

## ***Chronicle of US Higher Education Digest (January 2012)***

### **DePaul U. Will Make SAT and ACT Optional**

Admissions officers decided that test scores did little to help them predict student success beyond what high-school transcripts revealed.

### **The Making of World-Class Universities, of the Chinese Variety**

*By Paula Marantz Cohen*

Institutions in China have been accused of copying American models, but they're going off in their own direction on tenure and other practices.

### **Innovations: Why Students Want to Go to Harvard**

Graduates of the most elite colleges benefit to the tune of hundreds of thousands of dollars in increased earnings compared with graduates of midquality schools, writes Richard Vedder.

### **Yale Shifts Its Student-Aid Generosity From Richer to Poorer Students**

The university will increase support to students whose families make up to \$65,000 a year, and lower support for those making \$130,000 to \$200,000.

### **Being Bilingual: a Beneficial Workout for the Brain**

*By David L. Wheeler*

Among the advantages of speaking two languages is a delay in the onset of the symptoms of Alzheimer's disease, research found.

### **Let's Radically Improve Teacher Training (and Stop Fighting About It)**

*By Deborah Loewenberg Ball*

In the next five years, we will need more than 1.5 million new teachers. This is a time for action, not words.

### **Spending Freely on Research, Canada Reverses Its Brain Drain**

*By Jennifer Lewington*

A national strategy, including billions of dollars in grants, draws top talent from around the globe.

### **American Universities Have Major Stake in Immigration Reform, Speaker Says**

*By Karin Fischer*

The United States risks a vast "brain hemorrhage," as American-educated Indian and Chinese engineers and entrepreneurs return to their own countries.

### **Guilt Is Not Enough to Stop Students From Texting in Class**

Eighty percent of students surveyed at the University of New Hampshire said they normally sent at least one text message in each class, but only 40 percent were in favor of allowing such behavior.

### **Harvard and Princeton Restore Early Admissions**

Both elite universities reverse decisions made several years ago to end early admissions, saying a hoped-for increase in minority and low-income applicants had failed to materialize.

### **Social Media Lure Academics Frustrated by Traditional Publishing**

*By Jennifer Howard*

A new survey shows that social scientists, humanists, and biologists are increasingly using Facebook and Twitter to share research, worrying publishers.

### **Why International Internships Are Key to University Global Engagement**

*By Cindy Chalou and Charles Gliozzo*

The number of American students who go on internships abroad is growing, and that's good for both their colleges and their careers.

### **South Korea Brings in Foreign Professors by the Thousands, but Is It Ready for Them?**

*By David McNeill*

The country wants to increase the number of foreign professors at its universities to meet the demands of a globalizing world, but cultural clashes have left some hires frustrated.

### **TED, Known for Big-Idea Conferences, Pushes Into Education**

The leaders of the annual TED conference, known for featuring short, carefully prepared talks on big ideas, hope to apply their approach to the classroom.

### **Bill Gates Promotes Professor's Online Course at TED**

A history professor's course is now free online, thanks to support from one of the world's richest men.