Step 5: Analyze and interpret the data

The results from the 2009 administration of the MFT, taken by 2 Albion students, follow:

Assessment Indicator	Mean Percent Correct
Programming Fundamentals	50
Discrete Structures And Algorithms	42
Systems: Arch/OS/Network/Dbase	28

Circumstances since the administration of this exam have made interpreting the data a waste of time and energy. See Step 6.

Step 6: How will the data collected be used for decision-making, strategic planning, etc.?

In light of the recent uninformed and short-sighted decision by the administration and the Board of Trustees to discontinue the computer science major, one for which no one seems to admit responsibility, and the betrayal of our faculty colleagues in September when we advanced a motion to reinstate that major, there is no point in further assessment of the CS major. The only decisions left to be made are how to wind down a successful (for the students) major, and any strategic planning in CS is limited to how to get along with only one full-time faculty member. These have nothing to do with student data.

While we will continue to administer the MFT to the remaining 12 computer science majors, in keeping with our original assessment plan, it would be folly to assume that this is anything more than an academic exercise to satisfy our own departmental curiosity about how we served these students.