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Seattle's Worst: tales from a coffee addict

by Kristen Schrum contributing writer

As a diligent student at Behrend, sometimes I have to pull the dreaded all-nighter in order to complete what is expected of me.

But I have just a few gripes about the brand of coffee that has taken over our school; It's strong, it's bitter, and several of those little flavored creams are needed to make it go down easier.

Going Through Withdrawals

One day, after pulling an all-nighter working on a paper, by my third class I was dragging. I needed a pick-me-up real bad.

take regular money, but they will also accept the little chip that is on our ID cards. And like most students, I don't carry around change because I have money on my card for convenience.

So I entered the Reed Building, passed the computers, and went straight for the coffee machine. I slid my card in and to my disappointment it read, "FAILED TO PROCESS."

So, I marched up to the ID office and explained to them the problem. The lady at the office was very nice and said, "We will just print you out a new card."

So I took my shiny new card back downstairs and tried again. Same results. By this time, I was ready to cry. My hands began shaking and my mouth was dry.

I exclaimed to the group, "Would someone please take pity on a girl who just wants one freaking cup of coffee?!" Luckily, there was a kind man in the group, and he offered me some change.

Getting the Fix

I put the change in and carefully made my selection. I stared at the machine with anticipation. Then, I turned my head for just one tiny second, and I looked back just in time to see the machine spit out my coffee cup SIDEWAYS.

Three-quarters of my long-awaited coffee slipped down into the drain. I fell to the floor sobbing. It wouldn't be long before someone found me there and threw me into detox, so I decided to pick up the measly cup of coffee and devour it.

I dragged myself to my next class but the teacher told me to go home because I looked terrible. I went to the bathroom to look at myself in the mirror. My eyes were bloodshot and my face was pale. This is when I realized I had a problem.

Fighting Towards Recovery

Two months later, I have not fully recovered from this incident. Sometimes, I stay awake all night, thinking about trying my card in that machine just one more time. But I know this is not healthy, and I need to move on.

Act now: advice from a Super-Senior

by Sarah Elson contributing writer

Everybody has character flaws. Sometimes these flaws present themselves in a manner of which an individual can learn and grow. Once these flaws have surfaced, a person makes a decision as to

much time in the previous years, I felt stuck. I had no connections for job opportunities and no close association with my professors.

However, I was learning. I wanted my professors to take an active interest in my development as a student and an adult. There were times I had scheduled

Do not think you are bound by restrictions. I just started talking with anyone who would listen.

I talked to more people and received more feedback than I did in the previous four years. It is not even difficult to do. You just need a bit of enthusiasm to get the ball rolling.

Take advantage of what the university has to offer. When you are in class, out at a bar, in church, literally anywhere, talk with people about your interests. You will make a connection with someone that will empower you to activate your life.

However, if you wait for opportunities to come to you, you may waste a lifetime. All that you have to do is love what you do, always be willing to learn more, and pretend you have motivation—even if you don't.



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how to act—whether to change the existing behavior or continue on with the same destructive behavior.

I came to college with many flaws. Someone who did not possess the same faults as I did might even say I screwed up. I did the stereotypical college thing: drank (a lot), smoked pot, skipped class, etc., etc.

meetings with professors and the first words out of their mouths were, "Well, I only have five minutes." Now, how was I supposed to schedule classes, choose a profession, and excel in life on a five-minute budget?

I believe it is important to remember that just because an advisor is assigned to you on paper, there are other options available.

Through the looking glass

by Mike Pingree, KRT Campus

OK, WHAT DID I DO THIS TIME?

After being convicted of driving without a license for the third time, a man left the courthouse in Hamburg, Germany, got into his car and drove off, followed in short order by the police officer who had just testified against him.

The cop caught up with him and took away his car keys.

HOLD ON, OFFICER, I HAVE A CALL

Police saw a man rob a woman of her cell phone at gunpoint in East London, South Africa, and chased him down, but he told them he didn't have it. So one of the cops called the number. They heard the phone ring in his underpants.

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKIN' AT!?

A warm summer in southern Norway has led to an unusually bountiful growth of fruit but, because of the early winter, much of it has been left to ferment on the trees. As a result, moose in the region have gotten very drunk from eating apples from the branches.

They have been spotted staggering through the forest, and some have become aggressive toward people passing through.

CAPTAIN RIBMAN - Lord Of The Wedding Rings

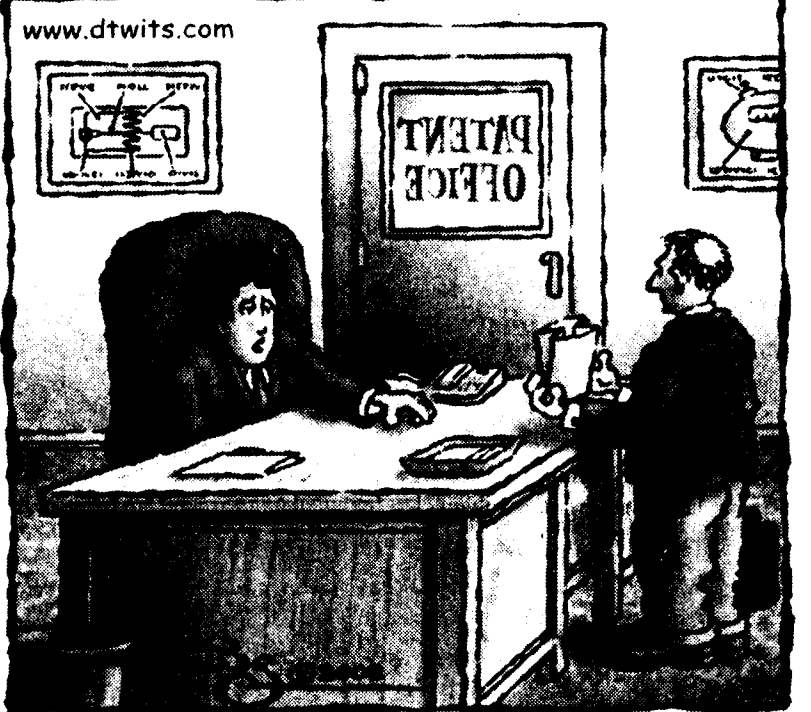
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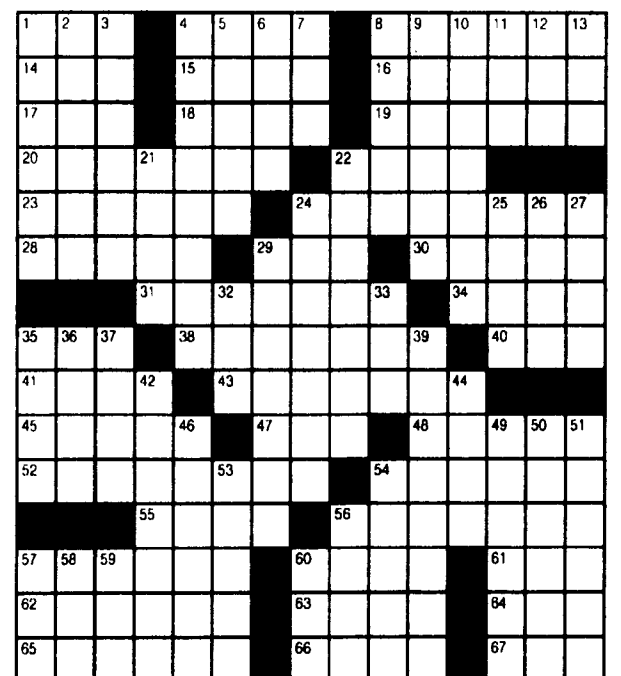


"Ingenious. And what do you call your invention, Mr. Barfbag?"

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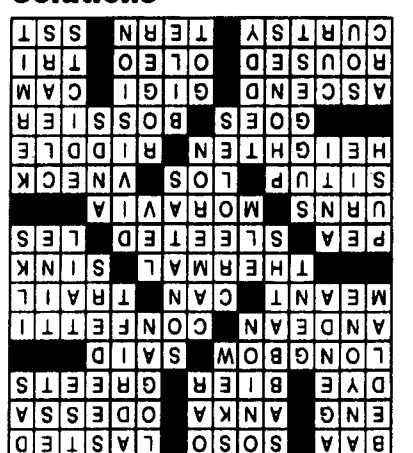
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15 "Diana" singer
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17 Color changer
18 Coffin stand
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22 Uttered
23 Of Chilean mountains
24 Wedding scatterings
28 Intended
29 Is able
30 Fall behind
31 BTU word
34 Submerge
35 Vegetable ball
38 Rained icily
40 Guitarist Paul
41 Vessels for ashes
43 Czech Republic region
45 Prepare to take notice?
47 Spanish article
48 Sweater type
52 Intensify
54 Puzzling question
55 Departs
56 More domineering
57 Climb
60 Caron title role
61 Shaft projection
62 Stirred up
63 Toast topper
64 Angle starter?
65 Respectful knee-bend
66 Gull relative
67 Sonic boomer, briefly



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2 Tennis partner?
3 Order of business
4 Days of worship
5 Vidalia, e.g.
6 Distort
7 Shell propeller
8 Boston airport
9 Floating freely
10 Sowers
11 Half a fly?
12 Winter hrs. in Boston
13 "___ Kapital"
21 Chap
22 Instrumental compositions
24 "Titanic" director
25 Missing part of a Manx
26 Prong
27 Kinds
29 Louisianans of French ancestry
32 Shade tree
33 Third bk. of the Bible
35 Shove
36 Pennsylvania port
37 Not in favor of
39 Arithmetic operation
42 Propose
44 Common

- 46 Calls
49 Decrees
50 Frees from suspicion
51 Henson's frog
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