

Textbook buying — how to bypass the rush hour

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Although students may think endless lines are inevitable when they go to Student Stores to buy textbooks, there are ways of avoiding the long wait.

According to Rutledge Tufts, general manager of Student Stores, the secret to getting through the textbook department quickly is to arrive at the store when it opens at 8 a.m., or stop by late in the afternoon. Otherwise, Tufts said, students should expect a 30 to 45 minute wait to purchase textbooks during the rush hour.

The textbook department, located on the second floor of Student Stores, will be open 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., August 24 to 28, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 29,

and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on August 31 and September 1. Beginning September 2, the textbook department will resume regular hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All non-medical textbooks can be purchased in the textbook department; books for medical and allied health courses are located in Caduceus Medical Bookstore.

Tufts advised students to go to their first day of class before buying books to ensure that the books listed will be used by the professor.

If a student finds that he bought the wrong book or a book that is not required by the professor, he can receive a full refund if he still has the receipt and if the book is in the same condition as when it was purchased. Tufts recommended that no marks be made

in the books until the student is sure he wants them.

Students who drop a class may get a full refund for books if they return them to the textbook department along with a receipt and a drop-add slip.

Full refunds will be given two weeks after the beginning of classes if the book is in the same condition as when purchased. Full refunds for drop-add books will be given usually up to one day past the drop-add period.

According to Tufts, the textbook department strictly enforces the refund policy. No refunds will be given on books purchased during the last four weeks of class, for example. This prevents students from buying a book on the night before an exam and returning it the next day.

Students can sell their books back to the textbook department during the entire semester (August 24 to December 8), but only at a wholesale price, said Charlie Byrd, manager of the textbook department.

According to Byrd, the best time for students to sell their books is during the final exam period (December 8 to December 16), so that they can get up to half price of the retail back for the books.

Tufts said that used books can be bought at three-fourths the new book price and could be sold for as much as half of the retail price. If a book retails at \$40 and is bought by the student at the used price of \$30, the textbook department may buy the book back at \$20, so the student uses the book for only \$10.

The textbook department tries to have 80 percent used books on the shelves for the large introductory classes, Tufts said. He suggested buying the used books to get a better deal on buybacks.

An alternative to the textbook department is the book co-op, which is offered each semester by Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity. The APO book co-op is held at the beginning of each semester; students who participate in the co-op may buy or sell used books at prices that are often below Student Stores' prices. The book co-op is held in the Frank Porter Graham Student Union.

"We welcome APO's support," Tufts said. "I'm glad they're there. If they have books left over, we will buy them from APO."



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No drastic changes in ticket policy

By JUDY WILSON
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Distribution of football and basketball tickets this season will run basically the same as it did last year.

"I don't think we've changed anything drastically for football ticket distribution," said Ken

Brown, director of ticket operations at the ticket office. All tickets will be distributed at the Smith Center.

A student must present three things when picking up tickets — his athletic pass, his picture ID and his semester registration card to prove that he is enrolled in school

for the semester. A student can obtain as many as six tickets for a football game if he brings his athletic pass, ID and registration card along with those of five other students.

The athletic pass is very important, Brown said, because "we punch it and use it to show that the student has picked up a ticket." He said the procedure for block seating has not changed.

A student can buy one guest pass for each home game, but for certain away games, particularly the State game, he can only buy one ticket for himself. "There is always a special pickup time for tickets for the State game," Brown said.

State will be an away game this year. "We only have a limited number of tickets for this game," he said, and they will cost \$18 each.

Long lines for ticket distribution were not a problem last year, said Brown, except for the State football game and for important basketball games, such as Duke and State. He said there is nothing that can be done to prevent people from lining up early to get tickets.



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