

MEMO

TO: Students, Faculty, Staff
FROM: Bob Brandom and Nuel Belnap
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SUBJECT: Computer Terminal

The Department has acquired a portable computer terminal (DEC writer VI) which communicates to the University computer through an ordinary telephone. The terminal resides in 703, but may be signed out (with Marge) for use in any other office on the 7th floor. The terminal is available to any faculty member or graduate student who knows how to work it. To find out how to work it, see Belnap or Brandom, see Marge to sign out a key to 703.

Aside from the usual number-crunching programs provided by the Computer Center, the features are likely to be most useful to philosophers computerized text-processing. The advantages are that once a text has been entered on the machine it can be revised, edited, formatted, footnoted, and if desired, indexed very easily, producing letter-perfect copies on demand. Several students have taken advantage of this facility for their dissertations. Faculty may wish to maintain their CV's, lists of publications, bibliographies, syllabi, or any frequently updated text.

If you wish to use the machine, you should first secure a "project programmer number." Collie will handle the paper work for this.

If there comes a point at which the terminal becomes a scarce resource, it would be expected that each of us would pass the terminal along to the next person after an hour.

If a sign-up sheet should seem desirable, we'll put one up. In the meantime, it will be first-come first-served.