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Subject: Re: IDLWAVE Manuals: Your Support Needed  
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Kenneth Bowman writes:

> Oh, don't get me started! I did my graduate work at an institution  
> that made the same argument (punch cards = slow = thinking). My view, then  
> and now, is that computer programming is fundamentally alien to human  
> thought processes. I will always make typographical, syntactical, and  
> logical errors when writing a program. I want to make (and correct)  
> the errors \*fast\*. Thirty minutes (punch card turnaround time)  
> to find a typo is torture.

You must not have had that little sloe-eyed beauty with  
with the work-study job in the computer science building to  
flirt with. It seemed like heaven to me. :-)

Cheers,

David

P.S. Let's just say that there are all kinds of reasons  
to make errors in computer programs, but some are \*definitely\*  
better than others!

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