

Bookstore shortages affect classes

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On average, Scarborough said about 35 percent of the books ordered by the bookstore are returned to the publishers.

She said it costs the bookstore a considerable amount to mail unused books back to the publisher.

Additionally, custom-ordered packages of books pose an even bigger problem because they generally cannot be returned to the publisher, leaving the bookstore to absorb the cost.

Scarborough said that the bookstore is willing to work with students on an individual basis to order books that students need, but are not in stock. She also emphasized that the bookstore works to keep costs down for students.

Still, some students were reluctant to purchase their books from the bookstore this year.

Freshman Chelsea Detrick was one of those students.

Detrick chose to buy the novels she needed for class at

Amazon.com over the summer after getting the titles and authors of the books from the bookstore over the phone.

Although she bought some of her books online, Detrick purchased her class textbooks at the university bookstore without a problem.

Not all students were so lucky.

"Waiting a week and a half for a book left me behind in my stats class," said freshman Brian Snyder. "It sucked."

In addition to math classes, many foreign language classes and political science courses did not have the required texts in stock at the bookstore for the start of the semester.

"Most of my classmates had to go through two weeks of Japanese class without all of their books, myself included," said freshman Chris Weitzen.

The book shortage affected professors as well.

Economics professor Greg Lilly said the book problem was an annoyance, but not devastat-

ing to the class.

Nevertheless, for his introductory-level economics class, the texts did not arrive until the end of the second week of school, leaving him with nothing to do but alter his class schedule accordingly.

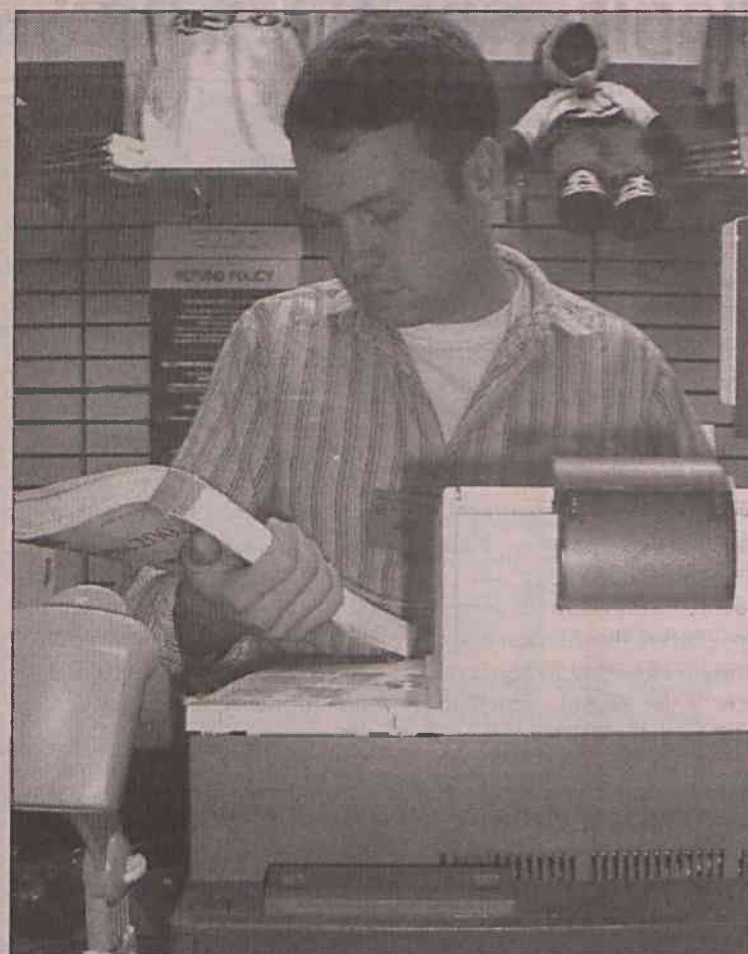
In order to deal with not having the texts for class, some professors resorted to copying sections of the required texts for each student in the class until the books arrived.

All textbook problems aside, Patricia Ambroziak, adjunct instructor of biology, said that her students had a different view on the situation.

"None of my students really complained that they were unable to find any of the texts that they needed," she said.

This semester, the bookstore was responsible for ordering texts for 494 courses, which is fewer than in past semesters.

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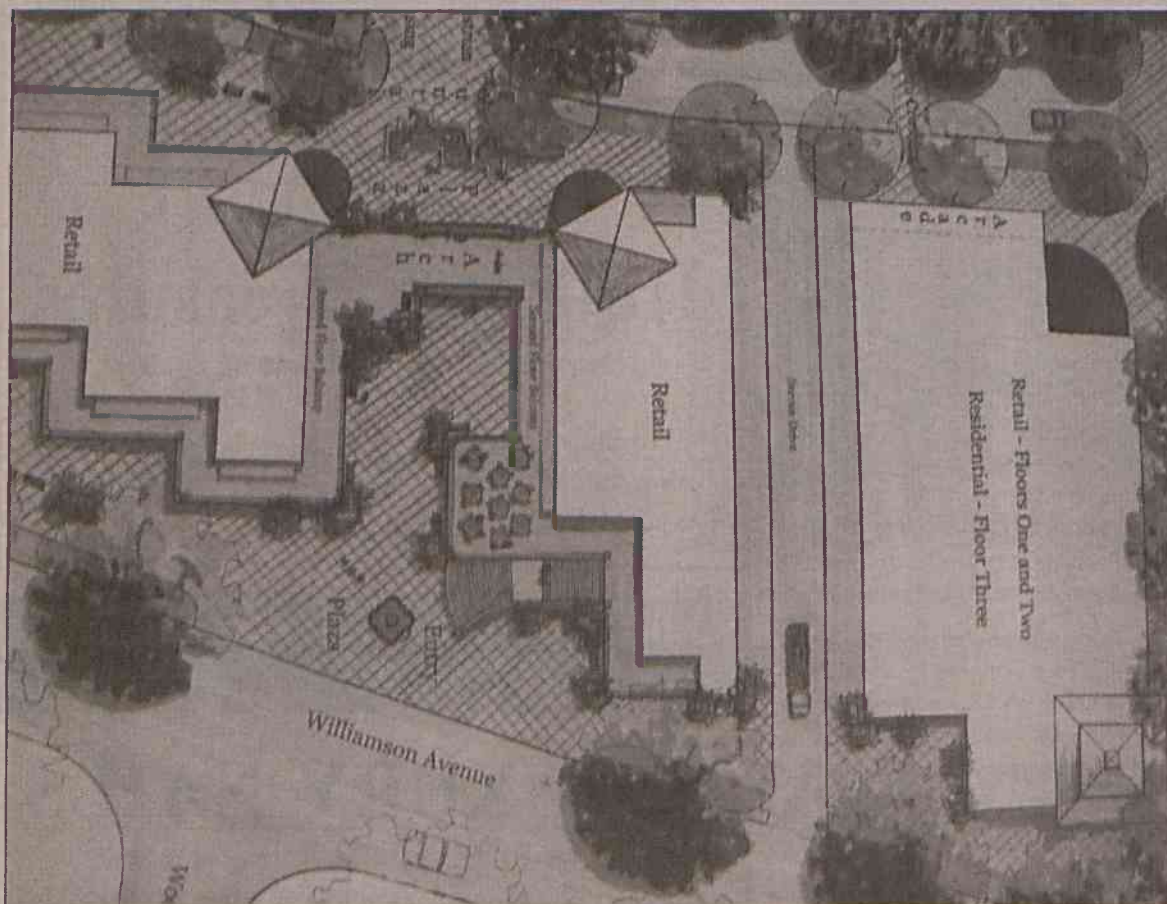


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Campus shop employee Adam Smith locates the ISBN number on a textbook. Incorrect ISBN numbers can cause confusion during book orders.

Downtown expansion proposed in graduate student's project

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This drawing depicts an upscale shopping district on the athletic fields located across from the Elon fire station.

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would be connected to the present shopping district.

One focus of the plan is community-building. A number of the proposed elements encourage interaction, including the integration of retail, residential and public spaces, a pedestrian-friendly atmosphere, narrow streets and corner stores.

Despite its progressive nature, Graham's plan seeks to not compromise the town's identity.

"Of primary concern is the town's ability to maintain its small-town character as it faces continued pressure from the adjacent city of Burlington," she wrote in the project's outline.

Town Clerk Sabrina Oliver said the project is little more than an idea now. Graham's plans are posted in Town Hall for citizens to review. Oliver said citizens are encouraged to share their opinions about the project.

One component of a new downtown may be closer to

Gerald Whittington, vice president of business, finance and technology, said the university has reached an agreement with a developer to sell the fire station fields if the developer can get the land rezoned, produce an appropriate design and fill the development with tenants.

Whittington said the university also stipulated that the developer could not take control of the land until the school has found replacement recreational fields. He said the school is in the process of designing fields to be located on land purchased last year from Elon Homes for Children.

Fields on the former Elon Homes for Children land would also compensate for the loss of intramural field space once the new business school is built on the fields' west end.

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