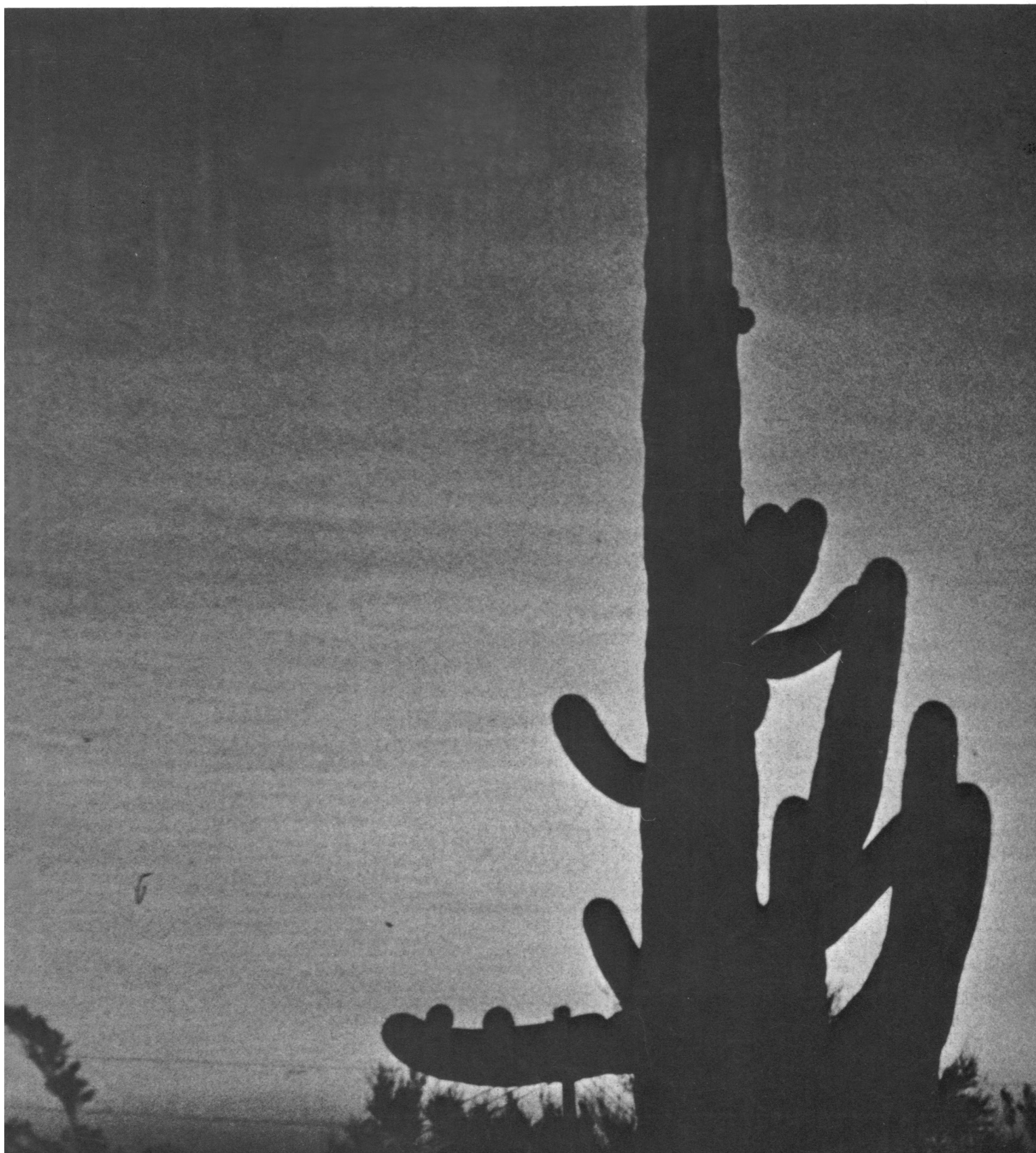


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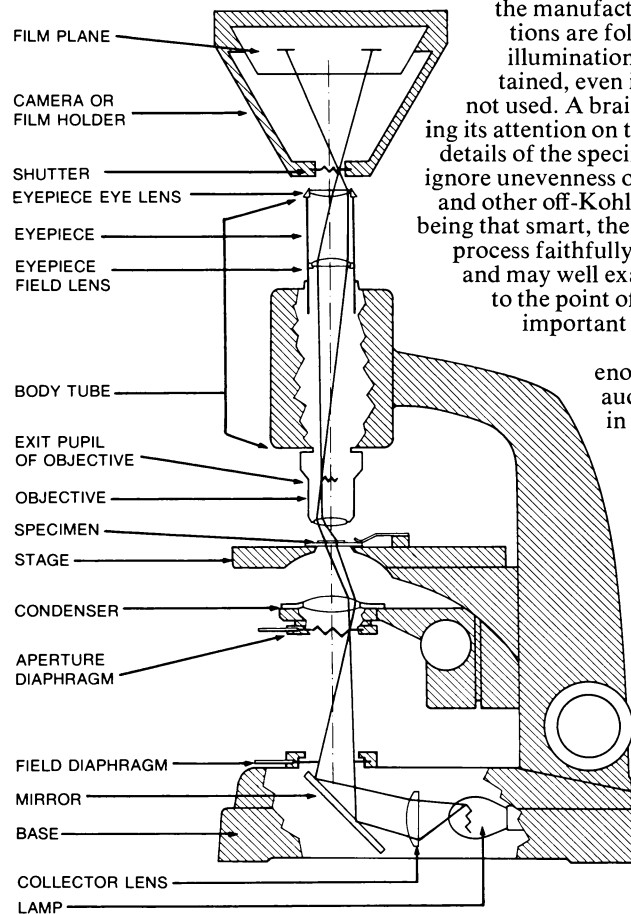


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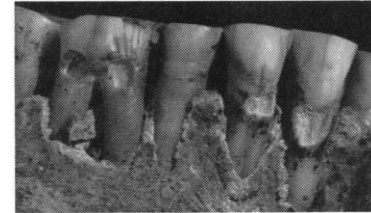
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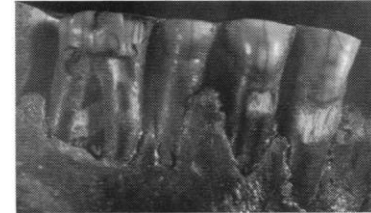
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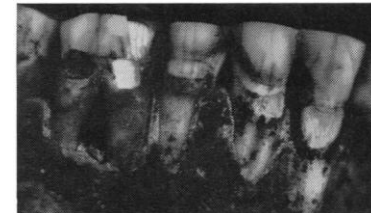
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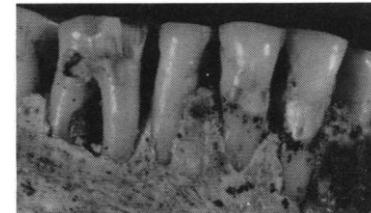
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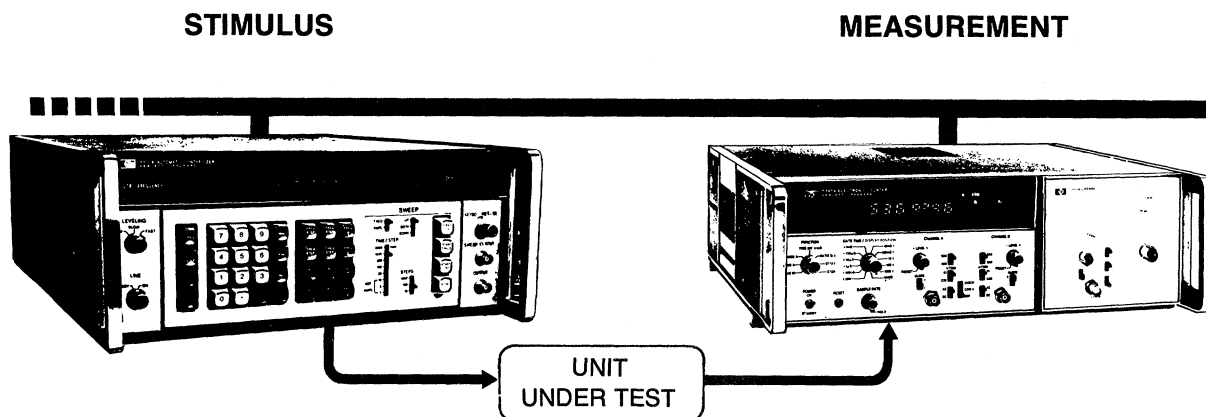
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Many instruments have since learned to "talk." On command, they can output measurement results and transmit them remotely in code. More and more are being equipped to "listen": send them prearranged signals and they can program their own controls, remotely. Add a control function to such instruments—to tell them when to talk and when to listen—and they can communicate with each other automatically.

This sounds easy, but it hasn't been. Although the three basic elements for automatic instrumentation systems—talkers, listeners, and controllers—are readily available, one who sets out to design and assemble such a system quickly runs into severe frustrations. The different elements are rarely compatible; more often than not, they use different logic, speak a different language, and interconnect with different hardware.

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### To talk or to listen: never a doubt.

In the HP Interface Bus, all system devices are exposed to all system communications. But a device can neither send nor receive a message unless told to do so by the system controller: at any given time, it can be either a *talker* or a *listener*, but not both. Listeners receive programming data from a controller or measurement data from talkers; talkers send measurement data to listeners. There can never be more than one active controller or one talker at the same time, but there can be as many as 14 concurrent listeners.

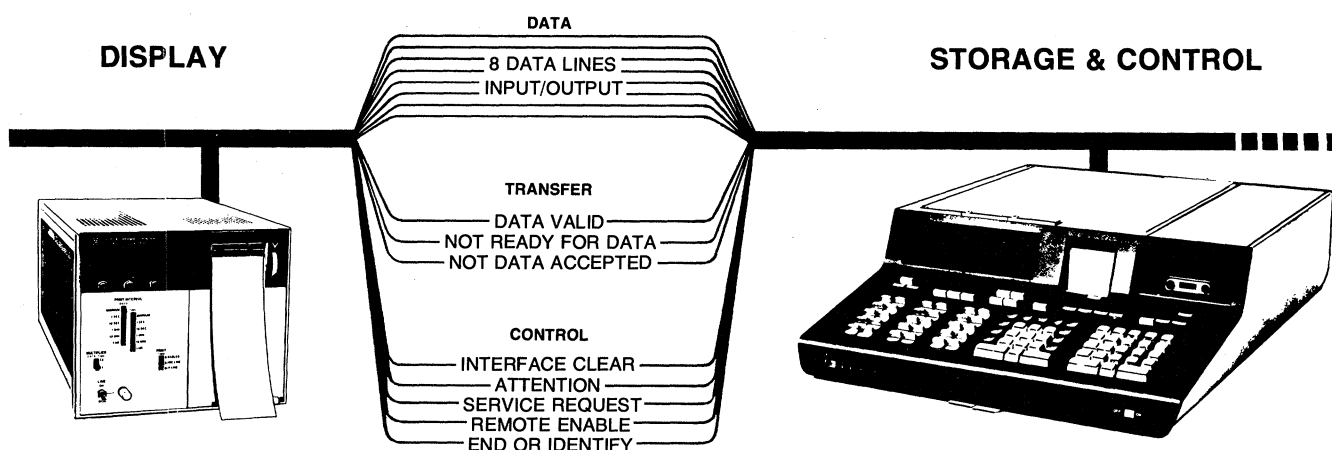
Depending on its capabilities, a device may play more than one role at different times. A calculator or computer, for example, can be talker, listener, or controller; a programmable digital voltmeter alternately talks when it outputs its measurement and listens when it's being programmed; a paper punch can only play the role of listener.

### The bus: a common interconnection.

All system devices are interconnected on a common set of 16 signal lines. Eight of these lines form the *data bus* which carries all data messages bidirectionally between talkers and listeners, in bit-parallel byte-serial fashion. The *transfer bus* uses three lines to ensure that data is interchanged only from the intended talker to the designated listeners, through an interrogation and reply sequence. The remaining five signal lines constitute the *control bus*, by which the controller directs an orderly flow of information across the interface, sending commands to the devices and receiving service requests from them. Although system control is always delegated (never assumed), it may be shifted from one system device to another.

### HP-IB simplifies systems, small or large.

An HP-IB system can consist of one talker, one listener, and no controller; for example, a counter and digital printer for semi-automatic data logging. At the other extreme, a completely auto-



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HP-IB protocol allows the designer to assign talk and listen addresses to each device to suit his purposes. Each address is set at the device to any desired value, through a switch on a rear panel, jumper wires on a PC board, or other convenient means.

The HP-IB imposes minimal functional restrictions on data transfer between a talker and a listener. For example, data bytes may consist of from one to eight bits. Once a device is addressed, data can be transferred using any coding and format convention appropriate to the application. The most commonly used codes are the printable characters of the ASCII code set, and the number

representations are typically FORTRAN compatible.

Minimal timing restrictions are imposed on the data rates by the HP-IB. Data is transferred asynchronously at a rate that suits the devices involved; burst rates of 1 megabyte per second are possible over limited distances. Data may be transferred directly between devices, thus reducing message traffic on the bus.

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# Career Education and Liberal Arts

Recently there has been considerable debate on the issue of career training versus liberal arts education. In this debate, we would all benefit from an effort to understand the major issues of personal growth with which students are grappling when they enter the college years.

Although we are able to recognize that a 7-year-old is qualitatively different from us, not just smaller and dumber, very few educators seem to realize that a 17-year-old is also qualitatively different from his adult teachers and even from more senior peers. When they enter higher education our students are adolescents, and during much of the time they spend in college the problems of their lives revolve around the transition from childhood to adulthood.

In three major domains of the developmental process—the intellectual, the moral, and the social-emotional—there is a major transition during the late teens and early twenties. The decisive nature of the late adolescent years in these three areas may be illustrated by the work of three major developmental theorists—Jean Piaget, Erik Erikson, and Lawrence Kohlberg. Piaget proposes that the development of formal, logical thought occurs after the twelfth year. Kohlberg suggests that the constancy and universality of ethical principles do not become apparent prior to this time, and it is, of course, during adolescence that Erikson posits the formulation and formation of individual identity.

In the intellectual domain, our students are usually just beginning to develop the abilities to organize knowledge comprehensively and to manipulate abstract concepts without the necessity to refer to particular content. Yet how often do we take one of two easy roads with our freshman students? We either present predigested knowledge as though the students cannot think at all, or we present so abstrusely that they are unable to use their just developing abilities to think formally and logically. When we teach in a fashion that is mindless about our students' level of intellectual development we are not teaching, we are in combat, and many students will lose the battle.

Kohlberg's theory of moral development has, as its culminating stage, a transition to principled thought. The young person begins to comprehend a morality that transcends any individual authorities. This level of universal, relativistic principle can only be reached when a person can think abstractly and have some real understanding of alternative points of view. As one sophomore recently said, "It was only in college that I really began to understand that everyone did not see everything the same way!"

In Erikson's theory of social-emotional development, adolescence is the period for the resolution of identity issues. The idea that one is an individual in a world of others, with mutual and independent responsibilities, appears to become a salient feature of life only in late adolescence.

We propose that abstract reasoning, a universal (or, at least, a coherent) moral stance, and a concept of the future that is linked to a particular and personal past are three important attributes of adult behavior and thought that are incomplete in the college age student.

Recognition of these qualities in our students should serve to inform the debate on careerism and liberal arts education. Our students are "in process." Although, as seems obvious to us, a too early introduction of career choice may serve only to foreclose on optimum adult development, there remains the potential problem of academic learning that is unalloyed by pragmatic experience. In any event, if we do not try to understand who our students are and with what major issues they are struggling, we will remain merely curriculum manipulators and not educators—F. REBELSKY and J. C. SPEISMAN, *Department of Psychology, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts 02215*

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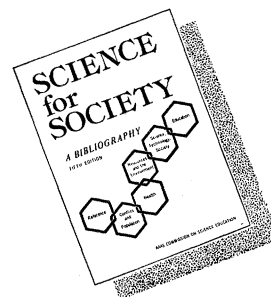
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