

## ForUM Statistics



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March 2010,  
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## CIO Corner *(by Frank Whidden, Ph.D., Interim CIO)*

### Whither Higher Education?

An interesting project is underway at the University. If you haven't heard about it, check out [www.collegeofthefuture.com](http://www.collegeofthefuture.com). Some very intrepid folks are asking some important questions. Hopefully, you were able to participate in the global event hosted from the Digital Café on Wednesday evening. If not, I highly recommend that if you are interested in teaching and learning (or either if not both) that you check out the Web site and get involved in the discussion.

If you are faculty or staff at the University, clearly there are reasons to be thinking about the future of higher education. None of us attends a meeting of any import but the subject of budget arises. Rarely is there any good news in these discussions. That's disheartening

when all of us care very deeply about teaching and learning and the success of the students and the University.

If you are a learner, and these days folks that better be *all* of us, then we definitely have an interest in the future of higher education. We have direct economic and professional reasons to be life-long learners but beyond that, if we believe in liberal arts, learning is a highly-valued part of our lives. Given the hectic schedules and burdens of everyday life, it's not easy to indulge oneself in learning. But, if the learning opportunity were convenient, meaningful, and accessible, the game is changed.

We do not know what the next paradigm for learning will be. We can say one thing for certain. It will be different than the model we are currently using. Put bluntly, change is inevitable. If you would like to help shape the next one, join the discussion!

## Blackboard Enterprise Is Coming!

The University recently contracted with Blackboard for the Enterprise edition of their course management system. One of the new features of the Enterprise version will be the ability to login using your usual network username and password – there won't be any need to remember an extra password!

Technology Services is currently working on setting up and customizing the test environment. By the end of

June, we hope to have it ready for any interested faculty or staff member to take a peek at it. Training on the differences between the current Basic Edition and the new Enterprise Edition are planned to begin in July and will be offered until the middle of August. During the two week period before Fall classes start, the Blackboard Enterprise will "go live."

Are you excited yet?? Just wait until you see what Blackboard Enterprise has to offer!! Watch for an email with more information!