Sell-back options for textbooks overwhelming

Lindsey Smith
Daily Egyptian

An added stress to finals week for students is to get all their studying done in time to sell their heap of textbooks back to bookstores. Throughout the next two weeks, students will be making a decision: what to do with those pages upon pages of text. There are three options locally: 710 Book Store, University Bookstore and Saluki Bookstore. But there’s an even bigger textbook market on the Web.

There is a wide variety of online bookstores, each with the promise of giving their customers the most money for their books. Selling a book can seem as complicated as learning the material in it, but spending time and weighing options may make students’ wallets a little fuller than usual.

Danielle Schaar, a senior from Oak Lawn studying civil engineering, sold multiple books to 710 Monday and received $20. She said she had no particular reason for choosing 710.

“This is where I bought them,” Schaar said. “I just always come here.” 710 manager Randy Johnson said selling unwanted textbooks to local bookstores has its advantages, one of which is the high chance textbooks in use this semester will be bought back for next semester.

Johnson said 710 knows when they’ll buy the book as soon as the instructor of the course informs them of what text will be used next semester. At that time, the store begins to buy back the books needed for the fall term.

University Bookstore manager Dan Bonavia said students like to hang on to, Johnson’s bookstore buys texts any time of the year, as does the University Bookstore manager Sue Loverude, the manager of 710. University Bookstore is a part of Pollert Higher Education Group, a national company, Bonavia said.

“Even if a book is not being used in class, we may buy it during the week and try again tomorrow or next week if it may be in use at another one of over 800 campuses around the U.S., allowing (University Bookstore) to pay top dollar for that book,”Bonavia said.

But that does not necessarily mean there is a better chance of having a book bought by University Bookstore than 710. As with anything else, Johnson said, ask questions and look around before deciding where to sell back books.

(Students) are our best source for books, so we want to buy every book we can,” Johnson said. “If it’s your choice, so you can either take the money we’re offering you today, or you can wait and try again tomorrow or next week and see what happens.”

Sue Loverude, the manager of Saluki Bookstore, said she could not comment on the issue.

Signed back books to local bookstores is simple. Customers bring in the books they want to sell back and the cashier rings up the total, telling the student which texts the store will buy from them.

Both stores said they generally offer roughly 50 percent of the original cost of a new textbook to the book students sell back. But, if the store is already stocked up on the book, they won’t buy it, Bonavia said.

“There are a lot of factors,” Johnson said. “The best case scenario is when we know that book is being used and we know that we still need that book.”

These books bringing in the most money for students are texts students like to hang on to, Johnson said. He said his bookstore is often searching for used books in classes 300 level and above.

The number of each book bought back varies, Johnson said.

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710 Saluki, University bookstore bookbuy.com NO NO
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710 Saluki, University bookstore bookbuy.com NO NO
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The Aims of Argument (ENG 102) fifth edition
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Profs settle ethics lawsuit

Faculty members won’t be punished for taking online training quickly

Joe Crawford
Daily Egyptian

Two professors and the faculty union have settled a lawsuit against the state filed more than a year ago over an ethics exam the Illinois Inspector General said many university employees failed.

The Illinois Attorney General’s Office earlier this year agreed to the settlement, which states the professors won’t be disciplined first for finishing the mandatory training too quickly. The settlement says Marvin Zeman and Walter Wallis, both mathematics professors, complied with state law when they took the training in 2006.

Zeman, president of the Faculty Association, said he felt vindicated by the agreement.

“The bottom line in all this is employees in the state of Illinois should be treated with respect,” Zeman said.

In November 2006, the State Inspector General’s Office sent letters to 325 university employees saying they had failed the online tests for finishing in less than 10 minutes. The employees were given the option of taking a second test and administering them did not comply with state law the first time around.

Most university employees signed the noncompliance form, but Zeman and Wallis refused, saying they read the required material and the state was unjustly attacking their integrity. Both professors said they answered all 10 questions in the online test correctly.

Signing the non-compliance form would have been unethical in itself, Wallis said.

“I didn’t want to lie to the state,” he said.

Although the maximum penalty for failing to complete the training was termination, Zeman said he was not seriously worried about that possibility. The threat of dismissal served mostly to aggravate the accused employees, he said.

“I was concerned that you want to make sure that people comply with directives, particularly with the law,” Zeman said. “But to use the word ‘criminal’ in a situation like this is not helpful.”

Zeman said the Illinois Education Association paid the
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## News

### Luxury items stolen in Chicago quintuple homicide

CHICAGO (AP) — Police are circulating photographs of luxury items stolen from a Chicago home where five people were found slain last week in hopes that someone will recognize them and provide the names of canaries.

Police said Wednesday the items include a 32-inch Vizio LCD flat-screen TV and several pieces of diamond jewelry worth thousands of dollars.

Officials say the possessions were taken from the ramshackled South Side house where Lakeshia Davis, 26, and 16-year-olds Dionna Richardson, 15, Reginald Walker, 16, and Anthony Scales were found shot in the head April 23.

Police have no suspects in the homicides. They say the motive may have been robbery, but they have not ruled out other possibilities.

### Northwestern University dean conceals mistake

CHICAGO (AP) — The dean of Northwestern University’s Medill School of Journalism told a meeting of alumni and students that he made a mistake when he quoted an anonymous student in a story he wrote for the alumni magazine.

John Lavine said Tuesday he should have immediately realized that he should never have noted somebody as a student who gave a quoted comment.

“I really blew it,” he said. “There is no other way to say that.”

Some Medill alumni said they worry Lavine’s actions tainted the reputation of the school.

Lavine was cleared in February by the president of making up quotes from unidentified students for use in the alumni magazine. In one of the quotes, Lavine cited a Medill junior praising a particular advertising class.

In a column for the student newspaper, the Daily Northwestern, student David Spett wrote that he questioned all 29 students in the advertising class and that all denied saying the quote, even when promised anonymity.

On Tuesday night, Lavine said Spett did exactly what he supposed to do. But he claimed the student didn’t like the new direction the school of journalism was undertaking.

### Tina Turner says she’s hitting the road again

CHICAGO (AP) — Tina Turner says she’s hitting the road again for her first tour in the United States in seven years.

The 68-year-old singer announced on “The Oprah Winfrey Show” that she will begin Oct. 1 in Kansas City. Tickets for Turner’s tour go on sale May 12.

The R&B legend appeared with singer-actress Cher, 61, on an episode taped Saturday in Las Vegas before a crowd of 4,000 people. The broadcast is scheduled to air Thursday.

Turner and Cher both women have said they feel about getting older in show business, according to remarks released Wednesday in advance of her Las Vegas production.

“I think 40-somethings,” Cher said.

“That number doesn’t mean a thing. It just doesn’t,” said Turner.

### Ex-cop offers reward for wife’s safe return

BULLINGROUD (AP) — A former suburban Chicago police officer suspected in a possible homicide is offering a $25,000 reward for information leading to his wife’s safe return.

Drew Peterson said in a statement Wednesday he hoped his wife Stacy would’ve contacted him by now. He says he doesn’t “fathom” her whereabouts.

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Peterson himself, will read submitted tips. Authorities are also in continuing the search for another man.

### Police reports

There are no items to report at this time.

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- 9 a.m.–4 p.m. today and Friday in front of the Agriculture Building

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USG ends semester on high note

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DAILY EGYPTIAN

Undergraduate Student Government met for the last time this school year Wednesday night.

Though the organization’s previous meeting degenerated into an hour of bickering and tension, senators kept their comments light. Laughter and applause filled the Student Health Center Auditorium for most of the meeting, with the exception of a moment of silence for SIUC senior Ryan Rendleman, who died in a car accident Tuesday.

“Life is too short so whatever friends you have, make sure you tell them that you love them,” said USG Vice President Candace Fletcher.

Later in the meeting, Fletcher passed the gavel to Vice President-elect Vincent Hardy. Hardy and President-elect Chiquita Watts are scheduled to take office 4:30 p.m. May 9.

Fletcher and USG President Demetrous White gave the finance committee a “Committee of the Year” award. Senators Jennifer Arteaga, Dave Loftus, Stephanie Webster, Brandon Allen and Dylan Burns received awards for outstanding contributions to USG.

White, who was elected to serve as student trustee next year, said being USG president was one of the most humbling experiences of his life.

“I think we have done what we set out to accomplish,” White said, adding, “Obviously, the job isn’t over yet.”

Watts said she was “on cloud nine” about her new position. Hardy seconded her sentiments.

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Allison Petty can be reached at 536-3311 ext. 259 or allison.petty@siude.com.
President George W. Bush speaks at a press conference in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington Tuesday.

"This needs to be followed by a mental health campaign—not just for service members but for their families as well. But I really do think it's a significant evolution."

—Paul Riechoff, executive director of Operation Iraqi Veterans of America.

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Story can be rejected for a clearance if they've been convicted and imprisoned, are addicted to any controlled substance, have been discharged dishonorably from the service or are mentally incompetent.

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WASHINGTON — The White House said Wednesday that President Bush has paid a price for the ‘Mission Accomplished’ banner that was flown in triumph five years ago but later became a symbol of US misjudgments and mistakes in the long and costly war in Iraq.

Bush, in a speech Thursday, according to several defense officials, said he had nothing to do with the banner, a spokesman later said he would have a salvo for the sign and the White House staff had it made by a private vendor.

The president is well aware that the banner should have been much more specific and said ‘mission accomplished’.

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Officials say Pentagon easing security clearance screening

WASHINGTON — Al-Qaida is recharging its forces and the Pentagon hopes to ease the stigma of seeking help for combat stress, The Associated Press has learned.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates plans to announce new rules Thursday, according to several defense officials.

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WASHINGTON — Barack Obama is closing in on Dems’ presidential rival Hillary Rodham Clinton’s advantage as he gains ground on her in primary contests and gains momentum heading into his lead in the primary race as he looks to stretch an edge.

Party leaders are encouraging super- delegates to decide Thursday on the future of their support of Sen. Lisa Caputo, the state Democrat with a high profile who won in both Senate and Assembly races.

Caputo, a 33-year-old mother of five children, says she designs the line at the White House.

She said she was important to the president would describe the fight today. It’s been a very tough month in Iraq, but then the policy is the right to the enemy.

At least 49 U.S. troops died in Iraq in April, making it the deadliest month since September when 46 U.S. service members died in Iraq.

Now in its sixth year, the war in Iraq has claimed the lives of at least 3,447 military personnel and 1,100 non-combatants. Only the Vietnam War (August 1964 to January 1973), the war in Afghanistan (October 2001 to present) and the Revolutionary War (July 1776 to April 1783) have engaged America longer.

In fact, the Fed’s trim new rate is now 0.75 above those of recent months amid indications the central bank might pause to see if months of powerful rate-cutting medicine and billions of dollars in stimulus checks will be enough to lift the country out of its slump.

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New scholarship money to help undergraduates

OppenheimerFunds donates $3.5 million to Illinois colleges

Barton Lorimer

A multi-million dollar donation from a New York investment firm means new scholarships for students at SIUC and 35 other state and private colleges and universities in Illinois.

Sara Wojcicki, spokeswoman for State Treasurer Alexi Giannoulias, said OppenheimerFunds has pledged to contribute a total of $3.5 million spanning across seven years to scholarship programs for undergraduate students. Of that, SIUC is expected to receive $122,500 for scholarships in $17,500 increments.

"Even though this isn’t making a major difference for one student, we hope it could be that extra step," Wojcicki said.

OppenheimerFunds’ donation also benefits prestige schools such as the awards for agriculture students and veterans, she said.

Billie Jo Hamilton, director of Financial Aid Office, said she did not know exactly how the university would disperse the new funds.

The money was divided by the treasurer’s office based on a school’s total cost. Wojcicki said that includes the school’s undergraduate room and board, tuition and fees.

A breakdown of how much money each institution received provided by the treasurer’s office showed the state-supported universities benefited more from the donation than private schools.

Wojcicki said the new scholarships would be a part of the state’s Bright Start program. But unlike the program’s existing scholarships, she said the universities would distribute the awards instead of the treasurer’s office.

She said doing so would prevent accusations that the treasurer was awarding the scholarships to his friends.

"Not that we would ever do it, but perception is everything," Wojcicki said.

Dipti Ruchti of OppenheimerFunds did not return three phone messages for comment.

Ryan M. Rendleman

Ryan M. Rendleman, 22, of Batavia passed away from injuries sustained in an automobile accident Thursday, April 29, 2008, in Nashville, on his way to a photo shoot. Ryan was born Aug. 8, 1985, in St. Charles, the son of Nick and Teresa (nee. Andersen) Rendleman.

Ryan was a senior at Southern Illinois University graduating in less than two weeks with a degree in criminal justice.

A sensitive, loving man who was very talented behind the lens and a skilled writer, Ryan excelled at helping people and he was used by God. Without question, his presence and company was enjoyed by all and will be missed with great sorrow. His love for his parents and brother as well as extended family and friends spoke to his great inner beauty. In the winter of 2006/2007, two years before his death, he reddedicated his life to his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and has walked faithfully with him. You’re with the Lord now, my dear brother. We love you.

He is survived by his parents Nick and Teresa Rendleman; and stepmother Patty Rendleman, a brother Nick Rendleman, all of Batavia; maternal grandparents, Raymond and Joan Andersen; and paternal grandparents Ronald and Glenda Rendleman, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends.

Visitation will be held from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, May 2, 2008 at Moss Family Funeral Home 209 S. Batavia Ave., Batavia.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. Saturday, May 3, 2008, at Christ Community Church 37W100 Bokum Road, St. Charles. He will lie in state from 9 a.m. until the time of services at the Church. Graveseide services will follow at West Batavia Cemetery in Batavia.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Voice of the Martyrs PO Box 443 Barbotville, OK 74005 please state; Memorial for Ryan Rendleman "Suda", on any correspondence.

For additional information, contact Moss Family Funeral Home at 630-879-7900 or http://www.mossfuneral.com.
Wright was right

The campaign that won’t die has the controversy that won’t die—the sermon of the Rev. Jeremiah Wright. Whether you have been living under a rock, you have heard at least one of the sound bites from Barack Obama’s former pastor of the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago.
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Whatever his motivations, Wright could have picked a better time to come out so hard. It is the media’s job to butcher reality into 10-second sound bites. Therefore, let’s just (and I know this will be difficult for some of you) slide to the universe where Wright is right. That’s a little place I call complex reality.
“Wright: ‘The U.S. government is responsible for AIDS.’ Is the government responsible for AIDS? Well, what do you mean by ‘U.S. government’? My letter carrier is part of the U.S. government. I don’t think he gave black people AIDS.
But the U.S. Public Health Service did intentionally infect black men with syphilis. During a 40-year period between 1932 and 1972, 399 black men in Tuskegee, Ala., were given syphilis without medicine (by 1947 penicillin was the standard medical treatment). By the end of the experiment, only 74 subjects were still alive, 40 wires were infected and 17 children developed congenital syphilis.
With this happening as recently as 1972, is it not at least understandable why older black people are skeptical that AIDS and HIV invaded the black community disproportionately worse than any other racial group? To this day we still give more funding to ineffective methods like faith-based abstinence. Prayers don’t prevent HIV, condoms do. All these facts shed some light on why not just Wright, but a large percentage of black people share this view.
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The Duke Report

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We base it on the projected size of the class. We look at history. We look at like three years of tracking information and we can get pretty close," Johnson said. "It's based on how many we think we're going to sell.

Once stores reach that number, the price value of selling the book drops, Johnson said. 710 can estimate how many students sell each book from records of how many students were in the class during spring semester. Johnson estimates how many they're going to buy back and how many the store is still going to need.

Online selling can be more complicated but possibly more profitable. Selling on sites like eBay takes longer, as there is a wait for someone to buy the book. On the positive side, the seller gets to choose the price for the book. However, the test may never sell.

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Thursdays, May 1, 2008

Sports

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With players and coaches gathered behind him on a comfortable spring day, Bush praised the team for its resilience. The president gave a detailed recap of the Giants’ season, from the shaky start to the road victories to the final game of the regular season, when the Giants lost to the Patriots but gained confidence.

“You won the gratitude of your fans. The New York Giants fans love these Giants,” Bush said, drawing a burst of cheers from fans in Giant blue.

Front and center behind Bush was Giants quarterback Eli Manning, who endured enormous scrutiny in New York and emerged as the Super Bowl’s Most Valuable Player.

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Ben Feller
The Associated Press

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SIU spits doubleheader with Illinois

Offense doesn’t last in nightcap

Megan Kraper

The Saluki softball team couldn’t put runs together to keep its win streak alive.

The Salukis split a doubleheader with Illinois as they took game one 6-3 — beating the Illini to complete game, earning a few Big Ten qualifiers before MVC Invitational Friday. Illinois couldn’t string some stuff together but ultimately it’s a team game and it doesn’t matter how well you do individually.”

Illinois scored one run in the fifth, sixth and seventh innings but a two-run Saluki sixth inning secured the victory 6-3 in game one.

Senior catcher Jayme Sparks said "It will be against quite a few Big Ten schools and it will be exciting to compete against them.”

The fast track will likely mirror that of a fast races in a meet as they strive for an outdoor conference championship.

“Every time the SIU baseball team meets Murray State, the score mirrors that of a close win.”

The Salukis rallied with six runs in the eighth inning to get by the Thoroughbreds 14-11 Wednesday at Johnny Reagan Field.

“Like the Illinois game, Murray State’s pitching was just phenomenal today and they did everything they can do to keep up.”

The Salukis had six runs last night and today we swung the bats well. Freshman Tredene Davis leaps a hurdle during practice Wednesday.

Bianca Wensley, a first baseman, teamed with Justin C. Kozak to combine to move to the Missouri Valley Conference Bowl Championship Series.

The SIU track and field team competes Friday at the Jesse Owens Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.

“Of course you can string some stuff together but ultimately it’s a team game and it doesn’t matter how well you do individually.”

SIU wins 14-11

Matt Hartwig

SIU coach Dan Callahan said "The top of the lineup did what it had to do to create opportunities for everyone else.

That’s where you draw it up. Mark Kelly was just phenomenal today and he showed some hitting can be contagious. We had suspect at-bats last night and today we swung the bats well.

The pitching staff for both teams was ramped up throughout the week.

Freshman starting pitcher Nick Rice failed to get out of the second inning for the Salukis.

Rice gave up six runs on eight hits but his counterpart didn’t fare any better.

Marc Harmon took the mound for the Thoroughbreds and didn’t get any help from his defense. In four innings of work, Harmon allowed six runs but only two of them were earned.

Anthony Stady got the worst of the Salukis offensive wrath and was tagged with his third loss of the season.

Stacy gave up six runs off five hits in two innings of work.

The back end of the SIU bullpen tossed four strong innings to close out the win.

Senior pitcher Ian Reinhardt went 2.2 innings and gave up one run in route to his second win of the season.

Junior reliever Adam Curyanski finished off Murray State with 1.1 innings of scoreless relief to pick up his third save of the season.

Callahan said the close win gave the team confidence.

“The manner in which we won some of these games have set a precedent for future success,” he said.