



QuickWire: \$1-Million Grant Will Bring Automated Advising Tool to More Campuses

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This spring Austin Peay State University unveiled a Web site [<http://chronicle.com/article/The-Netflix-Effect-When/127059/>] to help students choose their courses that was inspired by the suggestion systems used by online retailers like Netflix and Amazon. A \$1-million grant by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced last week will help developers refine the software so that other colleges can install it. Tristan Denley, Austin Peay's provost who helped develop the system, said that the plan is to first bring the software to two community colleges in Tennessee, and to ultimately turn the software into a product that colleges nationwide can license from the university.
