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## Textbook returns wane

### How textbook prices are determined

#### Buyback begins today

#### New texts

► Publisher recommends a retail price and charges the store the wholesale price, usually 75 percent or 80 percent of the retail price. The store then charges the suggested retail price.

► Publisher sets a wholesale price and the store computes the retail standard, usually 25 percent more than that price.

#### Buybacks

► If books will be used the next semester, generally they will be bought back for 50 percent of the original retail price.

#### Other factors

► New editions are being produced at a faster rate.

► Packaged texts with supplemental materials such as access codes to online resources, which can't be resold and are becoming more common.

### ONLINE RETAILERS, RISE IN NEW EDITIONS AFFECT PRICES

BY LINDSAY MICHEL  
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Much like children anxiously waiting to open holiday packages, students selling back their textbooks never seem to know what they'll get.

And after spending big bucks on books less than six months earlier, many come away dumbfounded and disappointed when they see the

returns on those bound volumes.

"I really don't know why they price them the way they do," said sophomore nutrition major Katie Ort. "They definitely don't give you as much as you paid for."

For Student Stores textbook manager Anthony Sanders, a 1998 UNC-Chapel Hill alumnus, the

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## Winter months turn residents blue

### Less daylight leads to depression

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Many people hate the time of the year when the days get shorter and the nights get longer, but for some the decrease in daylight can affect their ability to function.

Seasonal affective disorder is a depression-related mood disorder linked to the changing seasons.

As the hours of daylight wane, people do not get as much vitamin D as they normally receive from the sun, and this can affect people biologically, experts say.

The symptoms of SAD are increased sleep, less desire to go outside, increased appetite and a feeling of depression, which subside in the spring and summer.

"People with seasonal affective disorder just don't want to go out of their rooms," said David Landers, professor of psychology at Saint Michael's College in Vermont.

There are varying degrees of the disorder. Some are able to function without any help, and some people are disabled, said Dr. Rachel Glick, co-chairwoman of the American Psychiatric Association task force for college mental health and professor at the University of Michigan.

Reverting back from daylight-saving time to standard time is a visible occurrence of the days getting shorter, and this can strongly affect people who have a seasonal aspect to their depression.

"When the light is changing, especially as we get into fall ... that is a substantial stress on people who have a seasonal component," said Dr. Allen Hamrick, associate director of

Counseling and Psychological Service at UNC.

CAPS usually does not diagnose cases of SAD specifically, but it does see many occurrences of depression with a seasonal aspect, he said.

SAD is treated with antidepressant medications, psychological therapy and light therapy.

Light therapy involves a device in front of which the patient can sit and absorb the light's rays. The boxes come in a variety of shapes and sizes from a number

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### Symptoms of Winter Seasonal Affective Disorder

- Sleeping more than usual
- Craving for sugar, starchy foods or alcohol
- Weight gain
- Irritability
- Conflicts with other people
- Heaviness of arms and legs
- Desire to stay inside

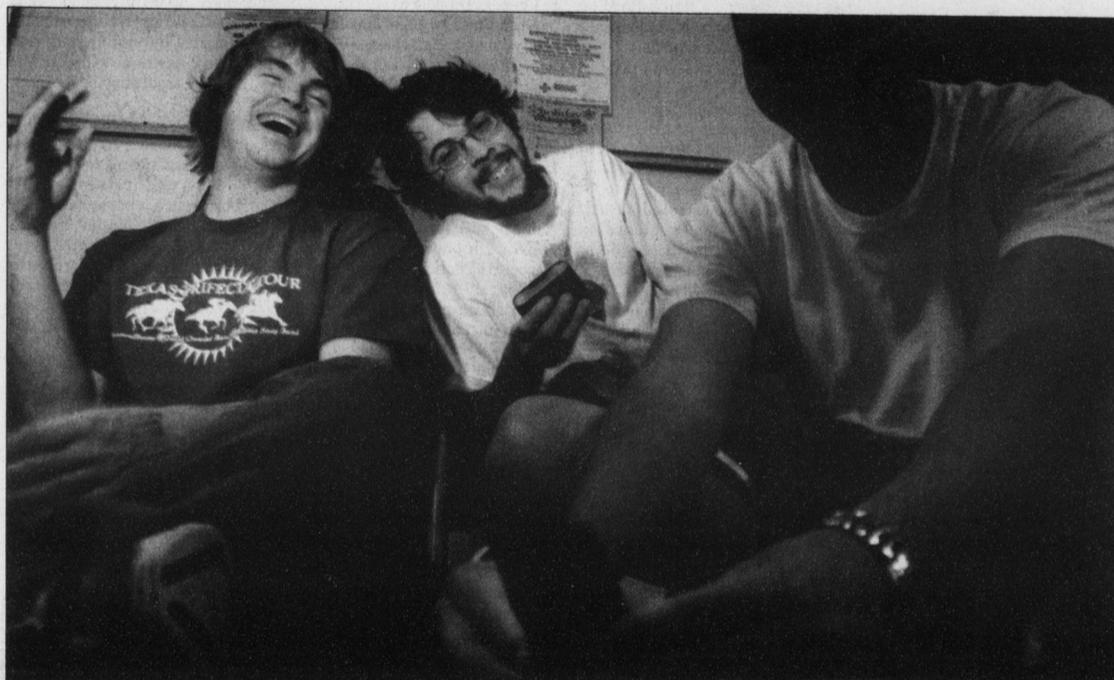
People who believe they have SAD should speak to a counselor and see if there is a need for anti-depression medication or light therapy.

### Where to go for help:

UNC Counseling and Psychological Service  
966-3658

Chapel Hill Crisis hotline:  
Emergency Crisis Services  
24 hours / 7 days  
1-800-233-6834

### FULLY IMMERSED



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UNC junior Chris Faulkenberry (left) and senior Thomas Miller (center) laugh as senior Dario Espinal (right) struggles to take his turn in Taboo in French as part of an activity sponsored by the French language-immersion program. The French program got

together in the common space of Carmichael Residence Hall, the dorm in which the University's three immersion programs are located, Tuesday evening to play the game. The dorm hosts all three programs, French, German and Spanish, on the fifth floor. Visit dailytarheel.com for the full story.

## Griffin clocks out as forum chairman

BY BRIAN HUDSON  
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After 12 years as a leader in the University's employee legislature, Tommy Griffin quietly will return to the status of campus employee.

At the end of his fourth term as Employee Forum chairman, Griffin, 55, formally stepped down Wednesday at the group's final meeting of the semester.

Though he is moving on, he said he never intends to stray far from advocating for the University's employees.

"I will give them my total sup-

port — 100 percent plus whatever they need to continue to be successful with the forum," said Griffin, who first joined the forum as a delegate in 1993 after 20 years as a UNC employee.

Ernie Patterson, who was tapped Wednesday to succeed Griffin, expressed an interest in furthering the forum's spirit of advocacy that dictated its recent work.

Patterson emphasized work to improve employees' health benefits and raise salaries to a living wage employees.

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DTH/BRANDON MAYNARD

Tommy Griffin (left) receives a plaque in Wilson Library on Wednesday honoring his 12 years of service as an activist in the Employee Forum.

## Leaders seek to codify policies

### Of-revised Student Code prepped for another round

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Every meeting Student Congress wrestles with what recently appointed Student Solicitor General Robert Austin calls "the beast."

"I would welcome anyone, any student who wants to help us with this beast, as it is," Austin said Tuesday.

Austin isn't referring to a terrible creature or even a metaphorical elephant in the room. The culprit is the Student Code — the sprawling document that provides regulations for student governance.

Speaker of Congress in 1999 and current Chapel Hill Town Council member Mark Kleinschmidt said the Code is central to the University's culture.

"The Code is one of the most historical documents at the University," he said. "It defines student self-governance and how the government is supposed to operate. It's probably the best student government in the country, and (the Code) actually provides for true independence for the students."

But this historical document is proving to be a continual challenge for Congress, as representatives perennially face ambiguities and inconsistencies in the document, despite several recent attempts at revisions and review.

"Every meeting with Student Congress, there's some part of the Code where we're, 'Oh, we're not sure about this,' or 'How exactly is this supposed to work?'" Austin said.

Rep. James Riley, District 1, said Code inconsistencies developed over time.

"It's because it's been edited for years and years without being cross-checked," said Riley, who recently proposed in Congress the creation of a task force to review portions of the Code.

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## IDIOT'S guide to the Student Code

**Title I: Constitution**  
Overarching document, lays out the framework for student governance at UNC.

**Title II: Legislative affairs**  
Outlines Student Congress organization, roles, duties and procedures.

**Title III: Judicial affairs**  
Focuses on the Student Supreme Court, including the justices, procedures and jurisdiction.

**Title IV: Executive affairs**  
Describes in detail the roles and responsibilities of the student body officers.

**Title V: Financial affairs**  
Outlines in detail the appropriations process for student organizations.

**Title VI: General election laws**  
Defines election policies, including campaigning. This section is undergoing revision.

**Title VII: Carolina Athletic Association**  
Establishes the number of tickets to be held by CAA — a section that has received much attention.

**Title VIII: Appointments**  
Details appointment procedures for the executive and legislative branches of student government.

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**GATEWAY TO CHANGE** Greensboro is first to charge under new hit-and-run law

**¡QUE BARBARIDAD!** Group reviews potential immigrant driver's license changes

**TOP RAITT** Bonnie Raitt croons to full house at Memorial Hall on Wednesday

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### TRUE COLORS SHINING

Renovations, namely a throwback to classic colors, continue at New East and New West buildings, with minimal problems seen.

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### NERDCORE HIP-HOP

With big names such as MC Hawking and MC Plus+, nerdcore hip-hop is gaining reputability among computer science circles.



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### ROCK OF RALEIGH

A Raleigh woman has opened her house to area residents, many of whom are struggling with addiction, for the past 11 years for refuge and help.

weather

Mostly cloudy  
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