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It helps a resident of the Washington Correction Center in Shelton master data processing skills. It tracks the path of the Comet Kohoutek. It provides self-paced learning units for students of all ages, and it plays a deadly game of hangman's noose.

"It" is The Evergreen State College Office of Computer Services which works with faculty, students, administrators, interested community members, residents of the Shelton center, and fellow computer experts at six other colleges to meet the growing demand for its program, equipment and services.

Unique in its accessibility, Evergreen Computer Services has opened its doors to its Olympia-area neighbors. After school or on any Saturday students from throughout Thurston County can be found gaining or polishing computer programming skills,

State agencies, too, make use of Evergreen's Computer Services, as do community groups and other educational institutions.

For example, the Higher Education Personnel Board uses Evergreen's computer to analyze data. Three colleges --- Lower Columbia and Centralia Community Colleges and Western Washington State --- use Evergreen equipment to teach basic programming. Steilacoom Community College works with Evergreen on its accounting and financial record keeping. The University of Washington School of Business uses its resources. So does the Washington Correction Center, which offers data processing instruction through use of an Evergreen terminal on loan at the center.

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And those are just the off-campus activities of the much-used Computer Center. On campus, the center has committed 30 per cent of its professional staff to support of Evergreen instruction and research.

More than 400 persons currently uses its campus computer, and 97 per cent of computer resource time is taken by faculty and students. They are participating in workshops, individual study contracts and computer-assisted instruction programs which span a variety of academic interests, including business computer applications, systems and programming, study of American folklore, avalance, electro-acoustic music, and computer films and graphics.

At the same time, Evergreeners receive computer support for their research activities and have access to a large catalog of problem-solving packages. Key administrative support is also provided to almost every budget unit on campus, including the offices of admissions, registration, financial aid, placement, housing, personnel, payroll, academic deans, business services, facilities, central stores, the library and the college bookstore.

Computer Services even offers a trip through space --- provided in part by the Oregon Museum of Sciences and Industry. The programmed space trip allows the would-be astronomer to track the Comet Kohoutek on its trek through the universe.

And, there's more. Computer Services is sponsoring the First International Computer Film Festival March 7, 8, and 9. A series of special programs is also being planned for the non-scientific persons who have yet to discover the variety of activities possible in the Computer Center.