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## CHAPTER I

### THE PROBLEM AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE STUDY

#### Origin and Significance of the Problem

The concept of visual communication education is not a new one. It has been mentioned and discussed in the literature of the International Graphic Arts Education Association for more than a decade. During this period, educators and professionals in the graphic arts field have discussed the possibility of expanding educational programs to include various facets of the visual communication industry. Such changes would help enable students to understand the areas related to graphic arts in visual communications, including visualization of ideas, the use of photography in the communication medium, and storage and retrieval systems for graphic and document information. The growing concern among progressive graphic arts educators throughout the country has been to develop a program which will provide ideas and directions for their students to follow, instead of the traditional printing knowledge and skills that too often prove obsolete before the student graduates.

In view of this increasing awareness for the need of change in graphic arts, the Thirty-seventh Annual Conference of the International Graphic Arts Education Association was devoted to the theme "Graphic Arts and Visual Communication."

It was at this conference that the decision was made to take steps to implement the changes in the schools. Shortly thereafter, the I.G.A.E.A. appointed Dr. Ray A. Schwalm, of Western Washington State College at Bellingham, Washington, to direct a proposal to the Ford Foundation for a grant to fund pilot programs in visual communications education. After revisions, the proposal was granted funding, and the work on pilot projects for ten high schools and three colleges was started in June 1965. The pilot projects were completed in August 1968.

After the completion of the pilot projects, Dr. Schwalm wrote some comments about its success:

The VICOED pilot project has placed communication in a new perspective by relating the systems approach for solving communication problems by analysis and classification. . . . has helped to bridge the gap between formal education and the real world outside of the school. . . . [and] has given many of the teachers a new "educational life," a new way of looking at the world, and a new enthusiasm for teaching.

Due to the success of the pilot projects, Western Washington State College decided to adopt VICOED as a regular course of study leading to a Bachelor of Science degree. By 1970, the enrollment in VICOED had soared 300%, and plans were being made to introduce a Master of Science program in VICOED.<sup>2</sup> Since that time, VICOED has been heralded by many educators and specialists in the graphic arts field as the "new direction"

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<sup>1</sup>Ray A. Schwalm, Visual Communication Education--A Basic Course.

<sup>2</sup>Dr. Thomas Jasnosz, "VICOED: A Progress Report," Visual Communications Journal, (Spring, 1971), 23.

that graphic arts instruction should follow. According to Flack:

Graphic arts instruction, especially at the junior and senior high school levels, must divorce itself from an utter reliance on outdated technology, and accept the challenge of providing experiences in which students can discover and experiment with the creation of ideas in visual form, selection of the proper media and methods to most effectively communicate those ideas, and share in evaluating not only the communication but the methods by which it was attained.<sup>3</sup>

In the interest of keeping abreast of current trends in graphic arts, this study has attempted to ascertain the extent to which visual communication education has been implemented in the graphic arts curriculums in Illinois.

#### Statement of the Problem

Are the secondary schools in the state of Illinois teaching the basic concepts of visual communications education in their graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts?

#### Hypothesis

There is no difference between the basic concepts of visual communication education and those basic concepts taught in the graphic arts classes in industrial arts at the secondary level in the state of Illinois.

#### Definitions of Terms

The following terms used in the study are defined as follows:

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<sup>3</sup>William Flack, "Graphic Arts in Visual Communication," Visual Communications Journal, (1970), 5.

Industrial Arts. "Instructional shopwork which provides general education experiences centered around present-day industrial and technical life."<sup>4</sup>

Graphic Arts. "One of the curriculum areas of industrial arts education in which the student studies and has experiences with the processes, materials, tools, energies, systems, and products of graphic arts technology, all of which contribute to the accomplishment of the purpose of industrial arts education."<sup>5</sup>

Secondary Level. Depending on the grade arrangement of the school, grades nine or ten through twelve.

Visual Communications Education. As an educational area, is characterized by teaching: (1) the visualization of ideas and concepts through the use of symbols; (2) the reproduction of visual information; (3) the methods and techniques for visual information presentation; and, (4) the recording, storing, retrieval, and rapid reproduction of the information.<sup>6</sup>

Basic Concepts. Those ideas, the purposes of which are to impart information.<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this study, basic concepts are divided into two entities: (1) basic concepts of VICOED;

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<sup>4</sup>Ray W. Roberts, Vocational and Practical Arts Education, pp. 422-23.

<sup>5</sup>Robert A. Banzhaf, "The Technology of Graphic Arts: A Curriculum Resource Study for Industrial Education," (unpublished Ed.D. dissertation, North Carolina State University at Raleigh, 1972), p. 7.

<sup>6</sup>Ray A. Schwalm, To Develop and Implement the Concept of Visual Communication Education.

<sup>7</sup>Graphic Arts Research Center, Graphic Communications Publication, 1972.

and, (2) basic concepts of graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts. Definitions are as follows:

Basic concepts of VICOED

1. The process of understanding and being understood through the sense organs of sight is the key to efficient and artistic communication and serves as an instrument of cultural penetration and assimilation.
2. Symbols are the means by which ideas are translated into visual images, and the arrangement of these symbols and the design elements are important in creating an effective visual communication entity.
3. The criteria used in selecting a reproduction system and the basic steps common to all reproduction systems are important for the efficient reproduction and dissemination of visual information to meet the ever increasing demands upon the industry.
4. The medium or media selected, the methods and procedures for preparing the information materials, and the techniques for presenting or displaying the information to small or large audiences are important in encouraging extensive literacy.
5. The computerization of document and graphic information by abstracting, imaging, index coding, and storing for rapid retrieval, viewing, manipulation, and reproduction is essential for the systematic subdivision and analysis of knowledge and experience.
6. An understanding of the industry and an awareness of the internal and external environment of the business enterprise are essential for interpreting the role and the function of the visual communication industry within the context of the social order.<sup>8</sup>

Basic concepts of graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts

Those concepts that the completed information forms reflected.

Assumption of the Study

For the purposes of this study, it was assumed that the

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<sup>8</sup>Schwalm, Visual Communication Education--A Basic Course.

responses to the information form reflected the basic concepts of the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts.

Limitations of the Study

This study was limited to:

1. Graphic arts programs in industrial arts on the secondary level in the state of Illinois, during the spring semester of 1974.
2. The relative accuracy of the responses to the information form.

## CHAPTER II

### THE RESEARCH OF PREVIOUS STUDIES

#### Review of Related Literature

An investigation of completed studies revealed that there had been no previous research comparing visual communication education to graphic arts programs in a given area or state. However, an excellent source of information was found in the book Visual Communication Education--A Basic Course, by Ray A. Schwalm. This book was designed to be an introduction to VICOED, with ideas for graphic arts instructors to use in implementing a program of visual communications.

Visual Communication Education--A Basic Course includes an introduction to visual communications, a review of the pilot projects in visual communication education, and a sample outline for an introductory course in visual communication education. Schwalm also lists in his book the objectives and basic concepts of VICOED, as well as anticipated student achievements for each of the six units. In order to justify the breadth and depth of the VICOED program, there were listed desirable employee characteristics most frequently mentioned by industrial and educational leaders in the field of visual communications.

This book proved to be most helpful in the construction of the information form. The listing of the six basic concepts

of visual communication education, with a sample outline covering each, was instrumental in the development of questions covering the basic concepts.

## CHAPTER III

### STRUCTURE OF THE STUDY

#### Sources of Data

For the purposes of this study, it was decided that the population could be most effectively surveyed by mailing information forms to all the secondary schools in Illinois having graphic arts programs in industrial arts. For this reason the Illinois Division of Vocational and Technical Education was contacted in an effort to secure a listing of schools meeting these requirements. It was learned that such a listing did not exist. As an alternative, the Graphic Arts Teachers Association of Illinois was contacted and a mailing list of its members was secured. From this listing graphic arts teachers in high schools were chosen, specifically excluding teachers in vocational schools, area vocational centers, trade schools, junior high schools, and colleges. This resulted in a listing of 190 graphic arts teachers to be used in the study.

#### Preparation of the Information Form

The information form used in this study was prepared using Visual Communication Education--A Basic Course as a guide. Since this book contains unit outlines covering each

of the six basic concepts of a course in visual communication education, the form was assumed to be valid with respect to these concepts. Once a rough draft was completed, the form was submitted to the director of the proposal, Dr. Strandberg, and to the author's graduate advisor, Dr. Erwin, both of whom made suggestions as to the form of the final draft. These suggestions were then implemented in writing the final draft of the information form.

The information form consisted of multiple-choice discrimination items in six general categories relating to the six basic concepts of visual communication education. Since the number of items in each category differed, a coding system consisting of two digits for each item was formulated. The first digit of the code represented the basic concept being discriminated (the number corresponds with another, preceding one of the basic concepts of VICOED in the definition), and the second number designated the order of items in a given category. The responses on the information form were divided into four categories. The choices of response were: "always," "periodically," "when needed," and "not included." On each item, the respondent was presented with a certain content area of VICOED, and asked if this area was included in his graphic arts classes. Since the items on the information form are directly related to the content (and basic concepts) of a course in visual communication education, the degree to which the instructor's class content agreed with the items determined how closely the basic concepts of his graphic arts classes are

consistent with those of VICOED.<sup>9</sup>

An introductory letter, to explain the information form and the purpose of gathering data was included in both mailings.<sup>10</sup> In addition to the introductory letter and information form, a follow-up note was included in the second mailing.<sup>11</sup>

#### Data Gathering Procedures

On March 6, 1974, information forms were mailed to the 190 teachers on the revised list. This first mailing resulted in the return of 65 forms, while 3 letters returned due to a change in the addresses of the teachers. Of the 65 returned, 57 were completed, the remaining 8 were not completed because the respondent was not presently teaching graphic arts.

In an attempt to secure a larger percentage of returns, 122 additional forms were mailed on April 2, 1974, to those teachers not responding to the first form. This second mailing of the information form produced 41 returned forms, 25 of which were not completed as the teacher was not presently teaching a graphic arts class. Three letters were returned lacking a forwarding address. Therefore, the sample was reduced to the 184 people having correct addresses. From this sample there was a total return of 106, or approximately 58 per cent of the available sample. Of these, a total of 73 forms were completed, and their data used in this study.

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<sup>9</sup>See Appendix A, copy of information form.

<sup>10</sup>See Appendix A, copy of introductory letter

<sup>11</sup>See Appendix A, copy of follow-up note

## CHAPTER IV

### PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF DATA

#### Method of Analysis

The data gathered by the information forms was manually tabulated on a master chart. Responses to each item were placed in four groups, corresponding to the choices on the information form. In addition, a fifth group representing no response to the item was included. Once the data was tabulated, the percentages for each of the five groups of responses in each item were determined using a portable calculator. These percentages were rounded off to whole numbers, totaling one hundred per cent for each item. Tables were then constructed for every item, giving the item number and content area, the number responding to each choice group, and this number's percentage in relation to the total number of responses to the item.

In analyzing the data with respect to the hypothesis, the information form responses of "always," "periodically," and "when needed" were interpreted to be in support of the hypothesis. The response "not included" was interpreted to be a rejection of the hypothesis. Omitting the question ( "no answer" in the tables) was interpreted as neither supporting or rejecting the hypothesis. Simple majorities prevailed in

determining support or rejection of the hypothesis with respect to the responses in each item, and to items in a category.

Consequently, if a majority of responses in an item were in support of the hypothesis, then the item was considered to be in support of the hypothesis. And if a majority of the items in a category (concept) were in support of the hypothesis, then the category was considered to be in support of the hypothesis.

In cases where the response "no answer" interfered with the determining of a majority of responses within an item, then the "no answer" percentage was subtracted from the total, and a majority was computed to the remainder. If responses in an item were evenly divided between support and rejection of the hypothesis, then the item was considered to be neither in support or rejection of the hypothesis.

#### Presentation of the Data

The data used in this study is presented in six groups, corresponding to the six concepts that were discriminated by the information form. The conclusions drawn from the data precede each concept group.

Data for Basic Concept #1

Questions 1-1 through 1-9 on the information form were related to the first basic concept of VICOED in the definition. These were content questions, concerned with the goals of communication, and methods for the dissemination of information. As the following tables demonstrate (see Tables 1 through 9), the majority of responses to each item in this concept indicated that the teachers incorporated these content areas in their graphic arts classes. Therefore, the first concept is understood to be in support of the hypothesis.

TABLE 1  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-1: METHODS, GOALS, AND  
 PROCESSES OF COMMUNICATION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	28	39
Periodically	14	19
When needed	20	27
Not included	8	11
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

TABLE 2  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-2: VARIABLES AFFECTING THE  
 SUCCESS OF COMMUNICATION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	9	12
Periodically	18	25
When needed	23	32
Not included	20	27
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

TABLE 3  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-3: THE HISTORY OF WRITING

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	10	14
Periodically	7	9
When needed	21	29
Not included	33	45
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 4  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-4: THE HISTORY OF PAPER  
 AND PAPERMAKING

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	25	34
Periodically	11	15
When needed	16	22
Not included	17	23
No answer	4	6
Total	73	100

TABLE 5

RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-5: THE HISTORY OF  
PRINTING METHODS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	43	59
Periodically	19	26
When needed	8	11
Not included	3	4
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 6

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-6: COLD TYPE METHODS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	48	66
Periodically	13	18
When needed	9	12
Not included	3	4
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 7

RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-7: THE EFFECTS OF VISUAL  
MATERIALS UPON DAILY LIFE

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	23	31
Periodically	25	34
When needed	13	18
Not included	10	14
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 8

RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-8: THE VARIOUS VISUAL COMMUNICATION  
MEDIA, AND HOW TO INCREASE THEIR EFFECTIVENESS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	13	18
Periodically	23	31
When needed	18	25
Not included	15	21
No answer	4	5
Total	73	100

TABLE 9

RESPONSES TO ITEM 1-9: HOW VARIOUS SUBJECT AREAS  
ARE RELATED TO VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	9	12
Periodically	21	29
When needed	18	25
Not included	22	30
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

Data for Basic Concept #2

The second basic concept of VICOED was used as a guide in formulating questions 2-1 through 2-12 on the information form. These questions were concerned with teaching areas such as symbol usage, design elements, and photographic procedures. As Tables 10 through 21 indicate, a majority of responses to each item were in support of the hypothesis. Thus, the second concept is understood to be in support of the hypothesis.

TABLE 10

RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-1: USAGE OF SYMBOLS  
IN COMMUNICATION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	11	15
Periodically	19	26
When needed	26	36
Not included	16	22
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 11

RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-2: AUDIENCE CONSIDERATIONS IN  
THE USAGE OF SYMBOLS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	6	8
Periodically	10	14
When needed	21	29
Not included	32	44
No answer	4	5
Total	73	100

TABLE 12

RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-3: HOW TO STIMULATE  
IDEAS AND CREATIVITY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	33	45
Periodically	17	23
When needed	13	18
Not included	9	13
No answer	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 13

RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-4: THE ELEMENTS OF DESIGN

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	43	59
Periodically	20	27
When needed	10	14
Not included	--	--
No answer	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 14  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-5: GRAPHIC TECHNIQUES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	32	44
Periodically	20	27
When needed	18	25
Not included	3	4
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 15  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-6: PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	29	40
Periodically	16	22
When needed	9	12
Not included	18	25
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 16  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-7: THE TYPES OF LAYOUT

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	49	67
Periodically	14	19
When needed	10	14
Not included	--	--
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 17  
 RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-8: PASTE-UP PROCEDURES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	60	83
Periodically	6	8
When needed	6	8
Not included	1	1
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 18

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-9: THE USES OF PRINTED MEDIA

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	34	47
Periodically	19	26
When needed	14	19
Not included	5	7
No answer	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 19

RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-10: THE USES OF PROJECTUALS,  
TRANSMISSIONS, AND DISPLAYS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	19	26
Periodically	18	25
When needed	18	25
Not included	15	20
No answer	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 20

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-11: GENERAL PHOTOGRAPHY AND ITS USES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	41	56
Periodically	13	18
When needed	6	8
Not included	11	15
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 21

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 2-12: ANALYZING MESSAGES TO BE COMMUNICATED, AND THE CHOOSING OF AN APPROPRIATE MEDIUM

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	11	15
Periodically	18	25
When needed	23	32
Not included	20	27
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

Data for Basic Concept #3

The third basic concept of VICOED was used in designing questions 3-1 through 3-5 on the information form. These questions were concerned with the techniques and steps in producing visual information, and the selection of a suitable reproduction system. In this category, the first three items had a majority of responses in support of the hypothesis (see Tables 22 through 24). The remaining items had a majority of responses in rejection of the hypothesis (see Tables 25 and 26). Therefore, the third concept was interpreted to be in support of the hypothesis because a majority of the questions in this concept were.

TABLE 22

RESPONSES TO ITEM 3-1: VARIOUS TYPES OF DISPLAY  
MEDIA AND CRITERIA FOR THEIR SELECTION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	13	18
Periodically	20	27
When needed	21	29
Not included	18	25
No answer	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 23

RESPONSES TO ITEM 3-2: TEAMWORK AND STEPS IN  
PLANNING A PRESENTATION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	11	15
Periodically	8	11
When needed	24	33
Not included	26	36
No answer	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 24

RESPONSES TO ITEM 3-3: GRAPHIC AND PHOTOGRAPHIC TECHNIQUES  
USED IN PREPARING A PRESENTATION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	11	15
Periodically	15	21
When needed	25	34
Not included	21	29
No answer	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 25

RESPONSES TO ITEM 3-4: HOW TO NARRATE AND  
EDIT A PRESENTATION

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	3	4
Periodically	6	8
When needed	17	23
Not included	45	62
No answer	2	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>100</b>

TABLE 26

RESPONSES TO ITEM 3-5: THE PRE- AND POST-  
PRESENTATION PROCEDURES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	3	4
Periodically	7	9
When needed	15	21
Not included	46	63
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

Data for Basic Concept #4

Items 4-1 through 4-25 on the information form were constructed using the fourth basic concept of VICOED as a guide. These questions were concerned with the visual communication media to be selected in presenting information, and the methods and procedures in their usage. The first nine questions in this category dealt with the teaching of duplicating methods and photocopying processes (see Tables 27 through 35). In all of these items except one (see Table 30), a majority of the responses were in rejection of the hypothesis. The remaining sixteen items were questions on the teaching of the principles of printing processes and their selection. With the exception of one item in rejection of the hypothesis (see Table 47), and one item neither in support or rejection of the hypothesis due to an even distribution of responses (see Table 46), all of these items received a majority of responses in support of the hypothesis. Since over one-half of the items in this category had a majority of responses in support of the hypothesis, the fourth basic concept is understood to be in support of the hypothesis.

TABLE 27

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-1: STENCIL DUPLICATING METHODS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	11	15
Periodically	8	11
When needed	6	8
Not included	45	62
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

TABLE 28

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-2: SPIRIT DUPLICATING METHODS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	18	25
Periodically	6	8
When needed	7	10
Not included	38	52
No answer	4	5
Total	73	100

TABLE 29

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-3: GELATIN DUPLICATING METHODS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	3	4
Periodically	1	1
When needed	5	7
Not included	57	78
No answer	7	10
Total	73	100

TABLE 30

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-4: SILVER HALIDE PHOTOCOPYING PROCESSES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	38	52
Periodically	3	4
When needed	4	5
Not included	26	36
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 31

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-5: THERMAL PHOTOCOPYING PROCESSES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	5	7
Periodically	5	7
When needed	5	7
Not included	51	70
No answer	7	9
Total	73	100

TABLE 32

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-6: DUAL SPECTRUM PHOTOCOPYING PROCESSES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	3	4
Periodically	3	4
When needed	6	8
Not included	54	74
No answer	7	10
Total	73	100

TABLE 33

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-7: DIAZO PHOTOCOPYING PROCESSES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	7	10
Periodically	7	10
When needed	8	11
Not included	47	64
No answer	4	5
Total	73	100

TABLE 34

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-8: IRON SALT PHOTOCOPYING PROCESSES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	6	8
Periodically	--	--
When needed	7	10
Not included	52	71
No answer	8	11
Total	73	100

TABLE 35

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-9: ELECTROSTATIC PHOTOCOPYING PROCESSES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	4	5
Periodically	10	14
When needed	11	15
Not included	45	62
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

TABLE 36

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-10: CONTACT PRINTING, PROJECTION  
PRINTING, AND DEVELOPMENT

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	45	62
Periodically	10	14
When needed	6	8
Not included	11	15
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 37

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-11: HALFTONE AND LINE PHOTOGRAPHY  
FOR USE IN CONVENTIONAL PRINTING METHODS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	59	81
Periodically	6	8
When needed	2	3
Not included	5	7
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 38

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-12: LETTERPRESS IMAGE CARRIER ASSEMBLY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	64	88
Periodically	6	8
When needed	3	4
Not included	--	--
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 39

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-13: LITHOGRAPHIC IMAGE CARRIER ASSEMBLY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	43	59
Periodically	7	10
When needed	6	8
Not included	16	22
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 40

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-14: PHOTO-OFFSET LITHOGRAPHY IMAGE  
CARRIER ASSEMBLY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	64	88
Periodically	3	4
When needed	2	3
Not included	3	4
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 41

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-15: SCREEN PROCESS IMAGE CARRIER ASSEMBLY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	54	74
Periodically	7	10
When needed	7	10
Not included	5	6
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 42

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-16: GRAVURE IMAGE CARRIER ASSEMBLY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	11	15
Periodically	10	14
When needed	19	26
Not included	30	41
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

TABLE 43

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-17: LETTERPRESS IMAGE TRANSFER

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	62	85
Periodically	4	6
When needed	5	7
Not included	1	1
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 44

## RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-18: LITHOGRAPHIC IMAGE TRANSFER

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	45	62
Periodically	2	3
When needed	6	8
Not included	20	27
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 45

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-19: PHOTO-OFFSET LITHOGRAPHY  
IMAGE TRANSFER

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	64	88
Periodically	5	7
When needed	--	--
Not included	3	4
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 46

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-20: GRAVURE IMAGE TRANSFER

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	14	19
Periodically	8	11
When needed	12	16
Not included	34	47
No answer	5	7
Total	73	100

TABLE 47

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-21: PRINCIPLES, CHARACTERISTICS,  
AND PROCESSES INVOLVED IN  
ELECTROSTATIC PRINTING

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	2	3
Periodically	12	16
When needed	15	21
Not included	43	59
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

TABLE 48

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-22: GATHERING AND BINDING PROCEDURES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	42	57
Periodically	19	26
When needed	10	14
Not included	2	3
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 49

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-23: SCORING, PERFORATING,  
AND TRIMMING PROCEDURES

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	37	51
Periodically	20	27
When needed	15	21
Not included	1	1
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 50

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-24: THE VARIOUS TYPES OF INKS AND PAPERS,  
AND CONSIDERATIONS IN THEIR SELECTION,  
PURCHASING, AND USE

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	30	41
Periodically	19	26
When needed	21	29
Not included	3	4
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

TABLE 51

RESPONSES TO ITEM 4-25: CONSIDERATIONS OF QUALITY, NUMBER OF COPIES, AND COST IN THE SELECTION OF A REPRODUCTION SYSTEM

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	35	48
Periodically	15	21
When needed	14	19
Not included	9	12
No answer	--	--
Total	73	100

Data for Basic Concept #5

Items 5-1 through 5-6 on the information form were constructed using the fifth basic concept of VICOED as a guide. These questions were concerned with the teaching of storage and retrieval systems for graphic and document information. As Tables 52 through 57 illustrate, an overwhelming majority of responses to each item in this category were in rejection of the hypothesis. Therefore, the fifth basic concept is understood to be in rejection of the hypothesis.

TABLE 52

RESPONSES TO ITEM 5-1: THE PREPARATION OF GRAPHIC OR  
DOCUMENT MATERIAL FOR STORAGE

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	2	3
Periodically	1	1
When needed	9	12
Not included	59	81
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 53

RESPONSES TO ITEM 5-2: THE USE OF PHOTOPRINTS, MICROFILM,  
VIDEO TAPE, COMPUTERS, OR EMBOSSED CARDS  
IN MATERIAL STORAGE

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	3	4
Periodically	2	3
When needed	7	9
Not included	59	81
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 54

RESPONSES TO ITEM 5-3: THE VARIOUS INDEX CODING SYSTEMS USED  
IN THE STORAGE OF IMAGED MATERIALS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	--	--
Periodically	--	--
When needed	3	4
Not included	68	93
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 55

RESPONSES TO ITEM 5-4: RETRIEVAL SYSTEMS USED IN  
FINDING STORED MATERIAL

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	--	--
Periodically	--	--
When needed	3	4
Not included	68	93
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 56

RESPONSES TO ITEM 5-5: THE USE OF MICROFORM  
VIEWING SYSTEMS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	--	--
Periodically	--	--
When needed	6	8
Not included	65	89
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 57

RESPONSES TO ITEM 5-6: REPRODUCTION OF STORED MATERIAL

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	6	8
Periodically	4	6
When needed	6	8
Not included	56	77
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

Data for Basic Concept #6

The sixth basic concept of VICOED was used as a guide in formulating items 6-1 through 6-5 on the information form. The purpose of these questions was to ascertain if the instructor taught the role and composition of the visual communication industry in his classes. As Tables 58 through 62 indicate, a majority of responses to all the items except one (see Table 59) were in support of the hypothesis. Thus, the sixth basic concept was interpreted as supporting the hypothesis.

TABLE 58

RESPONSES TO ITEM 6-1: THE COMPOSITION OF THE  
VISUAL COMMUNICATION INDUSTRY

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	19	26
Periodically	14	19
When needed	14	19
Not included	24	33
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 59

RESPONSES TO ITEM 6-2: THE ORGANIZATION OF  
THE BUSINESS UNIT

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	6	8
Periodically	15	20
When needed	13	18
Not included	37	51
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 60

RESPONSES TO ITEM 6-3: ORGANIZATION OF THE INDUSTRY  
AND ITS DEPARTMENTS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	23	32
Periodically	22	30
When needed	14	19
Not included	12	16
No answer	2	3
Total	73	100

TABLE 61

RESPONSES TO ITEM 6-4: INDUSTRY RELATED ASSOCIATIONS

Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	19	26
Periodically	14	19
When needed	22	30
Not included	15	21
No answer	3	4
Total	73	100

TABLE 62

RESPONSES TO ITEM 6-5: CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE  
VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS INDUSTRY

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Choices	Number of Responses	Percentage
Always	47	64
Periodically	16	22
When needed	7	10
Not included	2	3
No answer	1	1
Total	73	100

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## CHAPTER V

### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

#### Restatement of the Problem

The primary purpose of this study was to provide research evidence to indicate if the basic concepts of visual communication education had been implemented in the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois. This was done by comparing the concepts of the graphic arts classes to those of a course in visual communication education.

#### Description of Procedures Used

While the intent of this study was originally to survey the entire population secondary school graphic arts teachers in industrial arts, this was found to be impossible since such a listing did not exist. Consequently, 184 teachers that were members of the Graphic Arts Teachers Association of Illinois were surveyed by information forms. The information form asked the teachers to indicate the degree to which the content (and basic concepts) of their graphic arts classes coincided with those of a course in visual communication education. The data gathered was then analyzed according to the methods previously discussed.

#### Principal Findings and Conclusions of the Study

The findings of this study, based upon the population,

treatment, and conditions postulated were:

1. The first basic concept of visual communication education was being taught by the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois.
2. The second basic concept of visual communication education was being taught by the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois.
3. The third basic concept of visual communication education was being taught by the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois.
4. The fourth basic concept of visual communication education was being taught by the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois.
5. The fifth basic concept of visual communication education was not being taught by the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois.
6. The sixth basic concept of visual communication education was being taught by the graphic arts curriculums in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois.

#### Test of the Hypothesis

Hypothesis: There is no difference between the basic concepts of visual communication education and those basic concepts taught in the graphic arts classes in industrial arts at the secondary level in the state of Illinois.

Whereas the findings of this study indicated a difference between the basic concepts of visual communication education and those basic concepts of graphic arts classes in industrial arts in the secondary schools of Illinois, the hypothesis was rejected.

Implications for Further Research

The present study has served as a pilot study from which further research could be pursued. The following are approaches that might be used in future studies:

1. A study similar to the present one might be used to provide information as to why the storage and retrieval of graphic and document information is not taught in graphic arts classes.

2. A study comparing the success of students of visual communications to students of graphic arts in education and employment. This study might be used to provide the impetus toward implementing changes in education.

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APPENDIX A

Copy of Information Form

Copy of Introductory Letter

Copy of Follow-Up Note

Information Form Concerning Graphic Arts Curricula

School \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Abstract desired ( )

Always Periodically When needed Not included

Instructions: Please answer each of the following questions by checking the appropriate response following each item.

For your Graphic Arts programs, do you teach:

- 1-1. Methods, goals, and processes of communication
1-2. Variables affecting the success of communication
1-3. The history of writing
1-4. The history of paper and papermaking
1-5. The history of printing methods (letterpress, lithography, etc.)
1-6. Cold type methods (photographic, strike-on, etc.)
1-7. The effects of visual materials upon daily life
1-8. The various visual communication media, and how to increase their effectiveness
1-9. How various subject areas (physics, psychology, etc.) are related to visual communications
1-10. Usage of symbols in communication
1-11. Audience considerations in the usage of symbols
1-12. How to stimulate ideas and creativity
1-13. The elements of design (balance, rythm, etc.)
1-14. Graphic techniques (line drawing, shading, letter style)
1-15. Photographic techniques (35 mm., exposures, lighting, etc.)
1-16. The types of layout ( thumbnail, comprehensive, etc.)
1-17. Paste-up procedures
1-18. The uses of printed media
1-19. The uses of projectuals, transmissions, and displays
1-20. General photography and its uses (continuous tone)
1-21. Analyzing messages to be communicated, and the choosing of an appropriate medium
1-22. Various types of display media and criteria for their selection
1-23. Teamwork and steps in planning a presentation
1-24. Graphic and photographic techniques used in preparing a presentation
1-25. How to narrate and edit a presentation
1-26. The pre- and post-presentation procedures

Office Duplicating Methods (Check the methods you teach)

- 1-27. Stencil (mimeo)
1-28. Spirit
1-29. Gelatin

Photocopying processes (Check the methods you teach)

- 1-30. Silver halide
1-31. Thermal
1-32. Dual spectrum (3M Brand Dry Photo Copier)
1-33. Diazo
1-34. Iron salt (blueprints, Van Dyke, etc.)
1-35. Electrostatic

For your Graphic Arts programs, do you teach:

- 1-36. Contact printing, projection printing, and development
1-37. Halftone and line photography for use in conventional printing methods

Types of image carriers and their assembly for the following printing methods:

- 1-38. Letterpress (movable type, stereotypes, etc.)
1-39. Lithographic (image reversed)
1-40. Photo-offset lithography (direct image, presensitized, etc.)
1-41. Screen process (silk screen)
1-42. Gravure (Itaglio)

Image transfer for the following methods:

- 1-43. Letterpress
1-44. Lithography
1-45. Photo-offset lithography
1-46. Gravure (Itaglio)

On your Graphic Arts programs, do you teach:

- 11. Principles, characteristics, and processes involved in electrostatic printing . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 12. Gathering and binding procedures . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 13. Scoring, perforating, and trimming procedures . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 14. The various types of inks and papers, and considerations in their selection, purchasing, and use . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 15. Considerations of quality, number of copies, and cost in the selection of a reproduction system . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 16. The preparation of graphic or document material for storage (microfilm, computer, etc.) . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 17. The use of photoprints, microfilm, video tape, computers, or embossed cards in material storage . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 18. The various index coding systems used in the storage of imaged materials (MIROcode system, etc.) . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 19. Retrieval systems used in finding stored material (Keysort, magnetic tape systems, etc.) . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 20. The use of microform viewing systems . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 21. Reproduction of stored material . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 22. The composition of the visual communication industry . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 23. The organization of the business unit (cooperative, corporation, etc.) . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 24. Organization of the industry and its departments . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 25. Industry related associations (trade unions, guilds, etc.) . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )
- 26. Career opportunities in the visual communications industry . . . . . ( ) ( ) ( ) ( )

EASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY  
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Dear Sir:

The following form is being used in conjunction with a study now in progress in the Department of Industrial Arts and Technology at Eastern Illinois University. The purpose of this study is to identify the depth and direction of Graphic Arts curriculums in the secondary schools of Illinois.

In attempting to finish this study as soon as possible, you are urged to complete the items on this form now, while it is at hand and has your attention. Enclosed is a stamped envelope for your convenience in returning the completed form.

You can be sure that the information collected will not be used in any manner that will embarrass you or your school. If you wish, an abstract of this study will be sent to you upon its completion.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Gary E. Hinkle  
Graduate Assistant

Dear Sir:

Recently you were sent an information form concerned with the depth and direction of your Graphic Arts curriculums. On the assumption that you have misplaced the form, I am enclosing another one. Won't you please fill out the form, and return it in the enclosed envelope.

If you are not presently teaching a Graphic Arts class, would you please return the form with a note indicating such. We are anxious to have a reply from every person.

If you have already mailed the form please disregard this letter. Thank you very much for your cooperation in this study.

Sincerely yours,

Gary E. Hinkle  
Graduate Assistant