires, and interviews. Their findings are briefly discussed.

3.21

TITLE: R and D for Adult Learning.

AUTHOR: Rahmlow, H. F.


Laboratory: Harold Rahmlow, the Executive Director of the Zimmerman Adult Learning Laboratory at the American College of Life Underwriters in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, describes the multimedia facility for adult-learning research and development. The laboratory is the first to provide an experimental facility of this type where adults in the professions and vocations will be provided with learning resources to be used in career study.

3.22

TITLE: Continuing Education in Kenya.

AUTHOR: Reed, J.


Radio: This article discusses educational radio, adult education, and correspondence study in Kenya. Program descriptions are included.

3.23

TITLE: Towards Mass Education.

AUTHORS: Remtulla, K., & Barrett, H.


Tanzania: Discussed in this paper are instruments directed toward mass education in use or soon to be in use in Tanzania.
Radio: These include: radio, radio with the addition of written study aids, and a combination of these with correspondence instruction. Because the radio approach to adult education has been uncoordinated at the national level, plans are in progress to show the need for this type of coordination. The Cooperative Education Centre in Moshi has developed different methods of organizing and teaching cooperative education. The plan to establish a national correspondence institution includes provisions for radio programs, study groups, and short residential courses.

3.24
TITLE: Report of the Conference on Newer Media in Correspondence Study.
Guide: This is a report of a conference held in Austin, Texas, to develop a guide for the use of available audiovisual media in correspondence study, and to set guidelines and specific projects for future study and research relating to the use of the newer media in correspondence study.

3.25
TITLE: Science and Technology Courses at the Open University.
Integration: The article reviews an Open University science course, which integrates concepts of the major sciences. The course is a multimedia course evaluating assignments via computer and using instructional television.

3.26
TITLE: Application of Radio to Teaching Elementary Mathematics in a Developing Country.
AUTHOR: Searle, B.
First grade: First-grade mathematics is being taught in Nicaragua classrooms by radio using a format designed to elicit active responses by children. Daily radio lessons use oral and written responses to carry the burden of instruction. Intensive analysis of student responses is made possible by the collection of daily worksheets.

3.27

TITLE: Social Education and Its Administration in Japan.
PUBLISHED: 1972, 44 pages.
Japan: Japanese social education covers most aspects of life including out-of-school education for children and lifelong education of parents in the home. Both governmental and nongovernmental agencies are concerned with the programs. Training for the personnel of these agencies is provided by the National Training Institute of Social Education, study tours abroad, and a training course on audiovisual education. Facilities utilized in the program such as radio and television companies are listed. An appendix gives locations of youth centers, shows trends in enrollment, and diagrams the school educational system.

3.28


Training: This volume of the Review Series deals with training in business, industry, and government; it is compiled from selected articles published in recent issues of Educational Technology magazine. Topics discussed are quality control, computer support, development of training systems, attitude change in industrial education, motivation, military training, specifying objectives, self-shaping training systems, programmed instruction, multimedia instruction, and computers.

3.29

TITLE: The Open University: Breakthrough for Britain?
AUTHOR: Walsh, J.
Topics: The following topics are discussed with respect to the Open University: educational television, educational radio, social influences, and correspondence study.

3.30 TITLE: Report of Assessment and Development--INCE's Department of Instruction.
AUTHOR: Wedemeyer, C. A.
Venezuela: This is an evaluation of INCE's Department of Instruction, Caracas, Venezuela, which suggests ways in which the present program can be expanded and advises the staff concerning the use of media and technology.

3.31 TITLE: Chicago City Colleges, University Without Walls and With No Illusions.
AUTHOR: Zigerell, J. J.
Interest: The author cites reasons for the new surge of interest in programs serving adults without higher education and emphasizes the importance of credentials.

4. Nontraditional Study

4.01 TITLE: Adult Education in Sweden.
ERIC: ERI C Document Reproduction Service No. ED 055 263.
Forms: This review discusses the forms of adult education in Sweden; it includes the courses provided by the Labour Market Board, the folk high schools, the national and local educational schemes, the Commission for Television...
and Radio in Education (TRU), and the training courses arranged by the employee organizations. Brief mention is also made of other organizations, but the review is not intended to be taken as a comprehensive report on Swedish adult education.

4.02

TITLE: Open University/External Degree Program for Massachusetts.

AUTHOR: Allen, J. E., Jr.


Extension: Recognition of the need for new approaches to the extension and improvement of higher educational opportunity and for ways of reducing the cost of education to both students and taxpayers, has accelerated the interest in the establishment of external degree programs and programs for off-campus higher education. In spring 1971, the chancellor of the Massachusetts board of higher education appointed two study teams to study the feasibility of an external degree program as a means of providing an alternate form of higher education in Massachusetts, and to develop recommendations concerning a possible administrative and organizational structure for the proposed external degree program. This document presents the results of one of these studies. The conclusions and recommendations are based on information about the Massachusetts higher education system obtained from reports and memorandums, from analysis of legislation, from personal interviews with leaders of government and higher education, and from information about plans for the implementation of external degree programs elsewhere in the country.

4.03

TITLE: Aspects of Adult Education in North America and Great Britain.

AUTHOR: Bentley, C. F.


4 countries: The author presents the results of a tour made to obtain a broad picture of the state of development of adult education in cities of the United States, Canada, India, and the United Kingdom. Another objective of the tour was to examine the provisions made for residential adult
Topics: education overseas. Other topics discussed in the report are the use of technical resources, the Open University, cooperation between agencies, and workers' education.

4.04 TITLE: Reaching Adults for Lifelong Learning: Effective Communication Strategies for Recruitment and Program Development in Adult Education.

AUTHORS: Butler-Paisley, M., Hall, D. C., Mick, C. K., & Paisley, W. J.


U.S.A.: This report describes a study undertaken in 1971-1972 concerning the outreach (promotion for recruitment and program development) of lifelong learning in the United States. This is a condensation of a previous report for the United States Office of Education which occupied 3 volumes and 300 pages.

4.06 TITLE: The Open University--The Increasing Challenge to the Regions.

AUTHOR: Cosford, R. H.


Technology: This is an evaluation of the Open University in Great Britain, which enrolls 40,000 students in correspondence courses and uses technological media for education.

4.06 TITLE: The Open University.

AUTHOR: Collings, S. N.


Mathematics: This article describes the curriculum and methods of instruction used for a foundation course in mathematics at the Open University in Britain.
4.07

TITLE: The Open University ... Report on the Transplant.

AUTHORS: Drazek, S. J., & Walker, H. A.


Adults: The article describes the Open University of Britain including its establishment by Royal Charter to serve adult students, student characteristics, data tables, instructional materials, and program development.

4.08

TITLE: Goal Analysis of Post-secondary and Other Secondary Education.

INSTITUTION: Office of the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities, Department of Educational Research and Development.


Goal analysis: This is a summary of a goal analysis project; the purpose of the project is to reach a greater understanding of the functions of education in a society with a greatly increasing interest in adult education.

4.09

TITLE: Innovative Higher Education for Adults. Redesigning the Halls of Ivy: Innovations in Higher Education.

AUTHOR: Kearney, K. E.


Florida: The article describes a unique external degree program at the University of South Florida which offers to adults a bachelor's degree based largely on independent study.

4.10

TITLE: The Experimental Study Group: A New Undergraduate Program.

AUTHOR: Levensky, M.
Independent: This paper is an account of the first two years of the Experimental Study Group. Suggestions are made for a full-time program of supervised independent study and for planning similar programs in otherwise traditional schools.

4.11

TITLE: The Scene Today.

AUTHOR: Liechti, H. N.


Relations: The article outlines the evaluation, present role, and future plans of a program designed to improve student, college, and community relations.

4.12

TITLE: Revolution--Putting the Pieces Together.

AUTHOR: Lucas, V. B.


Building: A new education building at the American College of Life Underwriters in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, will provide for experimentation and validation of innovative learning experiences for adults.

4.13

TITLE: The Open University.

AUTHOR: Michael, H. E.


Innovation: This article discusses various aspects of the Open University, including instructional innovation, correspondence study, and educational development.

4.14

TITLE: Students Abroad Studying Their Own Thing.

AUTHOR: Michielli, J. A.
Abroad: Programs for independent study abroad promote true appreciation of foreign cultures.

4.15

TITLE: A Model, Regional Open Learning System. Proposal to the National Institute of Education.

INSTITUTION: University of Mid-America. Oct. 15, 1974, 234 pages: (With Appendix)

SUN: In 1974, SUN investigated formation of a regional consortium in order to broaden its economic base of operations, increase its potential target audience, and assure that the open learning program reaches the widest possible learner market. The plan developed was found to be both advantageous and feasible, and the University of Mid-America (UMA) was incorporated on a non-profit basis. (See reference 4.25 of this bibliography.)

4.16


AUTHOR: Mood, A. M.


Restructuring: Radical restructuring of higher education centered around videocassettes and "some kind of institutional structure" called Video University is the proposal of the Director of the Public Policy Research Organization at the University of California at Irvine. The restructuring would involve students attending college full time for only one year, with additional higher education as a part-time activity extending throughout their lives.

4.17

TITLE: Experience with Guided Self-study.

AUTHOR: Moo-Young, M.

Self-paced: An innovative teaching method called "Proctorial, Auto-graded, Self-paced Study" was employed in an engineering college. The results are reported indicating that it has many advantages over the conventional lecture method of teaching.

4.18

TITLE: Regents External Degrees. Redesigning the Halls of Ivy: Innovations in Higher Education.

AUTHOR: Nolan, D. J.


Extension: A unique external degree program is offered by the Regents of the New York State University to anyone who can pass appropriate proficiency examinations with or without attending college.

4.19


AUTHOR: Norwood, Frank W.

Critique: The author provides general comments and a critique of the resistance traditionally given to advances in educational technology, and suggests possible alternatives open to institutions and nontraditional educational programs.

4.20

TITLE: Chicago City Colleges, Opening the University to the Adult Citizen Who Can Study Only Off Campus. A Proposal . . . 1971.

INSTITUTION: Chicago City Colleges, 1971.

Proposal: A discussion is offered on the need for as well as the goals of off-campus programs. A description of course preparation and administration at the University of the State of Illinois is given as an example.

4.21


AUTHOR: Ouderkirk, M., Comp.

INSTITUTION: Adult and Continuing Education Center, Montclair State College.


Series: This unit is part of a series of five documents and two cassette tapes that represent the procedure, findings, and recommendations of the Demonstration Learning Center project in Newark-Camden, New Jersey, July 1968 to August, 1970, and the materials developed by project participants. This document records the work and findings of a conference of adult educators, researchers, librarians, and representatives of the American Educational Publishers Institute, which met to identify the instructional priorities of Adult Basic Education (ABE) in this decade and to develop a strategy for the creation and testing of new instructional materials for the diverse groups of undereducated adults. Included are:

Content: position papers, publisher presentations, conference recommendations, and transcript of speeches.

Emphasis: throughout is on reaching the adult realistically within his own economic and cultural context.

4.22


AUTHOR: Pratt, H. C.


Conference: This is a report by the Head of the Department of External Studies of the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, after he attended the conference and selected institutions in 14 countries. The first part deals separately with each country, and the second part deals with many aspects of external study on a very short topic-by-topic basis. Topics include: radio and television, study for credit, regional study centers, and the future.
4.23

**TITLE:** Research into Higher Education, 1974:3.

**INSTITUTION:** Office of the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities, Department of Educational Research and Development.

**CIRCULAR:** Educational Development, Information on Research and Development in Post-secondary Education. 1974:3, 11 pages.

**Areas:** The following are areas in which research projects are financed by the Office of the Chancellor of the Swedish Universities (OKA): (a) the structure of higher education and its relation to society as a whole, (b) the organization and working patterns of teaching, and (c) evaluation -- function and result control. This circular presents, in the form of summaries, the recently financed projects in these areas in 1974-1975; a list of projects and names of scientific leaders and research institutions is included.

4.24

**TITLE:** External Studies in Australia.

**AUTHOR:** Smith, K.


**History:** The Assistant Director of External Studies at the University of New England in Australia describes the growth of external courses in higher education.

4.25

**PROJECT:** S-U-N (State University of Nebraska).

**INSTITUTION:** University of Nebraska, P.O. Box 82446, Lincoln, Nebr.

**Nebraska:** SUN is a large project that started in 1971 at the University of Nebraska, with 11 full-time staff members. Several large reports have been published on the project and may be obtained by writing to the address given above. Objectives of the project are to bring college-level courses to people wherever they may live or work. As SUN progresses it should cover 20 college-level courses, the equivalent of freshman and sophomore years.

**Objectives:**

**Media:** The media used are lesson modules utilizing newspapers, television, audio and TV cassettes, printed materials and study kits, tutoring assistance at resource centers.
Basic thrusts: near home, and tutoring assistance by telephone. SUN hopes to develop (a) a new concept for the systemized design and validation of college-level courseware of superior quality, and (b) a new delivery system for American higher education that employs multiple instructional technologies in a modular manner to bring educational opportunity to all adults. Stages of the project have been: (a) October 1971 to February 1972--a Nebraska clientele study and a concern with questions related to awarding credit by "examination for experience," (b) February 1972 to June 1973--designing regional resource centers, and developing cooperative relationships with other institutions, and (c) June 1973 to May 1973--a literature survey, of related material from 1969 to 1974. Statistics are presented concerning kinds of tests, clientele population in Nebraska, educational technology in external degree programs, and flexibility of curricular patterns. The reports have appendices with information including similar experiments at other institutions, available resources, television in Nebraska, and technological media available through business and industrial organizations and educational publishers. (See reference 4.15 of this bibliography.)

4.26

TITLE: College Degree for Adults. Redesigning the Halls of Ivy: Innovations in Higher Education.

AUTHOR: Troutt, R.


Oklahoma: The article describes the unique Bachelor of Liberal Studies Program at the University of Oklahoma, which serves as an adult-education equivalent to more traditional baccalaureate programs.

4.27

TITLE: Universities Without Walls.


Experiment: This is a brief description of the Universities-Without-Walls program administered by the Union for Experimenting Colleges and Universities, and set up with Ford Foundation and federal assistance. This experiment provides higher education without traditional residency, course, and timing requirements.
4.28

TITLE: Using Programmed Instruction.
SERIES: The Educational Technology Reviews Series. No. 10.

This is a volume of the Review Series centers on using programmed instruction; it is composed of articles selected from recent issues of Educational Technology magazine. Subjects covered in the articles include performance in problem solving, the criterion problem, programmed materials, contingency management, Soviet Union programs, reinforcement, specific subject-area programs, materials for handicapped children, behavioral approaches, accountability, the history of programmed instruction, costs, self-instruction and growth, and humanizing education.

4.29

TITLE: Best Buy in Degrees.
AUTHOR: Verringer, F.

Costs: This article compares the costs and services of four British colleges offering external degree courses with those of the Open University. It consists of tabulated data on degrees offered, subjects, entrance requirements, educational methods, program length, and costs.

4.30

TITLE: Who Are the Home Students?
AUTHOR: Verringer, F.

History: Some findings of the first major pieces of research into the vast world of home study in Great Britain are discussed.

4.31

TITLE: Taking Education to the People.
This is a description of the research and development that went into the SUN project in Nebraska. It shows a study that demonstrates how to deliver higher education to the living room. A description of the project is given elsewhere in this bibliography (see reference 4.25).

4.32

TITLE: Britain's Open University—A Model for Change.

AUTHOR: Wilson, T. C.


Influence: The author describes ways in which the educational system of Britain's Open University may affect education in the United States.

4.33

TITLE: The Open University at Houston.

AUTHOR: Zwicky, L.


Use: The author discusses ways in which the University of Houston uses materials from Britain's Open University.

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5.03

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5.04

TITLE: Bibliography by the Educational Testing Service.

5.05


5.06

TITLE: Career Education: An ERIC Bibliography.


Guide: This is a bibliographical guide to career education materials; it contains all the references on file at ERIC on this subject. Included are abstracts of the documents and journal articles complete with title, authors' names, date of publication, and number of pages. To facilitate the information exchange, subject and author indexes are provided.

5.07

TITLE: Educational Broadcasting of NHK; Special issue of NHK Today and Tomorrow.


Japan: Nippon Hoso Kyokai (NHK), the Japan Broadcasting Corporation, is the only public service broadcasting organization in Japan. This booklet lists the schedule of courses offered by NHK on Educational Television and Radio for 1972. These courses, covering kindergarten to high school, include Japanese language, science, social studies, English, music, art, ethics, technical questions, and home economics. Programs are also offered for correspondence education at senior-high-school and college levels. There are also special programs for physically or mentally handicapped children. The goals of NHK programming in each of these areas are discussed briefly.

5.08

TITLE: Education Index.

5.09

TITLE: Educational Technology: A Selected Bibliography.

AUTHORS: Dobson, C. R., & Leatherman, D. G.
This bibliography was prepared by Marjorie Fletcher, the Research Librarian for the American College of Life Underwriters.

**5.11**

**TITLE:** Explorations in Non-Traditional Study

**AUTHORS:** Gould, S. B., & Cross, P. (Eds.)

**PUBLISHED:** 1972.

**5.12**

**TITLE:** Index to Educational Audio Tapes.

**DISTRIBUTOR:** National Information Center for Educational Media (NICEM), University of Southern California, Los Angeles. 1971, 419 pages.

**Objective:** This index is intended to provide media staff, library personnel, and educators with a bibliographical guide to commercially prepared educational audiocassettes. It includes over 10,000 titles of tapes which may be used with students in Grades 1-12, college students, teacher trainees, or professionals. The division is as follows:

Division:
(a) Subject Guide to Audio Tapes, including a Subject Heading Outline and an Index to Subject Headings; (b) Alphabetical Guide to Audio Tapes, including data such as age, level, length; and (c) Directory of Producers and Distributors.

**5.13**

**TITLE:** Index to Educational Videotapes

**DISTRIBUTOR:** National Information Center for Educational Media (NICEM), University of Southern California, Los Angeles. 1971, 245 pages.
Objective: This index is intended to provide media staff, library personnel, and educators with a bibliographical guide to commercially-prepared videotapes in Helical Scan and Standard Quadruplex configurations. It includes over 5,000 titles of videotapes, which may be used with students in Grades 1-12, college students, teacher-trainees, or professionals. The division is as follows:

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(a) Subject Guide to Video Tapes including a Subject Heading Outline and an Index to Subject Headings; (b) Alphabetical Guide to Videotapes, including data such as age, level, and length; and (c) Directory of Producers and Distributors.

5.14
TITLE: NAEB Yearbook and Directory of Educational Broadcasting. Most recent year.
Listings: Listings of educational television and radio stations.

5.15

5.16
TITLE: College Credit for Off-campus Study.
AUTHOR: Sharon, A. T.
PUBLISHED: March 1971, 18 pages.
ERIC: ERIC Document Reproduction Service No. ED 048 520.

Literature: This paper summarizes some of the recent literature on unconventional college-level education gained outside the classroom. The first section reviews the major types of off-campus learning for which college credit is received, including correspondence schools, educational television, military service experiences, and independent study. The second section discusses methods by which formal recognition is provided for this form of education, such as the College-level Examination Program, the New York State College Proficiency Examination Program, and the General Education Development Testing Program. A list of references concludes the paper.
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