

# Blood and Thunder

## Terminal Ache

Dear Brunswickan Staff:

Enclosed is a copy of a letter which has been sent to Dr. Downey by the users of the computer terminals in room HB-17 of Sir Edmund Head Hall. Attached to the original letter was a list of 127 users of these terminals who support its content.

Dear Dr. Downey:

Recently, the Baird-Turner Engineering Library replaced some of their computer terminals with new IBM units. We, the undersigned Computer Science and other students, feel that although these old terminals do need replacement, the new terminals could be better utilized elsewhere. We feel that the degree of usage of the replaced terminals is insufficient to warrant installation of the new models.

As an example, we feel that the present terminals available to students in the terminal labs at Sir Edmund Head Hall have outlived their useful life span. These terminals are plagued with constant malfunction, and are in some cases unsuitable for use. For example, incompatible character sets, non-existent program function keys (which are necessary for some applications), non-standard keyboard layout, plus a number of smaller incongruities too numerous to mention, complement their uselessness.

The terminals in room HB-17 of Head Hall are in desperate need of replacement. They are used almost continuously during the time they are available. At peak hours (when assignments become overdue) students must wait while others attempt to do their work on the aforementioned terminals, which at best of descriptions, work unpredictably. Malfunctions have become the

norm, and often go unnoticed for weeks.

We feel that this constant usage married with their poor state of repair commands their replacement. It is also felt that the old terminals in the library could have remained in place longer; no one is waiting in line to use them. If, at the same time, more terminals are made available to students outside the library, it could prove invaluable to student productivity, and education.

While the University of New Brunswick possesses one of the most advanced computers in the world, it still tries to maintain a complement of archaic terminals, which for the student who must use them, are the sole means of communicating with this machine.

We are sure you will agree that nothing should act to hinder the productivity of the student, and also you will agree that a student's education depends directly on his or her productivity. The student can not operate at his or her best if in addition to completing an assignment, he or she must also contend with out-of-date, poor working equipment, and waiting to use it.

The undersigned feel that the state of this equipment has gone unnoticed too long, and that it is time for an improvement. It is in our opinion that the library can wait, and the students can not.

Thanks for your time and consideration.  
Kenneth J. Knight  
Dale Chapman  
Robert Masson

## Vile Cat

Dear Editor:

I write this letter on the eve of the election with no idea who the successful candidates will be. My comments concern the presidential candidates only, and have been refrained until now, too late to influence anyone.

I find Hitler Kitty a sick joke that you obviously tolerated, taking for granted that the rest of the country would find it as pathetically amusing as you have. Let me tell you how wrong you are. In every long-distance conversation I have had since this candidate was announced, and my phone bill can attest to that this is not a small number, the reaction is consistently total disbelief and disgust.

To endorse and run a campaign focused on Hitler is a vile and destructive way to exploit the apathy infesting this campus.

The only other whiskered face in the race for president, Dean Frost, cannot be taken seriously. His performance at both public forums in the cafeteria confirms this. His only support comes from a small group of hockey players who have had as many pucks to the head as he. I simply am not interested in a mouth piece for a slate running on their experience as office and brokerage firm clerks.

Lastly is Ms. Forestell. I find her a very hard pill to swallow. Despite being an intelligent, articulate and well meaning candidate her platform is disappointing. Because of the mentality on this campus and her weakness to it, the central theme of her campaign, whether you realize it or not, has become her quest to completely disassociate herself from John Bosnitch, myself and the colour black.

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someone who would stand up for what is right into someone who has apparently abandoned her sense of justice is sad to witness. A mandate from students who cannot differentiate people from ideas, ie. Bosnitch from student rights, is a popular vote that turns my stomach and cannot be worth the sacrifice Ms. Forestell has made.

Quite frankly, neither of these real candidates are prepared to assume the responsibility of leading the students of this campus as it now stands. I am certain that this is exactly what James Downey had hoped for. He now has a green light to erase student government from UNB. What makes my skin crawl is that on a campus 7000 strong, not one will defy this tyrant.

Most sincerely,  
Lana Grimes

## Throw up

To Whom It May Concern:

First I would briefly like to thank *the Brunswickan* for being there. I may not always agree with it, but it does make Fridays a lot easier to take.

Second, I'd like to congratulate (sic) and thank everyone who came to "The Big Throw-down" with D.J. Deb on Saturday, March 26 at the Social Club. We were worried that it might turn into "The Big Throw-Up," but fortunately, a good time was had by all. Good job, Deb.

Also special thanks to Eric Godin of coming up with the great idea to have a limbo contest and congratulations (sic) to the winner, Christopher Brady.

Finally, one last work of thanks to a reluctant Sub-staffer, who let me back into the radio station, so I could get my clothes. Coconuts don't keep a person warm or dry at 2:30 in the morning.

Signed,  
One of the Coconut Limbo Twins

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P.P.S. C., S., D., & L., send their love.  
(Unfortunately, we didn't receive any)