

## **EDUCOM Panel Introduction**

### **Introductions**

**Welcome once again to all of you as**

EDUCOM participants

**And a particular welcome to my fellow panelists**

here on the stage with me...

**Joe Wyatt, Chancellor of Vanderbilt University**

...and a fellow hacker from way back

**Jim Powell, President of Reed College**

...and a fellow member of the National Science Board

**and Lionel Baldwin, founder and President of**

the National Technological University

...and a fellow has-been Engineering Dean!

### **Role of Universities**

**We are here this morning to talk a bit about the**

growing dependence of our nation's colleges and  
universities on information technology...

...and to speculate a bit about the future.

**It is interesting that our panel spans the full range**

of higher education...

...both public and private education

...from small liberal arts colleges to

large research universities

...from comprehensive universities--indeed, multiversities  
to specialized institutions

**And yet we are all drawn together by our**

growing dependence on this extraordinary technology...

...and how it affects our triad mission of

teaching, research, and service.

**Indeed, on our campuses today we are in a very**

real sense simultaneously developing and

implementing this technology as we go...  
...which, I suppose is appropriate, for our  
institutions are the prime examples of the  
knowledge-based organizations which will  
characterize our nation and the world in  
the 21th Century.

### **Panel Discussion**

**We have challenged each of the panel members to**

speculate a bit about the future of higher  
education...

...and the role that information technology  
can play--indeed, perhaps must play--  
in this future.

**Let us begin by asking...**

to offer his observations: