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This Educational Matters Column offers two novelties. For the first time, a paper is reprinted with the friendly permission of the copyright holder. A High-School Program in Computer Science by Judith Gal-Ezer, Catriel Beeri, David Harel, and Amiram Yehudai was published in the IEEE Computer Magazine a year ago. While, therefore; some of the Bulletin readers know the contribution already, I am sure that the paper is of great interest to those who are not regular COMPUTER readers. I consider a reprint from time to time as a reasonable way to make the column an interesting source of information. Hence I would welcome further offers of this kind and hints to papers which may be worthwhile to be reprinted. Moreover, the paper, that describes the introduction of a computer science curriculum into Israeli high schools, opens a new and quite significant topic within the spectrum of this column. High-school education in computer science (and in general) is a key issue with tremendous impact to university education and the role of our field in society. Hence, I am very thankful to the authors of the paper for offering it as a contribution to the column, and I hope that the paper is the beginning of an on-going discussion on high-school education in computer science. I would appreciate in particular to get reactions to the paper and reports on the corresponding situation and programs in other countries.

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