

Texts

Richer student reveals book-buying tricks

Like frisbees, faded jeans and father's car, textbooks are an essential part of a student's commodity list, especially if you plan on going to classes after enrollment.

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Now if you become the typical student, you will have approximately \$8.36 after paying fees, buying your student athletic pass and new togs that look like last year's hand-me-downs.

Textbook buying, like a good back swing, is truly an art. There are many students who still buy all-new textbooks at exorbitant prices and end up having nothing left over for suds across the street.

There are many alternatives by which the smart shopper can adjust his textbook budget and still have cash on hand by the time the first class rolls around. That is, unless you're a law student.

Undoubtedly, the first and last stops on the book buy for many students will be the University Bookstore, Inc., located conveniently on the corner of 13th and Kincaid — even more conveniently, across the street

from Taylor's. The co-op has just about every text and paperback required by an instructor, and then some. Also available are school supplies, extraneous reading material, games, records, magazines, newspapers, clothing and all kinds of other goodies to decorate your 9 x 9 dorm room or apartment.

A good tip on going to the co-op is get there early. Check the textbook instructor list on the shelves before registration and make sure the instructor is going to use those books. This lessens the possibility of having to stand in line for an hour at the checkstand and also assures you that you'll have the book before they run out. Inevitably, an instructor will not order enough books for the entire class.

The co-op offers a 10 per cent discount on all texts and buys back used texts in good condition, if they will be used again in another class or another section of the same class, at half the original cost. Foreign language books must be clean. The bookstore will not buy back spirals, temporary bindings, programmed texts or reprints.

If you're not sure about a particular class, the bookstore recommends that you go to the class before buying your books. The store only accepts refunds if you drop the class and the book is in new condition and presented within three weeks after registration with two pieces of valid identification.

Also provided are bulletin boards for selling used texts and for community events. The store occasionally has sales on old and used books by the pound.

Two other stores offer books for the economist. The Id, located at 1350 Alder, offers a fine array of used texts and paperbacks that you might not find at the co-op.

The Id also carries a good selection of records and paraphernalia.

A new alternative for students is the Smith Family Bookstore, also located on Alder St. next to Duffy's. This store has a good variety of used books, texts and materials which are very cheap. This store is strongly recommended for literature and social science students who must read traditional and classical books that never get outdated.

If all else fails, many instructors put books on reserve at the library in the reserve books room — or at least, they should. This makes books available to students without having to buy them.

The reserve book room has most books on two-hour loan, and some will be allowed for overnight or for two days. It is a good idea to have the texts by finals week, due to heavy demand for material during that time.

Many students sell their used texts for better bargains than most of the stores. There are various bulletin boards for students wishing to sell used books, most conveniently at the co-op, and more likely at the various department buildings. Check with the instructor and see if he knows of any former students that would be willing to sell a used text.

It is easy to see the various ways to have access to proper study material without having to miss a car payment, or the newest Climax Sisters album.

A true artist can get by for under \$20, and some can get by under \$10. Then again, if your father is Nelson Rockefeller you only have to make one stop. Better yet, you can buy your degree and forget about all this toolishness.

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