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Taulbee Survey Report

I was disappointed in the report by David Gries on the 1984-1985 Taulbee Survey (*Communications*, October 1986, pp. 972-977). Although it was well presented, reasonably laid out and, most likely, accurate, it was not useful information. Data in this form need commentary to become information. I often hear of "industry eating its own seed corn" in reference to the hiring of Ph.D.'s

Network Noted

In the "Notable Computer Networks" article by John S. Quarterman and Josiah C. Hoskins (*Communications*, October 1986, 932-971) a few company networks are detailed. One such network which is not detailed seems to be a fairly well-kept secret. This is the internal network belonging to Tandem Computers Incorporated. This network has 200 NonStop hosts connected via 150 links con-

Electronic Mail, Order Entry, Manufacturing, VLSI Design, Customer Engineering Dispatch, Problem Reporting and Software Patch Distribution.

A typical Tandem electronic-mail name looks like 'LaPedis_Ron', or 'Payroll', the second being a department name rather than a person. There is no need to specify the geographical location of a mail correspondent.

An on-line telephone book, telephone messages, and request forms