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## Banking on books

As prices for new textbooks rise, students are finding ways to beat the costs

By Chuck Slothower  
News Reporter

Sophomore Brian Fedor spent his summer working at a San Diego resort to earn money for school. Last week, a paycheck's worth of the 19-year-old's sweat and toil became property of the University Bookstore when Fedor spent \$453.81 on his fall term textbooks.

"It was pretty killer," Fedor said. With the beginning of fall term classes, University students face sometimes dizzying textbook costs. So much so that the University Office of Financial Aid and Scholar-

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**Wednesday:** A University group aims to curb rising costs

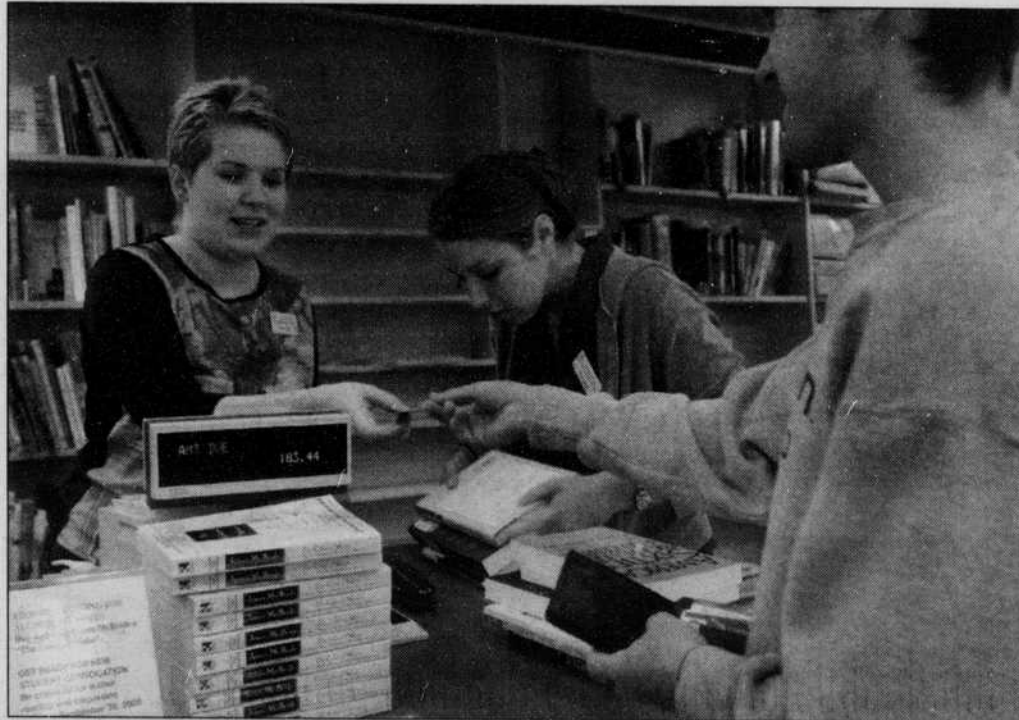
ships budgets \$900 a year per student for textbooks alone. With the financial pain comes the inevitable question: How can students save money?

While many students simply buy new books and swallow the cost, others buy used books, share or trade books with friends, shop online or use course reserves.

Fedor had his own plan.

"If I can find them cheaper, I'm going to come back and return these because that's a lot of money,"

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Cashiers Heather Zornke and Melanie Comimiti sell books to senior John Lucas at the University Bookstore on Friday. Students have until Oct. 12 to return their textbooks to the bookstore for a full refund.

## Bookstore gives away books

The University Bookstore is awarding 13 random students this week with free course books for fall term

By Ayisha Yahya  
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Sophomore Krystyn Hanselman finally had her turn at the busy University Bookstore cash register on Monday. As she handed over a check for \$119, the bookstore erupted in a chorus of noise and

Hanselman was surrounded by bookstore staff in bright yellow shirts blowing on duck lips.

Bookstore General Manager Jim Williams then gave her the good news: Hanselman was going to get all her fall term course books for free.

The bookstore began giving away books to 13 students on Monday, and the give-away will continue through tomorrow. Students are picked at random times and are then notified of their award after they pay for their books. The bookstore then

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## Gas tax to fund repair of roads

Eugene and neighboring cities adopted a three-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax that will help fund \$93 million in street repairs

By A. Sho Ikeda  
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A citywide gas tax that adds an additional 3 cents to every gallon of gasoline purchased went into effect during the summer.

The funds raised by the per-gallon tax, which was approved by the Eugene City Council earlier this year, will be used to pay for a 10-year backlog of street repairs estimated to cost \$93 million. An estimated \$2 million will come from the new gas tax.

Springfield and Cottage Grove have also adopted local gas tax ordinances, and the taxes went into effect in all three cities on Aug. 1.

The 3-cent-per-gallon tax will be placed on dealers who transport gasoline or diesel fuel into the city for sale. Federal, state and local gas taxes paid by the dealers are usually passed along to retailers, who typically add the amount to the price of a gallon of gas at the pump.

Eugene Public Works Department spokesman Eric Jones said the citywide gas tax is necessary to repair many streets in Eugene.

"If we don't tackle this backlog, it will get bigger every year," Jones said. "We don't want to leave a legacy of deteriorated streets for future generations."

Jones said the city has completed five

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## National do-not-call list's implementation remains uncertain

Oregon's do-not-call list was decommissioned, but federal agencies are working to push the national list into effect

By Jared Paben  
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The future of the national do-not-call list remains in question after two federal courts ruled it unconstitutional just days before it was slated to take effect for approximately 50 million Americans.

The rulings, coupled with the decommissioning of Oregon's do-not-call list in August, may leave thousands of Oregonians without any protection from telemarketers' solicitations.

But protection might not be as necessary now as it was last week. On Sunday, the Direct Marketing Association — the nation's largest telemarketing association representing more than 80 percent of companies making sales calls — stated it would cease to call any numbers listed in the national registry.

"Although we believe this is an in-

appropriate role for the government, we don't want to catch the American consumer in our cross-fire," DMA President H. Robert Wientzen said. "We believe we should honor their wishes."

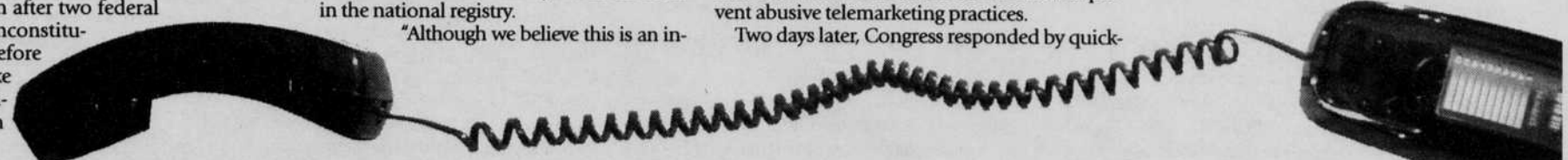
For the past week, the status of the national list has changed daily. On Sept. 23, the first ruling by Judge Lee West found the Federal Trade Commission did not have specific congressional authority to implement the list, despite the fact that lawmakers ordered the commission to prevent abusive telemarketing practices.

Two days later, Congress responded by quick-

ly pushing through legislation giving the agency specific authority to create and implement the list. Seemingly, the problem was solved.

But later that day, the future of the list was again called into question by a ruling from U.S. District Judge Edward Nottingham declaring the list unconstitutional on other grounds: a violation of free speech.

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