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The Daily Report

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Good day!

Here are highlights from The Chronicle for Monday, March 19:

* House committee is expected to look at civil-rights office.
* Davidson College says it will stop making student loans.
* Some colleges do well in helping needy students get degrees.

Those items, and more, are linked below.

The numbers don't lie about The College of New Jersey (TCNJ). They equal an education valued for life! http://www.tcnj.edu
1 = TCNJ's U.S. News rank among public colleges in the north
6 = TCNJ's rank on Princeton Review's "Happiest Students" list
13 = Students per faculty member at The College of New Jersey
38 = National championships won by TCNJ varsity athletic teams

TODAY'S NEWS

* THE LEADER OF THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE will hold oversight hearings to see if the Education Department's Office for Civil Rights has shirked its responsibilities in areas such as the enforcement of higher-education desegregation agreements, officials of two advocacy groups said on Saturday.

* TREADING WHERE SEVERAL OTHER UNIVERSITIES have declined to go, Purdue University formally announced last week that it would become home to a new $100-million institute financed by a foundation created by the billionaire Alfred E. Mann.
* DAVIDSON COLLEGE plans to announce today that it will no longer make student loans and will instead meet students' financial need with grants and work-study jobs.

* THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES'S DECISION to sever ties between the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine & Science and a faltering county hospital that had been plagued for years by reports of shoddy care has crippled the university and "callously set adrift" 248 medical residents, according to a $125-million lawsuit the university has announced it will file.

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THE NEWS BLOG


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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

* LAST APRIL TWO CONSORTIA that run high-speed computer networks for researchers scotched plans to merge, saying they could not agree on organizational issues. But now the two groups -- Internet2 and National LambdaRail -- say the merger is back on.

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THE WIRED CAMPUS BLOG

* College officials warn students about the recording industry's pre-litigation notices.

* CBS and YouTube strike a deal to put NCAA tournament highlights online.

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CHRONICLE CAREERS

* THE AUTHOR OF A WELL-KNOWN BOOK on nonacademic careers for Ph.D.'s answers some commonly asked questions.

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-- DISCUSSIONS

THIS WEEK IN THE BROWN BAG
Ray E. Schroeder, director of technology-enhanced learning at the University of Illinois at Springfield, will take your questions about what colleges can do to prepare for different types of emergencies and how they can use Web-based learning to continue classes without interruption, no matter what happens outside. Join us for a live Web chat on Thursday at noon, U.S. Eastern time.
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A NEW TOPIC IN FORUMS
How can college officials protect free speech when it clashes with deeply held campus sentiment? Share your opinions online.
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-- HIGHLIGHTS FROM THIS WEEK’S CHRONICLE

THE GRADUATION GAP
Studies show that degree attainment varies widely among colleges that serve low-income students.
--> SEE http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i29/29a02001.htm

* A HANDS-ON APPROACH:
Fisk University, a historically black institution that enrolls many low-income and first-generation students, makes special efforts that keep its graduation rate well above average.
--> SEE http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i29/29a02101.htm
* 'A DUTY TO HELP':
  The University of California at Riverside, one of the
  nation's most socioeconomically diverse public research
  institutions, pushes its financially needy students to
  complete their degrees.
  --> SEE http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i29/29a02201.htm

FREAK OCCIDENT
Is the Western world an idea? A culture? A geopolitical system?
An economy? A conqueror? A scapegoat? ... Yes, and more.
--> SEE http://chronicle.com/weekly/v53/i29/29b00601.htm

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GRANTS & FELLOWSHIPS: Grants in women's history.
--> SEE http://chronicle.com/free/grants/

CORRECTION
An article in Friday's Daily Report about charges filed against
a faculty member at Turkey's Gazi University misstated his
field. The academic, Atilla Yayla, is a professor of politics
and political theory, not a professor of public administration.

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MAGAZINES & JOURNALS
A glance at the current issue of "Crime, Media, Culture":

A CASE FOR STUDYING THE 'CSI EFFECT': Representations of
forensics on the popular CBS television show "CSI: Crime Scene
Investigation" are often criticized as unrealistic, but the
show has had an effect on courtroom strategies, writes an
assistant professor of sociology and anthropology.

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ARTS & LETTERS DAILY
Blogging makes a difference, and Josh Marshall proves it with
Talking Points Memo, as the Bush White House scurries for cover.

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