

SU to start used book store

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"It has been talked about for years but now it is coming closer to reality," says Student Union President, Michelle Dorsey, referring to a second hand booksale proposal, which will be passed if supported by students.

A second hand text arrangement already exists for business students, but the new one would cater to all and would have a more central location.

If things go as planned, the book bargaining would occur at the Chaplaincy Center.

"It's a good accessible location and because coffee houses, weddings, meetings, and other activities do not frequently occur, the Chaplaincy Center can be considered wasted space for most of the week," said Dorsey.

Earliest operation of the text sale could take place before and after Christmas exams. It would also be open during the first of the new term. Operation procedures have yet to be finalized.

Publicity is necessary first, to see if there is at least enough initial enthusiasm to get the project on its feet.

The Student Union President explained that an initial

trial period working on a volunteer system would be used until the book outlet's feasibility proved itself.

After this occurred, a few new jobs might develop.

Booksales could operate on a credit basis. The previous book owner's name and the text's selling price would be recorded and the amount would either be awarded in cash or extracted off the price of another desired book.

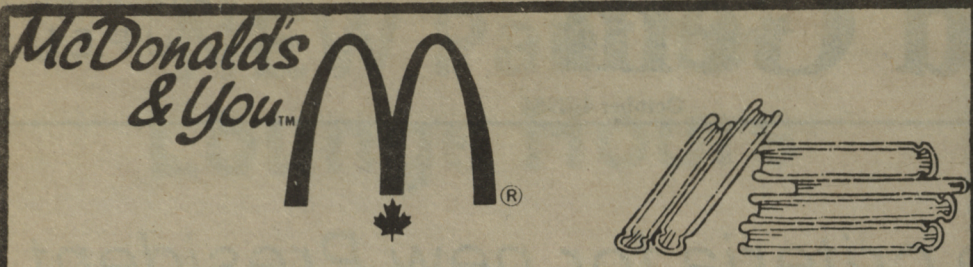
There are a few problems which must be resolved to ensure the establishment of the book sale.

Dorsey stated, "Students must pressure professors to get the most out of older

editions. If the new editions contain changes that are vital, professors can put one or two copies on reserve at the library."

Professors could also emphasize the alterations in their lectures.

The greatest obstacle facing the proposal could be the lack of enthusiasm on behalf of the students. Dorsey summed it up saying, "Unless students respond through petitions, suggestions, letters to the Gem, calls to CIMN, word of mouth, and volunteering, the book sale plans will not continue, and the grumbling about high costs of new texts will."

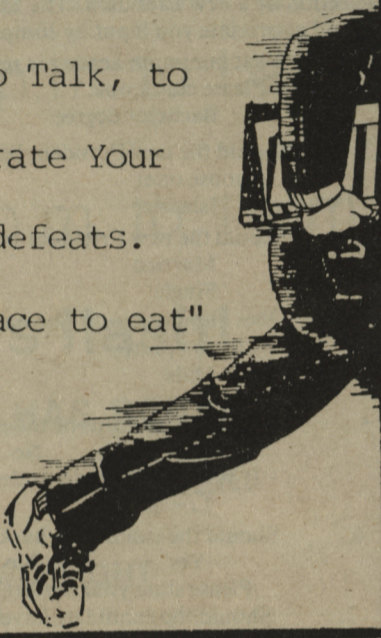


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