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I agree with the previous response. Wait a while. If you know you'll be able to access your school's computer systems, an inexpensive (\$500+) terminal and modem would be your best bet. (Incidentally, I would NOT get a Commodore 64 or Vic 20 with a modem and use it as a terminal. Many friends of mine did this, and they end up coming over to my room and using our Hazeltine 1500 instead of theirs because the quality isn't that great for extensive programming. Especially if your program lines go out past 60 columns!) Also, look around for a used terminal and you might save yourself \$200.

Why buy a computer if you don't know what you're going to do with it? All that stuff about not doing well in college because you "lack the necessary computer skills" is baloney.

I'm a graduating senior in CS at U. Illinois. I thought about getting my own computer, but I have access to school computers and I can do practically anything I'd want to from my roommate's terminal. (I own the modem.)