

# Committee Prepares to Suggest Changes to Textbook System

Prices and buy-back process are key topics

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As students line up to buy textbooks at Student Stores this week, a committee is working to make it a more pleasant experience for those same students next semester.

Student Congress established the textbook committee in April in response to student complaints. The committee found that many students were frustrated by the prices of new and used books at Student Stores and the perceived low buy-back prices for the books at the end of the semester.

Committee member and senior Brad Overcash said the committee met recently with a representative from Student Stores to determine why books are so costly and why the buy-back prices are so low.

Overcash said the buy-back prices are not in the hands of Student Stores, but UNC professors.

The committee learned that Student Stores will pay more money back to students for textbooks being used again the following semester. Overcash said the problem is that many professors don't report the books they will be using until after the deadline has passed.

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ed out Tuesday is necessary because of the impropriety of the players' actions. "We take these actions very seriously," he said.

## Kudzu



"It's not Student Stores marking up texts like a lot of people think," Overcash said.

He said the committee is trying to assemble information packets for professors that would explain why they need to declare what books they will be using ahead of time and how much money this would save students.

There is not a comparable solution to solving the problem with high-priced new textbooks, Overcash said, because of the scholarships that Student Stores has attached to textbooks.

Each year part of the proceeds from textbooks sold in Student Stores is given as academic scholarships to students.

"As far as new book prices go, the only way to cut prices is to eliminate the scholarships," Overcash said. "Student Stores is not interested, and student government is not asking."

Although the committee cannot cut the price of new books, it has come up with several ideas to help students avoid

Similar incidents must be prevented in the future, Kirschner said. "The behavior that occurred was improper," he said. "Steps need to be taken to ensure that doesn't happen again."

The suspension was the decision of Director of Athletics Dick Baddour; Beth Miller, associate athletic director

unnecessary payments.

Overcash said textbook makers print new editions each year by making small changes in layout to thwart the used book market. But now the textbook makers also are adding CD-ROMs and supplementary material to books that must be wrapped with shrink-wrap. Student Stores' policy does not allow it to buy back books with the shrink-wrap broken.

The textbook committee is proposing that a check box be added to professors' information packs so they can tell Student Stores whether they need the supplements. "If the professors say the stuff isn't necessary, Student Stores will be able to buy the book back," Overcash said.

He also said the committee has other ideas in the works, all of which will be reviewed by Student Congress on Oct. 30.

The committee hopes to implement them in time for spring book sales, Overcash said. "These are real things we can get done," he said. "They're not just pipe dreams."

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for non-revenue sports; Haus; and Lorenzo Gallo of the athletic director's office, Kirschner said.

The players were not involved in the process, he said.

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put a dent in this drought. "In North Carolina for the first time, communities are literally running out of water for drought-related reasons," Reese said.

And local leaders are taking drastic steps to cope. Officials in Cherryville recently hooked up a fire truck to a city hydrant and pumped water from another municipality.

Government buildings in downtown Raleigh have installed rain barrels - devices that channel runoff rainwater from roofs into barrels. The water is then used to water necessary vegetation, said Mary Jo Cashion, interim public information officer for the N.C. Dept. of Administration.

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department does their own thing," Page said. "We need some kind of consistency to make sure every new instructor is at the same level of training."

Page and Student Body President Jen Daum initiated the program last spring, fulfilling election promises to institute paid preparation time for graduate students.

Today, Charlotte officials will begin imposing \$30 to \$100 per-day fines for people who water their lawns between 4 a.m. and 9 p.m. - a step up from its voluntary watering restrictions, which decreased water use by only 4 percent.

UNC students have been encouraged to limit showers to five minutes and to turn off faucets while brushing their teeth. Carolina Dining Services also is conserving water by using disposable plates and silverware.

But the governor has not yet issued mandatory statewide restrictions.

"The state does not have the power to require the cities to go to mandatory restrictions without declaring a state of emergency," Reese said. "We haven't come to that point yet, but every day we come closer and closer."

Don Reuter, spokesman for NCDENR, said the most important thing

is for agencies to use their better judgment. Part of that, he says, comes from educating people about wasteful practices.

"In some parts of the state, there are people who think that it's necessary to water their lawns, while in other parts people won't have water to drink or to bathe," he said.

Above all, officials are looking for hope in the months to come, although they might be looking in vain. Reuter said the months from August to October historically have received less precipitation than other months.

"We're telling these systems that might have 30 days of water left to try to hold out until the end of the year," he said.

Today's forecast calls for clouds, but no rain.

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Ed Neal, director of faculty development for the CTL, said he is confident that the program will be held next year, but he admitted that the University's financial situation makes it more difficult to find money.

He said, "It will be hard to ignore the evaluations in the report that say how beneficial it is."

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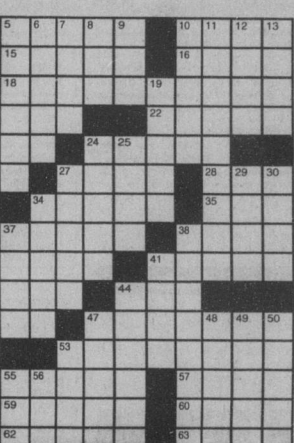
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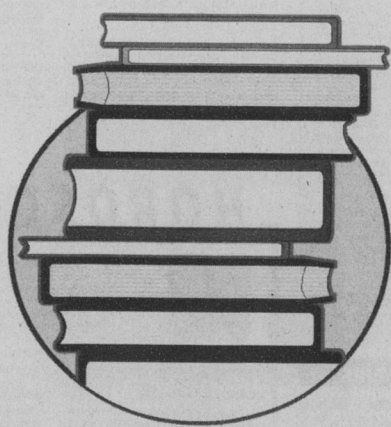
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