BUILDING COMMUNITY AT THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE:

THE ROLE OF THE LEARNING COMMONS

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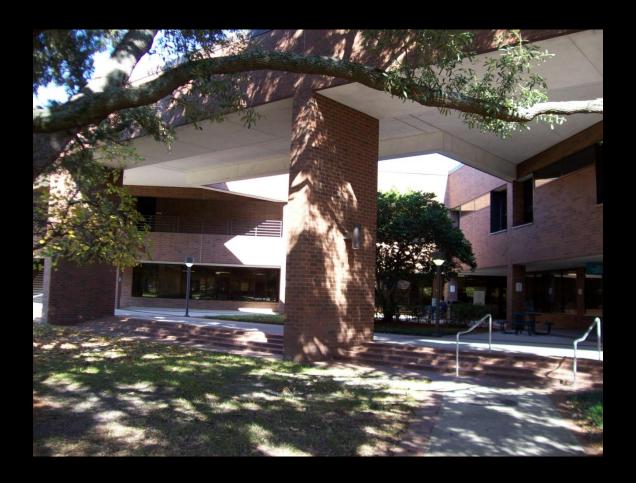
- An institution of higher learning in the USA
- Sometimes called a junior or technical college
- Offers both liberal arts and workforce training
- Curriculum entails General Education requirements
- Accredited to grant certificates and Associates' degrees
- Many are now beginning to offer baccalaureate degrees
- Generally non-residential; student come from the local community
- Students are often both of traditional college age and adult learners
- Students often have multiple roles that compete for their time and demand their energy parent, worker, community member, & student
- Students often need remedial work to qualify for college courses
- The community college often gives those without privilege a second chance for an education, an opportunity to improve their economic condition, and a way to become a contributing member of society































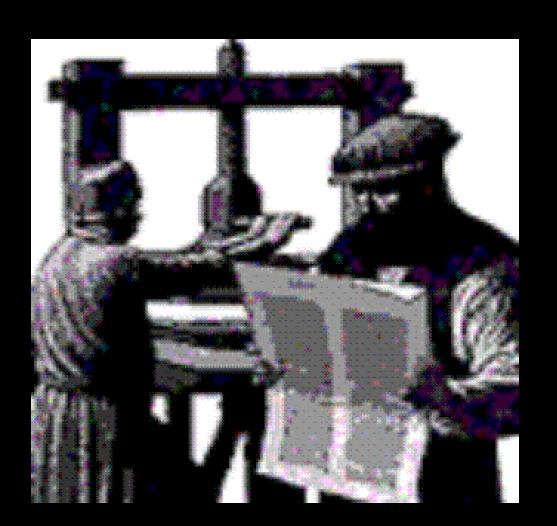


"In fact, the typical library of the twentieth century reflected a traditional model largely in intact since the time when an earlier technological revolution – printing – transformed it from even older archival and scriptorium models built around collections of clay tablets, papyrus scrolls, and illuminated manuscripts."

Beagle, D. R. (2006). *The Information Commons Handbook*. New York: Neal-Schuman Publishers



Founded circa 300bc, the Great Library of Alexandria was the most famed literary repository of the ancient world.



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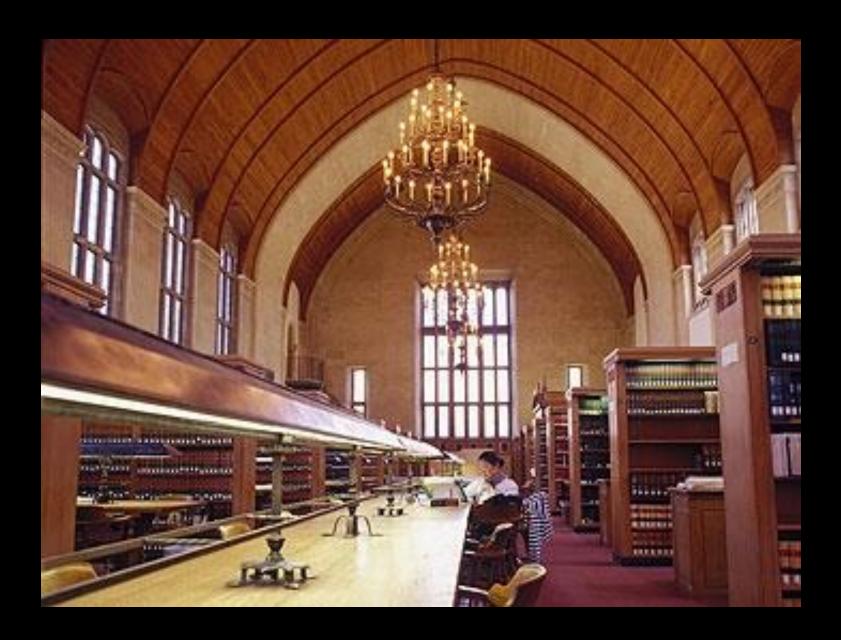
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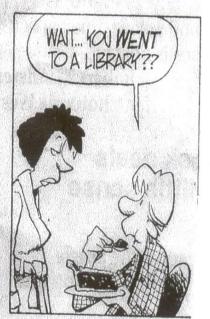


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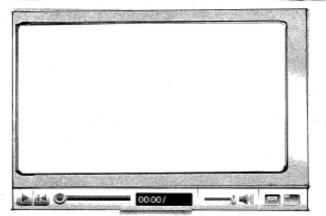




Digital Natives

- 1. They are immersed in a world of media & gadgets.
- 2. Their technology is mobile.
- 3. The Internet is integrated into their world.
- 4. They are multitaskers.
- They are prepared for the radical way technology will change in the next ten years.
- The way in which they approach learning & research is shaped by their techno-world.

PERSON OF THE YEAR





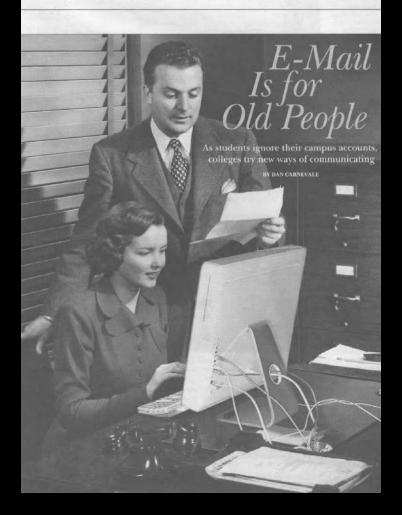
You.

Yes, you. You control the Information Age. Welcome to your world.





INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY



The Horizon Report 2007

Time to adopt: Two-Three years

- Smart Mobile Phones
- Virtual Worlds

Time to adopt: Four-Five years

- New Scholarship & Emerging Forms of Publication
- Massively Multiplayer Educational Gaming







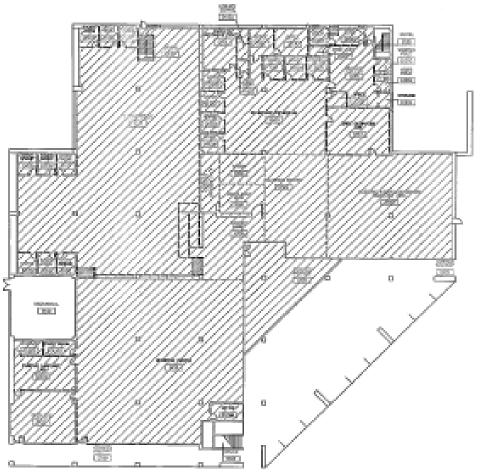












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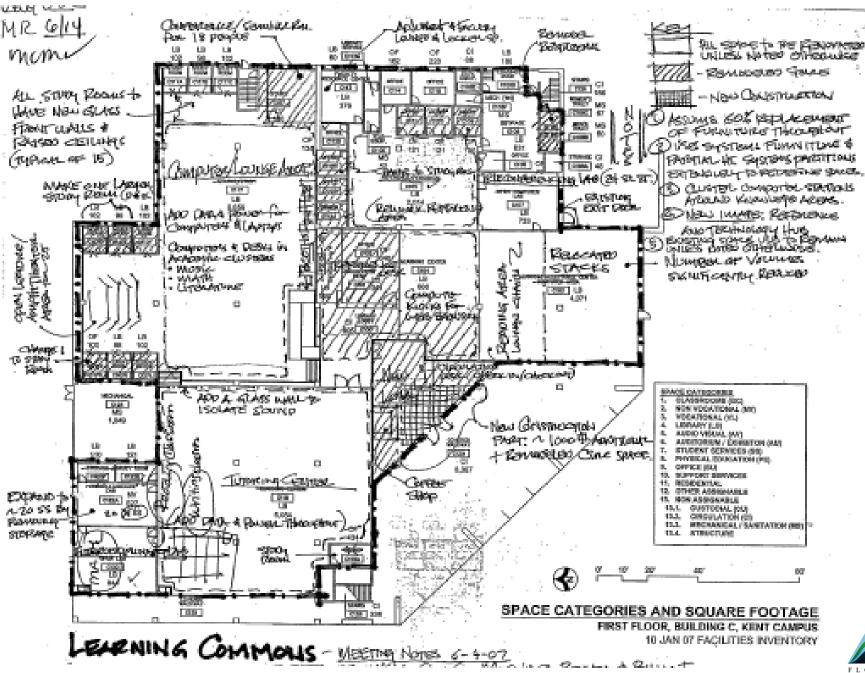
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Ubiquitious Technology

- Email & Internet Surfing Hubs
- Technology Training Center
- Media Production Center
- Computer Center Workstations that access both electronic library resources & a full suite of software applications
- Computer Lab Dedicated to Teaching Information Literacy, Bibliographic Instruction, & Software Training both during scheduled classes and on demand.
- Wireless Access
- Laptop check-out
- Ports for Laptop Network Outlets
- Teleconferencing & Distance Learning Facilities



Group Spaces

- Tutoring Center
- Computer workstations arranged in clusters
- Academic & Language Labs
- Carrels with low dividing walls
- Large tables
- Group study rooms
- Conference Rooms
- Lecture Theatre
- Social Space
- Private Space
- Cybercafe



User Friendly Environment

- Central Information Desk Shared by Reference
 & Information Technology Staff
- Modular & comfortable furniture
- Smart card enabled, High Volume Printing Services (copiers, printers, scanners, fax machines)
- Space conducive to Working & Learning Collaboratively and in Teams
- An environment that is well-lit, warm & inviting



The Learning Commons

- Historically, a "commons" was a community's open civic space, or town square, both a market place for the exchange of goods and services, and common ground where members of the community gathered to trade ideas, stories, and comradeship (Beagle, 2006).
- The Learning Commons describes a physical space where students, teachers, librarians, and other educational staff meet to utilize resources from around the world accessible with technology to create learning communities in the pursuit of knowledge.
- In this new vision, what was once a library will become the center of learning on campus, simultaneously adaptive to individual needs and responsive to collaboration among members of the academic community.

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