

Co-op book buying test of nerves

Hearing how most textbooks aren't even used in class increased the frustration and shortened the tempers of students waiting in the seemingly never-ending lines at the Co-op. More and more students have come to consider purchasing the "required text," a necessary evil.

So it was Monday and Tuesday afternoons when students trying to buy books filled the second floor of the Co-op. The line to the cashiers—where their lifetime savings quickly disappeared—reached back more than half the length of the book buying section and just like last year, the number of persons upstairs by mid-afternoon created a fire hazard. Co-op workers were forced to rope off the second floor loft and leave students milling around downstairs waiting to shop in shifts.

"We don't like it any more than the students," Gerald Henson, Co-op manager said when asked about the problem. He explained that the Co-op's main job was getting books to the students and given the size of the store, Henson said that there was not much of a solution to the overcrowding.

"We hate to disappoint students," said Henson. He pointed out that the co-op was presently having another major problem with a shortage of assigned texts.

In an attempt to reduce the crowding, the Co-op will be open this evening for book purchase from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.



Book buyers crowded the second floor of the University Co-op Tuesday. Eventually students were roped off and allowed inside in shifts.

30 rooms still open

Dorm vacancies held for minorities

Thirty vacancies exist in dorm housing—this despite the huge waiting list for rooms last week.

Richard Romm, assistant director of housing, explained that the waiting list was caused primarily by the University's practice this year of "holding space for special groups." The groups, which were allotted 120 spaces, were for students in minority projects. Approximately 80 spaces were utilized by these students.

"It will probably take a week or so to fill them," Romm said of the remaining vacancies.

In addition to students who did not show up for the minority projects, Romm cited such factors as the higher rate of returning dorm students, the drop-

ping of out-of-state limitations, more single rooms, and carpeting in the rooms as reasons for the quick filling of the dorms.

Actually, the dorm situation, except for the spaces held for special groups, is similar to last year. Romm said that both off-campus housing and dorm cancellations have remained at last year's level.

Romm also commented on the recent editorial in the Emerald which criticized the "notoriously poor food" of the dorms. "I would be happy to invite whoever wrote the editorial to lunch," a smiling Romm said, "and I'll pick up the tab."

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