Over-enrollment, student apathy blamed for bookless bookstore

By Land du Pont Of the Emerald

Studying for a midterm is a lot like arguing with Biblequoting preachers - if you don't do the reading, you're not going to get very far.

Some students are without textbooks this late in the term, and while that shortage can damage a student's performance in class, many professors and the University Bookstore say it's the students' fault.

English professor Don Taylor says students were confused about which of the nearly identical texts to buy for his English survey class. As a result, Taylor's class fell five books short of the 50 needed.

"It's frustrating for the students and the teacher," Taylor says. Since they cannot

complete reading aassignments, bookless students can't take part in class discussions.

But Taylor, whose books came in Tuesday, praises bookstore efforts to get replacements.

The replacements came in two weeks after he ordered them - just as promised, he says.

The bookstore traditionally must reorder several hundred different titles for about a hundred classes each term.

Henrickson blames a combination of over-enrollment and student apathy for prematurely empty shelves.

"The University has no compunction about overenrolling classes," and the bookstore orders the number of texts a professor requests, he says.

And students who drop classes often don't return

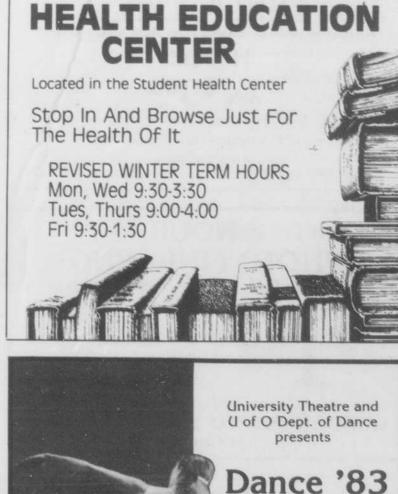
books until the third or fourth week of classes when no one wants them, contributing to another bookstore headache. he says.

"We'll reorder 20 books for some sociology class and end up with 34 on the shelves." Henrickson says.

While the bookstore can return most unsold books, Henrickson says, the costs of three or four extra staff people and shipping charges add up. He says the problem affecting most students is cost increases due to unsold books.

"It's a hell of a lot of dollars," he says. That cost 'substantially'' lowers the textbook discount.

A 50-cent restocking fee instituted last fall reduced textbook returns about 10 percent but has not compensated the bookstore for its expenses, Henrickson says.



Balfe appoints Spence to IFC

ASUO Pres. C.J. Balfe has appointed an independent candidate from last year's ASUO elections to replace a recently removed Incidental Fee Committee member.

Balfe selected Mark Spence, a senior political science and international studies major, to replace IFC member Rick Braun, a secondyear law student. IFC chairer Bart Hill removed Braun from the committee at Thursday's committee meeting.

Hill declared Braun's position vacant under a section of the ASUO Constitution that specifies removal of elected officials who fail to fulfill their duties for three weeks.

"I have not seen posted office hours," Hill said.

IFC duties include atten-

ding committee meetings and keeping five posted office hours per week.

"I appointed Mark because he was one of the few people who knew what they were talking about in last year's elections," Balfe says.

That knowledge will help Spence adapt to his committee role, which is crucial because IFC budget hearings start this week, Balfe says.

"I also was impressed by his turnout as an independent candidate," Balfe says. "He was definitely a people's choice.'

Spence finished 13th out of 14 IFC candidates in the ASUO general elections last spring.

Spence says because he is six months behind in the issues, he will not come to the

committee with any set philosophy.

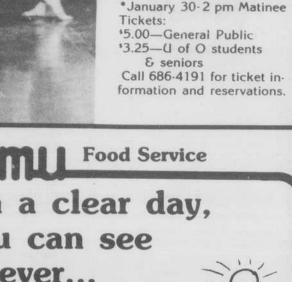
"I'll just be catching up," he says.

Spence has been a member of ASUO-funded programs such as the International Studies Association, the Political Science Student Union and the Model United Nation

subject to approval by the Student University Affairs Board. A special approval hearing is set for early this week.

If SUAB does not approve Spence, Balfe says he will resubmit Spence's name for approval after specifying why he chose the appointee.

"I can't see any good reason why they wouldn't (approve him)," he says.



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French teacher dies of cancer

Henry Cooper, a senior instructor in the romance languages department, died of cancer last week. He was 54.

Cooper had taught first through third year French at the University since 1960 and was head adviser of the French department for seven years and head of the language lab until his death.

He also served as a member of the academic requirements committee for three years and worked with the friendship family program, a program working with foreign students, for 10 years.

Cooper received his

bachelor's degree at Willamette University and his masters degree at Middlebury College in Vermont. He taught at Willamette University before coming to the University.

He is survived by his wife, Paulette, and two children.

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