

# How the bookstore really works

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Ever since Penn State Behrend was around, there always was a bookstore. The store may not have been down at the bottom of the Reed building; it was however, located at another area of campus. In Behrend's early years, the bookstore was located on the top floor of the Turnbull Building. Penn State Behrend's bookstore is a great place to buy gifts for the holiday season, items for the dorm rooms and, of course, books.

The bookstore is open six days out of the week. On Monday they are open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday they are opened from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The hours at the beginning and the end of the semester are different due to the mad rush of purchasing and buying back of books.

Speaking of books, let us investigate a little about the process of the buy-back rate for them. Heidi Savage, manager of the student bookstore, gave information about the process. If the book will be used in the following semester the students will receive half of the new price, Savage said. An example of a buy-back process of a new book follows: If it costs \$100 the student will receive \$50.

On the other hand, the used book buy back rate equals half of the original cost. For example, if the used book cost \$75 and the original price was \$100, then the buy back rate would be \$50. Savage also said that if the book will not be reused next semester, the bookstore may buy the book back at a cheaper rate and send it to a used book company.

The bookstore is one place where the students are guaranteed to find a certain book that is requested by the instructor. Savage says that the students are now noticing that other places such as amazon.com do not carry the proper edition or they say they have the book but it is not in stock. That reason often will delay the arrival time of the book for students.

Savage mentioned that her sales went down at the beginning of the amazon.com findings; however, they are now back up because of previous reasons and also the prices are not as cheap as they used to be. Adding the book, taxes and shipping and handling purchasing a book from amazon.com could be quite an expense.

If it is the long line at the beginning of the semester that is holding students back from purchasing books at the bookstore, they need not to worry. Students are able to reserve their books for next semester as soon as they finalize the schedule until two to three weeks before the next class period starts.

Savage encourages students to stop into the bookstore.

"Everybody blames us for the prices of the text books being high, but it's not our fault," she said, "We have to go according to what publishers tell us to."

If students have questions about anything within the bookstore, they are encouraged to ask questions, before pointing fingers at the bookstore employees about the prices.

"We provide a convenient way for students to get their books as well as any other apparel or school supplies that they need," said Sean Sundry, 09 HIST, a student worker at the bookstore.

Alicia Raffensberger, 05 COMBA, who works at the bookstore said, "all of the staff are really friendly and will help anyone find what they need."



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# Through the Looking Glass

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## WE KNOW HOW THIS LOOKS, OFFICER

Soaked from the rain and heavily intoxicated while cheering on the University of Wisconsin at a football game, two attorneys went into the downstairs laundry room of a nearby apartment building afterward to dry their clothes. They stripped naked and put their clothes into a dryer, and, while they were waiting, commenced singing loudly and in a drunken fashion. Residents complained. Police arrived. The men who were "extremely uncooperative" were arrested for disorderly conduct.

## THAT'S A BIT MORE LIKE IT

A man arrested twice in the same place in Sydney, Australia, for exceeding the 60 mph speed limit, replaced the 60 mph sign at the scene of his offenses with a 70 mph sign he stole from another location.

## WE'RE REALLY GOING TO MISS YOU

A male convict was mistakenly incarcerated with female inmates in a Kentucky jail for more than eight months before he came forward and told authorities he is a man. He was immediately removed. Throughout his confinement, none of the women prisoners complained.

## WE WON'T BE MAKING ANY STOPS

A teenager talked his way into the cabin of a commuter train in Berlin during the evening rush hour by posing as a replacement driver, and then took a train full of passengers on a joyride. He wouldn't relinquish his control when police caught up with him, so they had to shoot him. He is OK.

## NO, BAD DOG! CHASE NOW, EAT LATER

A police dog, sent into a candy factory in Trondheim, Norway, to chase down two teenage burglars, became distracted by the trail of chocolate they had left behind. The dog gave up the hunt, choosing instead to gorge himself.

## DON'T WORRY, I'LL BE FINE, ARGHHHH!

Russian authorities removed the inhabitants of Vrangal Island, off the Arctic Chukotka peninsula, in 1997 when they turned it into a reserve for polar bears. But one young woman, Vasilina Alpaun, went back there to live in her home shortly thereafter. A polar bear killed her on her doorstep.



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