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the Board of Regents ceases to exist as of July 1, the J/FSU College of Engineering will be missing three members nine-member Joint Management Council.

vost Larry Abele. "I still think the basic idea is wonderful, but it would take some real commitment on a lot of people's part to

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ichael Simonson,
Southeastern Unity professor and ediof the Quarterly wof Distance Educasaid, "It's terribly d, especially at rch universities with r pressures to ach and teach ... faculty already have set of obligations."

monson was in Tallaee to talk about the
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playing host to the conference, which runs through Saturday at the Oglesby Union and is estimated to register more than 400 educators — representing 36 different countries.

"The aim of the conference is to bring together people from around the world who believe technology can improve learning," said FSU Professor Owen Gaede, one of the conference's coordinators.

The conference gives educators a chance to present their research on technology, talk about hot topics like the ever-expanding college classes provided online and delve into more serious issues, such as how to help poor countries improve the education level of their citizens.

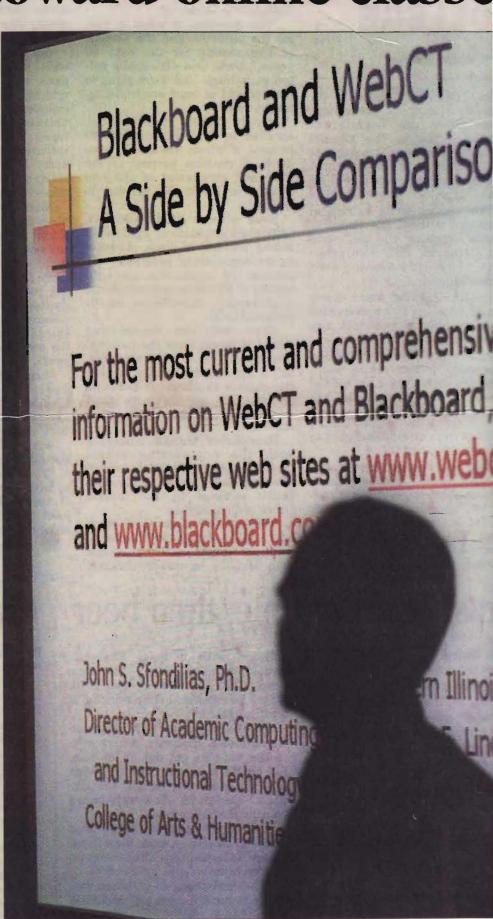
Simonson said universities must make distance education a priority. Of the \$3 billion in private money spent on higher

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Eastern Illinois University academic computing for John Sfondilias teaches two different teaching ams at the 19th International Conference on hology and Education at FSU on Thursday. Above, rence participant Robert Mann, foreground, listens.



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