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1. School Reform Still High Priority

"A Nation at Risk," the 1983 National Commission on Excellence in Education report indicting America's public school system and laying the groundwork for, among other sweeping legislation, the *No Child Left Behind Act*, has celebrated its 25-year anniversary. Education experts took the occasion to revisit the commission's conclusions, evaluate what progress has been made, and make recommendations for future education improvement initiatives. Two recent publications look closely at where the country stands a quarter-century later: "A Nation at Loss," [New York Times](#) and "Still at Risk," [Newsweek Online](#).

In this sixth year since the implementation of *No Child Left Behind*, the Department of Education is [requesting comments](#) on changes it says "would clarify and strengthen current regulations in the areas of assessment, accountability, supplemental educational services, and public school choice" under Part A of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Comments are due by **June 23, 2008** and can be submitted [online](#).

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2. Report on Global Business Trends Offers Advice for Business Schools

The Global Foundation for Management Education (GFME), a leader in supporting the development of business education, has released a new [report](#). *The Global Management Education Landscape: Shaping the Future of Business Schools* identifies important global economic and business trends, as well as recent developments in management education.

The report explores the possible implications of these trends on business schools in every region of the world, and provides five recommendations that could help shape the future of management education. The recommendations were designed to stimulate discussion among leaders in the global management education community and among business and government leaders and policy makers. Questions, comments, or suggestions should be directed to Dan LeClair (dan@aacsb.edu), Vice President and Chief Knowledge Officer at The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business, or Matthew Wood (matthew.wood@efmd.org), Communications Director at the European Foundation for Management Development.

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3. Online Humanities Press Makes Its Debut

The [Open Humanities Press](#), "an international open access publishing collective in critical and cultural theory," encourages humanities scholars to submit their publications online for no charge in a peer-reviewed environment.

As the *Chronicle of Higher Education* [reports](#), "the nonprofit operation [made its official debut May 12, 2008], with a roster of seven already-established journals in critical and cultural studies and related fields: Cosmos and History, Culture Machine, Fibreculture, Film-Philosophy, International Journal of Zizek Studies, Parrhesia, and Vectors. Each journal already publishes in an open-access format, and each will retain full editorial independence. The press will provide editorial and technical-development services, using the Open Journal Systems software created by the Public Knowledge Project, and it will help with distribution and promotion.

"Those involved with Open Humanities Press hope to expand beyond critical theory, perhaps even beyond journals and into open-access monographs, once the enterprise has a reputation for rigorous academic quality." The project is a prime example of how, as the National Endowment for the Humanities Office of Digital Humanities says, digital technology has changed--and continues to change--the way scholars perform their work.

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4. Proposal Routing During the Summer Months

Faculty should inform their OSP managers of plans for proposal submittal well in advance of the proposal deadline. This is especially important in the summer months as some of the proposal signers may reduce the number of hours they are on campus. Please keep in mind that routing a proposal for the necessary reviews and sign-offs may take longer during the summer than during the regular school year.

5. State Governments Provide Half-Billion Dollars for Academic R&D

A May 2008 National Science Foundation (NSF) [survey](#) finds that half of the \$1.1 billion state agencies provided for research and development in FY 06 went to colleges and universities. about \$1.1 billion in research and development funding in FY 06. This is the first survey of its kind conducted in the last ten years.

The *Chronicle of Higher Education* [reports](#), "The result is a finer-grain analysis than the NSF's annual survey of universities about their research spending from various financing sources, including state governments. The annual survey covers a broad range of state support, including nonspecific appropriations for the operations of university laboratories and agricultural research stations."

NSF contacted 423 state agencies nationwide. The 209 agencies reporting any commissioned expenditures for academic research and development are responsible for natural resources (52 agencies), transportation (48), agriculture (37), health (22), and the environment (19).

The leading states were Pennsylvania (\$68.7 million), New York (\$57.4 million), California (\$57.2 million), Michigan (\$37.9 million), and Ohio (\$34 million). Spending by those states accounted for about half the total. At the bottom of the list were New Mexico (\$65,000), Rhode Island (\$150,000), Mississippi (\$454,000), Vermont (\$610,000), and Alaska (\$621,000). NSF plans to repeat the survey for the 2007 fiscal year.

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