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Discount rate drops at bookstore

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Students can expect faster lines but higher prices for books at the University Bookstore this year because of a new computer system being installed at the campus-oriented business.

Purchasing the \$600,000 system forced the bookstore to drop its discount rate for students from 11 percent to 9 percent this year, said James Williams, bookstore general manager.

When fully installed, the computer system will allow the store to better manage inventory in all departments, including textbooks, Williams said.

Also included in the system are new cash registers equipped with optical scanning bars, which are helping to push students through book-purchasing lines more quickly, he said.

The 2 percent reduction means that the average student's total bill for text books

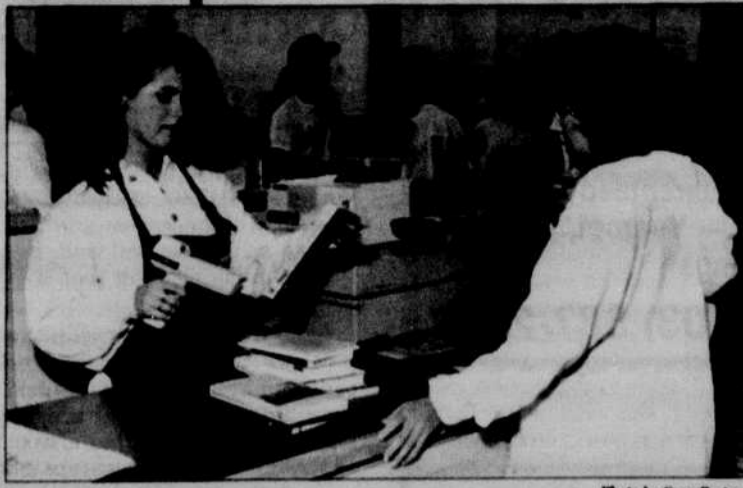


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Bookstore employee Rachel Carey uses the store's new computer scanners to ring up textbook purchases.

this year will be \$7 more than it was last year, Williams said.

Although the discount rate is subject to review by the bookstore's board of directors each year, the decrease is the first since the store became a non-profit organization in 1973, Williams said.

The 9 percent level, which

covers both course books and general books, is also the lowest discount rate ever offered by the store. When it first opened as a non-profit organization, it offered a 10 percent markdown for textbooks, he said.

"The need to improve is very

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Smeal to speak at pro-abortion rally today

Students for Creative Anachronism meets at 8 p.m. in Agate Room 1. For more information call 485-8608.

The Active Christians Taking a Stand is holding a Bible study meeting from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in EMU Century Room E. Also, the group meets at 7:30 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room A for a time of worship, prayer and fellowship. For more information call 485-2980.

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Students for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is holding a general animal rights meeting from 7 to 9 p.m. in EMU Cedar Room D. For information call 346-4356.

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance is holding a volunteer meeting at 4 p.m. in the GALA office, third floor EMU. For information call 346-3360.

The Korean Club will meet at 6:45 p.m. in Carson Lobby to set up plans for this weekend's beach trip. For information call 484-6844.

The Honors College will hold a general assembly meeting for all Honors College students at 4 p.m. in the college's library, third floor Chapman Hall. For more information call 346-5414.

The Office of Academic Advising is sponsoring a workshop on how to pay in-state tuition for out-of-state programs. The workshop is at 4:30 p.m. in Room 164 Oregon Hall. For more information call 346-3211.

Students for Choice is sponsoring a rally against state ballot measures 8 and 10 at noon in the EMU Courtyard. Ellie Smeal is the featured speaker. For information call 346-4510.

The Navigators is holding a rally "Starting the Year with Jesus" in the EMU Oak Room from 8 to 10 p.m. For more information call 344-1061.

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