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problem arises in the event that the professor decides that it is more beautiful to the student if a revised edition of a book is used for the semester. If this occurs, the used text purchased by the student is worthless for the goals and purposes of the course. Thus, management is forced to purchase the new texts. By this time, the semester is well under way and you, the student, are far behind in your required readings and written assignments.

Another reason for the delay in books arriving at the bookstore, and the most important one, is because of the philosophy of management. The management tends to underorder books based upon the assumption that the classes will be fewer in size after the drop-add period. In some instances, management is correct in its assumption. However, the percentages are against such philosophy because in a vast majority of classes (especially those held in the evening),

there is an upswing in the number of students enrolled in the classes.

If there ever was an example of a pathetic, inefficient, and totally irresponsible philosophy, then this is it. In a large portion of classes, as I have already stated, the enrollment is HIGHER after the drop-add period. This is not the fault of the computer system - it is not capable of predicting what will happen to enrollment during the drop-add period. Thus the burden and the RESPONSIBILITY for ordering a sufficient amount of books (even if it exceeds the numbers projected by the computer system) is placed upon management's shoulders.

Also, there is absolutely no harm in ordering more books than the required amount (based on computer information prior to the commencement of the semester). The worst that could happen is that the bookstore would return the extra copies that is

has in its possession through the United Parcel Service which it incorporates. So it might cost a few extra dollars. Is it worth it? If it will prevent the student from falling behind in his studies, then it is well worth the extra expenditures. Besides, sometime around the 6th week of each semester, the bookstore sends back the books that it does not sell for that semester. So why not order extra books for each course?

It is important to note that the publishers are sometimes slow in delivering the books to the campus. In cases like this, it is not the bookstores' fault. It is also important to be cognizant that the professors sometimes submit their book request forms late. Again, this is not the fault of the bookstore. Because of the inadequacy of SOME professors to submit such lists on time, books are ordered late and arrive on campus after the semester has already started. SO YOU CAN SEE

THAT IT IS NOT ALWAYS THE FAULT OF THE BOOKSTORE FOR THE LACK OF BOOKS. Yet in a lot of cases, management fails to order the books on time, so the books get here prior to the commencement of the semester and management also fails to order the sufficient amount of books needed for the courses.

I can sympathize with those of you who have undergone this experience. If you are angered by such policy held by the bookstore, if you want change to take place, then you must speak up. If you fail to do so, management will continue to order books the way that it has. People you can contact to register your complaint are as follows:

1.) Dr. David Orbin,
President of the Faculty
Government Association

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