

Interviewer

What do you use the HCDE Lounge for?

Participant

Yeah, so I think the most often I use the lounge, is for when I'm in between classes in the HCDE building, so the Sieg building. I'm usually there either doing work for various classes, usually HCDE-related classes. Or I'm just there like chilling until my next class because a lot of my classes are, there's like an hour and 1/2 break in between, so I don't want to like go off campus and like [unintelligible] building something.

Interviewer

Yeah, it's too far. And then what items in the lounge do you use?

Participant

I've never used anything from the lounge. I've just used my laptop. [LPT]

Interviewer

Yeah

Participant

I have opened the fridge before though because I was curious what was inside of it. But yeah, I usually just use my laptop to do work, my phone, earbuds.

Interviewer

Do you charge your laptop ever when you're in there?

Participant

I think they've charged it once. [PWR] Yeah, yeah. Once. I think that was by the window area?

Interviewer

Are you aware that there is free coffee and free hot water?

Participant

No, I did not know there was free coffee. [COF]

Interviewer

It's not very clear, I didn't even notice it when I was doing—

Participant

Do you have to make it yourself?

Interviewer

No, it's just there to pot. What? It's just there.

Participant
That's pretty cool.

Interviewer
Have you noticed the free snack basket?

Participant
No. So, it might—maybe it's just because there is no snacks in it. But there was the microwave. Right? And then next to it, there was like a basket full of things. But there wasn't anything in it, so maybe. I just came. At a wrong time or I don't know. [SNK]

Interviewer
It's empty, like 30% of the time.

Participant
Really?

Interviewer
Not the best. So it sounds like items that you bring to the lounge include mostly, like, tech items.

Participant
Mm-hmm

Interviewer
Do you have lunch in the lounge?

Participant
I—actually, yes. So one time I was coming because I have my classes are kind of like in between like lunch hours. So I brought a little muffin and I just had it in my backpack and I threw it in the microwave and I like heated up for like 10 seconds and then I ate it. But I've never like had like a full meal in there, just snacks. [MWV] [SNK]

Interviewer
Do you get food or snacks on campus?

Participant
Sometimes I'll go to the—I don't know what it's called, it's like—it's in the hub. [HUB] And I'll go to the like little DM area and grab like a—like a RX bar or something. But then I—yeah, I'll eat it at either in my class or like, outside. Or in the lounge? [SNK]

Interviewer
Yeah. Don't worry, we're safe. So it doesn't sound like you've really leave the lounge because it's like. Oh my God, I forgot to get my XY or Z.

Participant
Mm-hmm

Interviewer
How do you generally feel about free food?

Participant
[emphatically] Oh, I love free food. [SNK]

Interviewer
[laughing] Most people do

Participant
I like, I will do like medical studies for free food like on campus. Like I'll give away, like my saliva. Anything for free food. [SNK]

Interviewer
Some people I feel are suspicious about it, but I feel like most of us, we want that free food. Do you use any services on campus? Whether that's like printing or scanning or anything like that?

Participant
I did freshman year. I'm a junior now, so I don't. I have a printer at home, so I haven't used the printer since freshman year. But I think the only thing that I would use on campus would be like chargers, like outlets. [PWR] Yeah, but other than that, not really any amenities. Yeah, bathrooms.

Interviewer
Same.

Interviewer
Do you regularly test for COVID.

Participant
Um, I do—

Interviewer
If I can ask.

Participant
Yeah, I do when I'm symptomatic or if I have a positive exposure. But, I haven't had COVID since summer.

Interviewer

Nice.

Participant

So.

Interviewer

Where do you get your COVID tests?

Participant

I have at-home tests. I haven't taken a—I haven't taken like, a UW Husky test since—again, freshman year. [CVD]

Interviewer

And the tests you have at home. Did you get them for free somewhere or did you pay for them?

Participant

I doubt them from my parents, so free?

Interviewer

Yeah, free, yeah.

Participant

Yeah, they probably bought it. [laughter]

Interviewer

If that were something that was available for free in the lounge, do you think you would be more likely to test more often?

Participant

I think that would be a really great resource because right now if I do need a test, I'm not really sure where to go. I know like, the hub might have them, but I'm not sure. It's so big and there's so many people there that I feel like one that would be like a high risk, but also it's just it's not accessible. It's confusing to get to. I think [if] I knew there would be if there was COVID tests at the lounge, I would be—even if my friend had COVID or something and they need a test, I would be—I would—it would like, be in my brain to go the HCDE lounge. That would be cool. [CVD]

Interviewer

Are social interactions, whether that's the presence of- or the lack of-, a factor in your decision to go to the lounge?

Participant

I do like having the lounge be with different grade ranges because I've been there before and people were talking about like, an—an older girl was talking to like a sophomore about like getting internships and stuff like that, so that was pretty cool to see. Personally, I...just because

I'm there for like, not that long and I probably want to cram in work it's nice to have, like, not super crowded, so I can like, have my space and like, be zoned in. But I—I definitely like the social aspect of it. I feel like I'm a pretty social person, so it's kind of nice to see like, people might major get to know each other. [SOC]

Interviewer

Yeah. Do you feel like the way the tables are laid out right now, do you feel that that's conducive to the level of social activity that you'd like to have?

Participant

Yeah, I really need the big table. That's nice for the collaborative aspect. [TBL] I wish there was more space. I just wish it was bigger. It gets crowded and the couch is cool, but it only fits like 2 people and I really like those window areas, but there's only like 4 chairs there. [CCH] Um, so...yeah.

Interviewer

Do you find yourself stressed out or tired on campus?

Participant

Definitely tired. I used to be stressed when there was like, midterms. And tests. But now that I'm in my major, it's more project based. But definitely tired, yeah. [TRD]

Interviewer

What do you do about being tired on campus?

Participant

Well, today I went to go get coffee in the middle of my class. We had like a break and so we just went to go get coffee. It's nice that this Sieg building and the HCDE lounge is right next to the hub. So I like to go get Starbucks there. [COF] [HUB]

Interviewer

Nice. Is there anything else you do? Like, some people will leave campus and take a nap. But if you drink....

Participant

Yeah, I don't. I can't really nap. I don't know what it is. Also, I have to walk away back home. Not too far. I live like right off campus, so I'm like 45th and 18th. So it's not—it's not terrible, but I don't want to walk all the way there and walk all the way back, yeah. Be nice to nap though.

Interviewer

And then now that you know that there is free coffee in the HCDE lounge, do you think that you would be equally as likely to get that as you are to go to Starbucks?

Participant

Yeah, I would totally get free coffee just because at Starbucks I literally just get drip anyways because it's the cheapest. So that would be cool. [COF]

Interviewer

There's one more thing that I wanted to ask about the coffee. If you were to show up to get some drip coffee from the lounge and they were out, how would you imagine that you'd feel?

Participant

I'd be pretty bummed. I'm curious on who makes the coffee, though, because if it's students that's making it—because if it's just a pot, then that's not too hard. I'd probably just make another pot. But if it was like—there as a provided thing from faculty and staff as an amenity for students, then I would probably be like, “Ah, shoot.” But then I don't think it would be—I wouldn't like, throw a tantrum and I'd probably be like “Ah, man” and I probably just like Starbucks or something. [COF]

Interviewer

Yeah. OK. Is part of going to Starbucks—is part of the—the, like, regenerative or whatever—reenergizing aspect of that, is part of that like the social interaction, or is it more of just like, “I want my drip coffee.”

Participant

Yeah, it's more like I just want coffee or like I need to like, it's kind of nice to go somewhere after, like not in the building and have a little like excursion, you know, so that probably like makes me more energized as well. Standing in line is not energizing though, like, that makes me more tired. So I think like accessible coffee like here would be so easy and quick and efficient. Because I still want to do my work during that time. [COF]

Interviewer

Yeah. How do you feel about the general vibes of the lounge. Like the paint, the furniture.

Participant

The whiteboards. The material it's been on the whiteboard has been there since I was a freshman. Like, they haven't changed. So—which is pretty crazy. So, that's—that was like surprising when I I didn't go at all last year. But I went to like once freshman year and now I go there regularly. Not regularly, maybe like. Once every other week, and I was kind of just shocked that there was the same. I was shocked that there was the same stuff. On the whiteboard. [WHT] [DSN]

Interviewer

That's wild.

Participant

I I wish that there is just a little more space. I feel like the last time I went it got really crowded. Maybe it's because all the HCDE students are on the same schedule, so we all have breaks at

the same time. So yeah, I wish it was a little bit, maybe more up to date. 'Cause it's kinda stale in there. [DSN]

Interviewer

The neon green and just like. [gestures around]

Participant

That's like this whole building, though, it's pretty stale. [DSN]

Interviewer

Yeah, like, it's not when I was in high school. People were painting their bedrooms, neon colors and and I'm just like it is not 2008. Like, it's not 2007.

Participant

Right.

Interviewer

Give us a neutral.

Participant

Oh yeah.