

Smart shopping can reduce chore of textbook buying

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For many students, buying textbooks conjures up images of endless lines and depleted bank accounts, but there are ways of coping with textbook rush through the three outlets for textbooks in Chapel Hill.

According to Rutledge Tufts, general manager of Student Stores, students can avoid the longest lines by arriving early in the morning or late in the afternoon. During peak hours, the length of the wait varies according to what students pay for

their books with, Tufts said. A wait of 30 to 45 minutes is possible if students pay with credit cards. "All transactions must be verified, and each of these takes two or three minutes," Tufts said.

The textbook department keeps extra hours during the first few days of the semester. Located on the second floor of the Student Stores, the department is open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Aug. 30 through Sept. 2; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 3; and 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sept. 6. Beginning Sept. 7, the textbook department will

resume regular semester hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 3 would be an excellent time to buy books, since it is on Labor Day weekend, Tufts said.

Students should attend the first day of class before buying textbooks to ensure that the professor will be using them, Tufts said.

No refunds are granted on books purchased during the last four weeks of classes to prevent students from buying the book the night before a final exam and returning it the next day.

He recommended that students wait until final exams to sell books back. At the end of the semester, the store gets orders for books that will be used again the following semester, and in most cases, students will get a much better price for their books, Tufts said.

Used books comprise about 30 percent of the store's inventory

storewide, Tufts said. They are used most for the larger introductory classes, and students can save money by buying books early to get the best selection of used books.

For students who do not wish to buy textbooks at Student Stores, there are alternatives. The APO Book Co-op, offered each semester by Alpha Phi Omega, a service fraternity, is held in the Student Union. Students who participate can often buy and sell used books at better prices than those in the Student Stores, whose revenues from textbook sales go to the general scholarship fund.

Still another alternative for students is the new Pop's Tar Heel Textbooks on Franklin Street. Manager Darren Evans said his prices were comparable to those at Student Stores. "All used books are priced 25 percent less than new book prices," Evans said.

Pop's will buy back textbooks at half price if they are being used the following semester, Evans said. Otherwise, they will be bought back at wholesale prices.

Like Tufts, Evans said the best time for students to sell books back was at the end of the semester. The return policy at Pop's is about the same as that at the Student Stores, Evans said.

Tufts said the presence of Pop's would mean the Student Stores would have to be more careful in stocking books.

"It will be harder for us to determine how many books we will need for future semesters. We will have to make some adjustments in our inventory," he said.

In the long run, the presence of Pop's, which opened April 21, will be helpful to Student Stores, and also to the students, Tufts said. More used books would become available, and students would have more of a choice.

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EPA conducts pollution study, invites students to participate

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Students on campus have the opportunity to earn between \$7 and \$10 an hour as subjects in studies by the Environmental Protection Agency's Health Effects Laboratory, located behind North Carolina Memorial Hospital, testing short-term effects of such common air

pollutants as carbon monoxide and ozone, EPA officials say.

The studies simulate conditions in major cities as well as the environments of new buildings. The studies only work with short-term exposure to these pollutants, so there is little danger to volunteers' health.

"In fact," said Sharon Pannell, manager of the recruitment program,

"there has been more ozone in the atmosphere lately than the amounts we've been testing with."

People wishing to volunteer must go through a fairly extensive screening program. After listening to a recorded message, they call Pannell's office to answer some preliminary health and schedule questions. Then they undergo two and a half hours of medical and psychological tests to gauge their fitness for the study, and they undergo a complete physical at the lab. If everything checks out, students are eligible to participate in the studies for a year.

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