



Access @ Great Basin College Library Newsletter

Techie-Blurb

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In the November/December 2009 issue of University Business there is an interesting Editor's Note, on page 4. Most of the data in this editorial references a report by CDW-G entitled "The 2009 21st-Century Campus Report: Defining the Vision." CDW apparently surveyed "more than 1,000 college students, faculty, and staff," and the report can be downloaded from <http://bit.ly/29pkzH>. The report and the editorial have some interesting opinions.

Summarizing the report, the editorial claims that 70% of faculty will admit that technology is very important to incoming students, and 81% of students claim to use technology every day for school work. However, only 38% of students feel that instructors understand and use technology fully in the classroom. This disparity is an eye-opener.

The editorial suggests that the

past few years have seen a technological explosion, and all of us would readily admit that. Young people today are very adept at using these new technologies. Faculty and staff rate wireless internet access and LCD projectors high on their list, while "interactive whiteboards" are rated high with 73% of IT staff but only by 41% of faculty. Similarly, lecture capture technology is important to 61% of IT staff but only 36% of faculty. Finally, students rate the "educational value" of sites such as Facebook (51%) and Google Apps (31%) much higher than faculty does, at 14% and 12%, respectively.

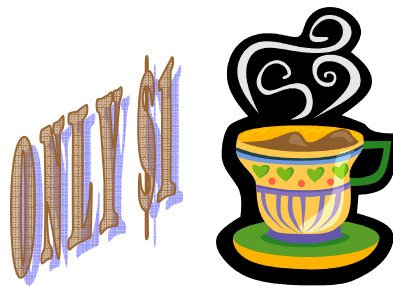
Finally, IT staff surveyed feel that "the biggest impediment

to widespread technology use is lack of budget," while students see the problem as "lack of faculty knowledge."

Could this trend be damaging the credibility and the relationship between students and faculty? If so, what can we do as guardians of the future leaders of the world, to improve this situation? Rather than see this data as an insult or an attack, might we see it as an opportunity?



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- Hot Chocolate
- Spiced Cider
- Tea (a wide variety of flavors)

Library Hours Spring Semester 2010

Monday through Thursday	7 AM– 7 PM
Friday	7AM– 5 PM
Saturday	12 PM– 4 PM
(closed Feb 13, Mar 20, and Mar 27)	

Important Dates

- January 23—Classes Begin
- February 15—President's Day
- March 22-27—Spring Break
- May 17-21—Final Exam Week
- May 21—Graduation

Electronic Resources – How they can help you

Did you know that you have access to thousands of e-books, journals and information sources right from your home? All you have to do is go to the library's website, find the resource you are interested in, click it, enter your library barcode number and instantly you can search for that last bit of information you need to finish your paper.

Here's a quick overview of some of the main electronic resources you can access.



Ebscohost provides over 20 databases covering a variety of topics such as business, science, education and general reference. If you're unsure of which database to search, search multiple databases or all of the databases at one time.



ProQuest also provides over 20 databases covering almost every topic.



Gale provides access to two health databases and access to over 80 e-books. The Virtual Library contains 18 e-books and include material for sciences, health and medicine, mathematics and social studies. The ASCD Education Collection has over 60 books covering education subjects such as differentiation, classroom management and literacy.



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The Library's PACE Collection

The library formed a partnership with the Elko organization called PACE, Partners Allied for Community Excellence, in June of 2003. The Library was asked to be a contact place in Elko County for substance abuse materials. The collection is separated into categories; alcohol, community, drugs, prevention, substance abuse, tobacco, treatment, youth, posters and videos/DVD's. All the materials may be checked out including the posters and videos/DVD's. We also have a lot of free materials available

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