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Schools Won't Require Online Class. Yet.

By: Winnie Hu – *NYTimes.com*

NEW JERSEY education officials are working on an ambitious redesign of the state's public high schools that is intended to better prepare students for college and the work force in the 21st century.

The redesign had called for every student — not just those who are college bound — to study Algebra II, laboratory sciences and foreign languages, pass more state tests and complete at least one online course in order to graduate. But education officials recently backed away from the online requirement because of concerns over the cost and whether such courses would meet state standards.

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New Initiatives for Disabled Vets

By: Elizabeth Redden – *insidehighered.com*

In reaching out to veterans, a Rochester university is acting on its unique strengths.

"We had seen media reports about troops serving in war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan being exposed to loud noises and hearing loss.... We continue to see reports that hearing loss is the highest disability reported by those serving in those regions," said T. Alan Hurwitz, president of National Technical Institute for the Deaf, one of eight colleges of Rochester Institute of Technology (one such media report is [available here](#)). "We deal with hearing loss every day, so it's a topic that certainly piqued our interest.

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Campus Computing Goes Green to Save Money

By: Josh Keller – *chronicle.com*

Relocate a college's server computers next to a solar-power generator. Replace AC power with DC power. Cool the servers only where they get the hottest. Put the servers in the ocean and power them with waves.

Those were a few of the ideas discussed last week at a conference, "Greening the Internet Economy," that was designed to address the problem of the soaring financial and environmental costs of information technology.

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In the Closing of Brandeis Museum, a Stark Statement of Priorities

By: Roberta Smith – *nytimes.com*

WALTHAM, Mass. — Few things are more poignant than a gem of a museum whose days may be numbered. So it was at the Rose Art Museum at Brandeis University on a visit Friday, days after the university's trustees voted unanimously to trash the institution by closing it and auctioning off the 6,000 works in its collection. The action came without consulting either the museum's own board of governors or its director, Michael Rush.

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William Jessup University Cuts Tuition

Source – *bizjournals.com*

William Jessup University in Rocklin is lowering tuition by 2.5 percent for full-time undergraduate students and is expanding scholarships for low-income students.

In what is believed to be the first decrease in tuition for the 70-year-old university, William Jessup will charge \$19,980 for the 2009-10 academic year, which is \$500 less than the \$20,480 tuition for 2008-09. Tuition already was 10 percent below the national average for four-year private institutions.

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Distance Education at Degree-Granting Postsecondary Institutions: 2006-07

Source: *nces.ed.gov*

This report presents findings from "Distance Education at Postsecondary Institutions: 2006-07", a survey that was designed to provide national estimates on distance education at 2-year and 4-year Title IV eligible, degree-granting institutions. Distance education was defined as a formal education process in which the student and instructor are not in the same place. Thus, instruction may be synchronous or asynchronous, and it may involve communication through the use of video, audio, or computer technologies, or by correspondence (which may include both written correspondence and the use of technology such as CD-ROM). The questionnaire instructed institutions to include distance education courses and programs that were formally designated as online, hybrid/blended online, and other distance education courses and programs. Hybrid/blended online courses were defined as a combination of online and in-class instruction with reduced in-class seat time for students.

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