

Local student upset that roommate would not accept Facebook friend request
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Facebook is a social network on the World Wide Web. It has garnered millions of college and high school users, as well as eight middle school students.

Much like its competition, MySpace, Facebook allows students and alumni to keep in contact with each other, no matter where their location is. All that is required is a user to accept an online friend request, and their entire profile is available to be viewed.

Jack Brownwater, a freshman at a local university, uses Facebook every day. "It's a great way to keep in touch with my friends who are going to different schools," said Brownwater. "Unless you're a Buckeye now, in which case you're dead to me."

With a total of 2,187 friends as of October 25, 2007, Brownwater says that the number grows exponentially every day. However, he claims that one thing is standing in his way: his roommate.

Brownwater states that he sent a friend request over three weeks ago, and his roommate, freshman Sheldon Clemmins, did not accept it.

"We've been living together for two months now. What's the deal?" said Brownwater.

Clemmins attempted to explain his logic. "Listen, this guy has 2,000 friends. He is an officer in over 500 different groups. His page takes hours to scroll through with all of the applications he has. If I'm not his friend, what is he losing? It's not world domination."

"I want to conquer the world," said Brownwater. "Metaphorically? Maybe; I play Risk twice a week for the antioxidants."

In response to Clemmins' reasoning, Brownwater said, "Yeah, I've joined the 'It Took Me a Long Time to Figure Out that I was Typing on a Piece of Paper in a Word Document' group seventeen times. So what? It's all about communicating with people."

"Honestly," added Brownwater, "how am I supposed to connect with my own roommate if he's not my friend on Facebook?"

Along with three different vampire games, Brownwater has many other Facebook games, tests, and bumper stickers that make his page more complicated than an Escher painting. He has seven Top Friends lists and has more Walls than a funhouse.

Clemmins says that he has attempted to reconcile with his roommate, offering him candy, money, and access to his porn collection. “Only minimal access,” explained Clemmins. “I need to be in the room... Especially with the candy... I don’t trust him with that stuff.”

Brownwater says that he will not accept these gifts, claiming that psychological damages now prevent him from enjoying the pleasures of food, shopping, and the naked woman form.

Thinking hard, Brownwater added, “I already have porn. But money wouldn’t be too bad.”

Despite his charitable intentions, Clemmins says that he doesn’t plan on backing down. “He’s kind of a prick. If he’s not my friend in real life, why would he be my friend online?”

“I’m actually worried about catching a virus from him, like Facebook herpes,” Clemmins said. “I’m much safer not accepting.”

Brownwater argued back, “Scientists have found no correlation. If you’re my friend, you’re not going to be infected with anything. However, it would be wise not to click on anything.”

UPDATE: Two days after the initial article, the pressure of Brownwater and 2,000 angry messages persuaded Clemmins to give in.

“Oh, yeah. I denied him,” said Brownwater. “If he’s going to be a little bitch about it, let’s see how he likes a taste of his own rejection.”

“For the next week, I’m going to be acting all depressed,” said Clemmins. “But in reality, I win.”