

# Buy your textbooks without the crowds

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Tired of elbowing through crowds and scrounging for the limited supply of used books in the bookstore the first week of school?

Returning students and new students have another option.

It's called textbook reservations, an old program regaining popularity at both the University and Nebraska Bookstores.

Brian Rundquist, textbook manager of the University Bookstore, said, "Although the program, which is free to students, has been around for awhile, students are using textbook reservations more every semester."

Students give a copy of their schedule for the upcoming semester to a bookstore employee, indicate whether they want new or used books, just required texts or optional texts also, and let the bookstore do the work, he said.

The bookstore has books ready and bagged for students to pick up a week before classes begin, and if the student charges the books on a credit card, they don't have to stand in line to pay, he said.

Martha Hoppe, book division manager of the Nebraska bookstore, said, "Textbook reservations are especially popular with freshmen who don't know their way around the often confusing stacks of textbooks very well."

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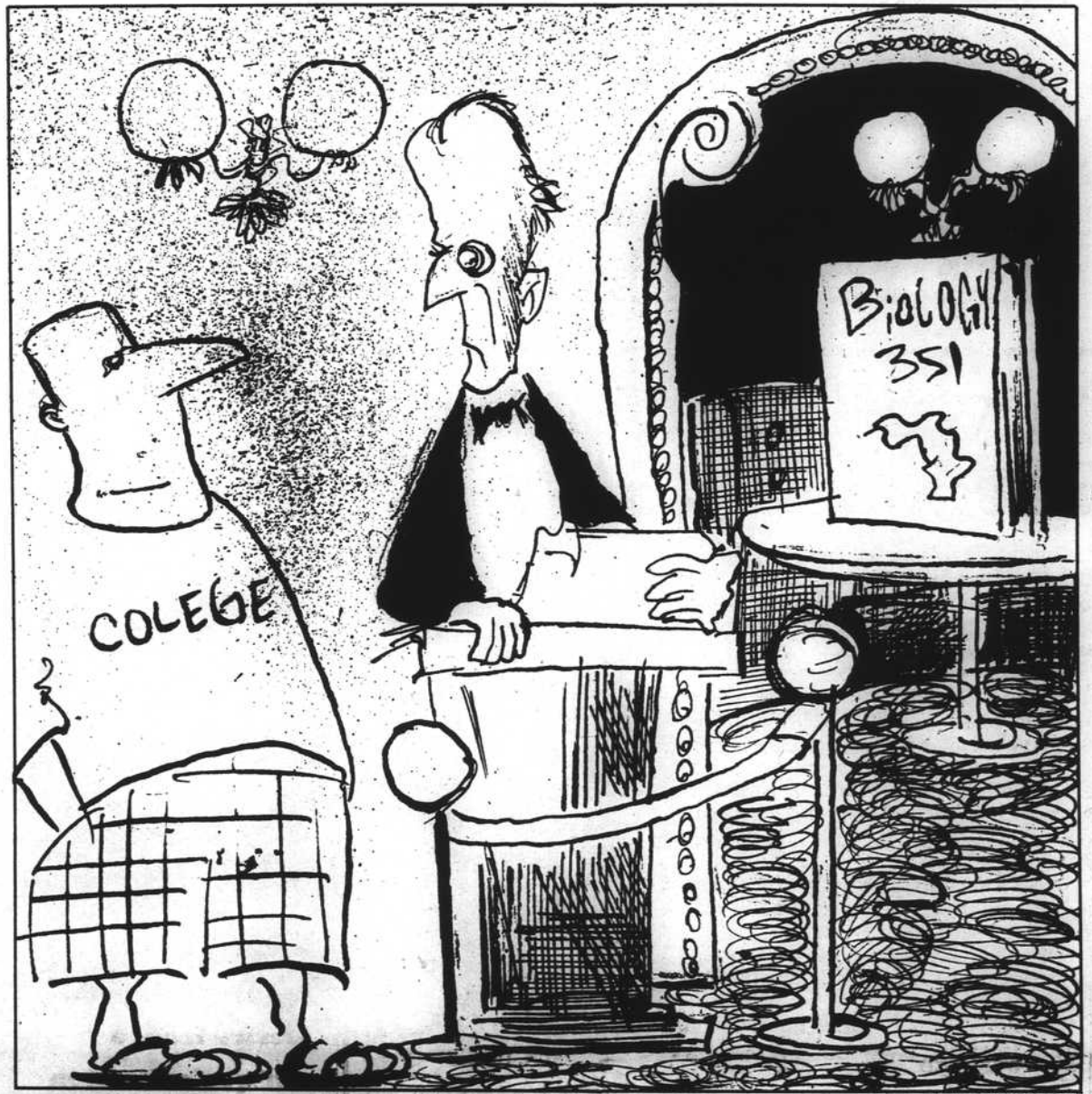
about 250 students last year through reservations, Hoppe said.

The bookstore has offered the program for one semester and will continue the program in the fall.

Hoppe said they require a \$20 deposit that is applied to the cost of the books, so there is no added cost to the student.

Used books are distributed first among students with textbook reservations, a good incentive for using the program, and then sold to other students, Hoppe said.

Rundquist said although the service has been available on request for a few years, they will begin advertising and promoting the program this year because of the large number of students asking about reservations.



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