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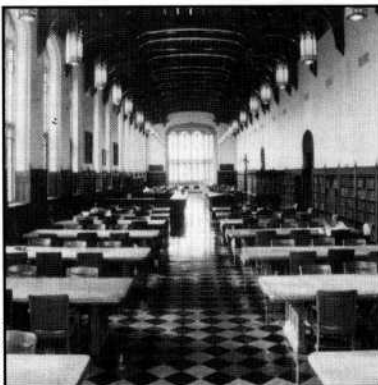
A composer can hear his work in progress without assembling an orchestra; a lone musician can practice a duet or play with an ensemble. Many piano pedagogists are ecstatic over the possibilities; some purists want no part of the new technology.

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