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If the kids say the school wants a satellite dish — and they might some day - don't look in the cupboard for something along that line to donate.

A satellite dish has nothing to do with regular dishes. Also called a down-link, it has nothing to do with cuff, fence or golf links either.

A satellite dish is part of the equipment in one of the new communication technologies making audiovisual waves around the schoolhouse. The technologies will give new flexibility to instructional television — I-T-V, as it's called.

The "dish" catches beams nals - from satellites. It looks like a dish — but the diameter on a small one is three feet.

Kentucky Education Television, for one, is preparing to perch small satellite dishes — receivers — atop every school in that state and to purchase a full-time satellite channel dedicated to delivering instructional television materials to schools.

Satellite dish is just one phrase in the new communication technologies you need to know to keep up with what's going on - or going to go on - in the schoolhouse.

Add these other words: videodisc, cable, videotape recorder.

I-T-V consists of series designed to teach specific subjects. Many of the packaged programs are produced under the aegis of Agency for Instructional Television, a consortium of education departments in Canada and the United States.

About 15 million students, kindergarten to grade 12, learn some from instructional television programs during a school day. But there are I-T-V programs for all ages and types of learners, including postsecondary and adult learners.

Topics range from reading to math to counseling and anthropology.

But that's not all. Nearly half-amillion students are enrolled in courses offered by intructional television in colleges and universities, the National Center for Education Statistics reports.

Taxpayers can cheer about satel-lites in I-T-V. Insiders say the satellites provide a means of transmitting signals across great distances and avoid the need for complex systems of land-based relays.

The result: a major decrease in the cost of long distance, multiplechannel transmission.

Present satellite receiving equipment — down-links — are relatively complex and costly. Small, simpler and much less costly down-links are being used successfully for at-home reception in several countries.

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Learning," an information program from the Public Broadcasting Service and th Corporation for Public Broadcasting, said:
"These smaller, three-feet in dia-

meter receiving dishes will soon be available in the United States for both home and institutional use.

Three other payoffs from satellite communications expected to impact on the classroom:

Videoconferencing: Twoway visual links between several parties separated by substantial distances. A wide variety of educational, medical and business teleconferences have been conducted over the past two

- Dissemination of educational materials to numerous interested parties on a regional or national

- Dissemination of specialized vision hopes to solve with satellite receivers on school tops.

About those other words and systems you'll need to know - in addition to satellite dish - as alternative delivery systems from the new technologies become generally available:

- Videotape recorder and playback units: The rapid rise in consumer popularity of the small format 1/2in. videotape cassette recorders brings with it a shift in control away from the broadcaster and towards the classrom teacher. In many schools, teachers have I-T-V programs recorded off the air and, at some later time, fit them into a more apropriate time and sequence for that classroom. Up to six hours of instructional programming may be stored on one 1/2-in. video cassette. Small format recorders, relatively in-expensive, are steadily being purchased for home use. It is conceiveable the classroom might be expanded into the living room. How this would work: student checks out prerecorded material, takes casette home, plays it, studies. - Videotape cameras: More

schools are buying small video cameras and constructing some form of school television production facility. Often, production process be-

dents at Edward R. Murrow High in Brooklyn, N.Y., for one example, have gone into the surgical suite of a New York city hospital and taped operations. Prairie High students in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, working with Kirkwood Comunity College, produced 1,500 videotapes covering aspects of vocational education. Students use phones to request tapes stored at Kirkwood. Media personnel inform student of correct channel to monitor, then transmits tape. After viewing tapes, students demonstrate to teacher they learned information on the tape. Tape topics range from auto mechanics to draft-

woodworking.

- Cable television: Cab system for disseminating instead of over the air. The multiple channel television data and facsimile reprod in some cases, interactive Most cable systems now have a 12 channel capacit systems will have increa capacity. A few might have channels of information for subscribers.

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SAN ANTONIO — Because of the Soviet Union's increasing sophistication in nuclear and chemical warfare, the Air Force is considering dressing its pilots in charcoal-lined flight suits, hoods and nuclear flash gog-

At Brooks Air Force Base, headquarters for the Aerospace Medical Division, scientists already have developed what they call "PLZT," goggles made of electro-optically active, crystalline material.

The bizarre goggles will "close" at a sudden flash, such as from a hydrogen bomb, and reopen a split second later to prevent a pilot from being blinded by a nuclear flash. They make the pilot resemble a creature from outer space as portrayed in science fiction movies.

Col. Donald I. Carter, director of research and development, said the futuristic pilot's wear represents one of several directions the Aerospace Medical Division is going to enhance American pilots' survival in combat during the next decade

The division already is planning the direction of its medical and bio-technology efforts over the next 5 to '10 years, Carter said. The keystones of the programs will be pilot-oriented, directed toward solving

arise as new aircraft cap space systems and adva weaponry emerge.

A priority area, Carter sa protect pilots from chemical and ionizing radiation. Ther new protective equipmen volutionize the entire pilot li semble. He said defense experts vin

potential for chemical warfar very real threat, in the light growing capabilities of the Union in this area.' The Crew Technology Divis Brooks already is testing some the-shelf equipment to see h

latively heavy charcoal-lined tration device and hood affect pilot's ability to tolerate " maneuvers and heat stress. If proposals being subm the Air Force Systems Commi

approved, the School of Arm Medicine at Brooks will be: veloping a more efficient de warfare outfit. "We need a protective env that doesn't degrade a pilotsa to fly the aircraft and yet prov protection he needs againster to chemical agents,'

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Carter said. Efforts are underway to pra the effects of exposure to differ types of radiation as well as in aneous exposures to radiation chemical agents.

The Clinical Sciences Division Brooks, in conjunction with program, is developing physical psychological criteria for select and keeping pilots fit to fly high formance aircraft and to perform demanding maneuvers required

As part of that area of study, so ists next month will acquire to 39 aircraft simulators to study vorkload, and will look into number and causes of the Air F near miss" accident rate which ncreased significantly in the

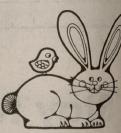


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