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Letters to the Editor

Technology's powerful impact on learning

The Aug. 30 news story "College faculty report anxiety about technology" (Page A4) points up the great need for colleges and universities to help faculty learn how to use technology. While advances like e-mail have streamlined life, the real power of technology is the way it can dramatically change the learning experience. The Internet means that there are no longer any limits of time or space on what or whom we can bring into the classroom experience.

There are also powerful simulations that boost learning, and we can use technology to make students more self-reliant and less dependent on class time for review. Colleges everywhere need to invest in technology experimentation to make it possible for their faculty to develop and test new ideas.

At Babson College, for example, we fund a technology incubator so faculty can experiment with many different and stimulating ways technology can enhance their courses, allowing them to learn from one



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another. We know that our students will work in a world that is transformed by technology. To prepare them, we must make sure that technology plays a key part in the education they receive today.

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