

# Books create conflict

## Teaching own text causes moral dilemma for UA professors

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TUCSON, Ariz. — Some teachers can truly say that they "wrote the book" on the course's subject matter.

But University of Arizona faculty and administrators disagree on whether professors should be allowed to profit from self-authored books they assign to classes.

In a random sampling of 31 UA departments, 72 books were assigned by the teachers who wrote them. In the history department, seven out of 31 instructors put their own work on the required reading list.

Although not all professors profit from their books, UA president Peter Likins said it is acceptable for teachers to collect royalties from books they have written and made required reading.

"Since I have been living with it my whole life, I have no discomfort with it," Likins said. "If the financial benefits are significantly modest, it is not a matter of any concern to me."

Likins said he is still receiving royalty checks from two books he wrote and required while he was teaching.

Some published faculty members receive royalties of about 5 percent to 20 percent of the book's wholesale price.

Cusanovich said although the university does not have a specific policy about teachers making bank on their books, the UA Faculty Senate discussed it about a decade ago.

"The Senate's position was that if faculty assign their own textbooks, they were to turn the profits back into the university," Cusanovich said. "But if someone pockets the

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money, I wouldn't know about it because no one polices it."

The University Handbook for Appointed Personnel states, "There is no prohibition against the assignment of a textbook by its authors for their classes, nor against the collection of related royalties, provided the textbook has been printed and copyrighted by a recognized publishing house at its own expense and has been approved for such use by the dean of the college concerned."

Steve Cox, the director of University of Arizona Press, said universities across the country have similar policies.

"Generally, universities don't care about limiting the amount of money (the faculty) make off of the textbooks," Cox said. "It is a matter of personal ethics and not school policy."

Faculty members who have written books and required them in classes said they wrote the books for the same reason.

"There are not any books explicitly covering what I teach," said Paul Skinner, a professor of family and community medicine. "That is why I wrote them."

The faculty disagrees, however, on whether it should surrender or

minimize the royalties it makes from books sold at the UA.

Michael Dues, a lecturer of communication, said he keeps the \$300-\$400 in royalties that he collects each semester from sales of his book, Applied Organizational Communications.

"I don't feel comfortable with it, but I would feel less comfortable not getting something for the work I put into it," he said.

Dues added that he requested a lower royalty percentage to minimize the cost to the students.

Herbert Burgoon, a professor of communication, said he gives any profits made from sales of his books on the UA campus to a variety of funds. "It has to go back to the good of the students," he said.

Burgoon, who requires two of his books in classes which total about 1,000 students, said his decision to give all of his royalties to various scholarship funds was a personal choice.

He added that he does keep royalties earned from sales of the book to other universities. "I am not in a conflict of interest on other campuses," he said.

Some faculty and administrators said they are not concerned about a potential conflict of interest because the amount of money that can be made on the books is insignificant.

"Generally speaking, people do not make much royalty money on textbook sales," said Michael Gottfredson, a UA vice president of undergraduate education. "They assign the book because they think it is the most descriptive," he added.

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# WORLDWIDE

## Schroeder ousts Kohl in election for position of German chancellor

BONN, Germany — Helmut Kohl, the chancellor of Germany for the last 16 years, lost his bid for reelection Sept. 28. Gerhard Schroeder, a 54-year-old Social Democrat, won the election definitively, as Germans search for a leader who can bring them out of the social depression that has scathed the nation for decades.

Schroeder takes over a chancellorship plagued with expectations of lower unemployment rates, more political reform and closing the economic rift between the rich west and the struggling former communist east. His election is part of a European resurgence of a leftist movement that has already been seen in elections in Britain, France and Italy.

The first action Schroeder will undertake will be to give the government a new direction. Germany has long been burdened by the memories of World War II, and Schroeder offers an opportunity for Germany to be treated as a nation that is part of the European community as a whole, rather than seen through the prism of its Nazi past.

Schroeder's primary platform during his campaign was to modernize the economy while maintaining the efficient social welfare state. Critics, however, denounce this goal as contradictory and say that Schroeder ran a cautious campaign. It was not likely that the Social Democrats would attain a sweeping victory, so Schroeder kept options open in order to build political alliances within the government and help stabilize the nation. Schroeder has openly asserted that Germany will remain faithful to NATO and to a stronger European alliance.

## Congress passes legislation to improve financial aid for students

WASHINGTON — Students who have borrowed money to pay for their college education will now pay less interest on their debt. Congress Sept. 29 passed a bill that lowers the rates while raising the ceiling on work-study and grants for students with financial needs.

President Clinton supports the bill and has promised to sign it, yet is also encouraging Congress to pass

separate legislation to help pay for this increase and the other programs contained in the bill.

Under the bill, a new formula for interest rates will be enacted based on treasury bill rates and added points. As a result, the new student loan interest rate will be 7.46 percent for graduates who are starting to repay loans, the lowest in 17 years.

Students who refinance their loans can also get the new interest rates if they apply before Jan. 31, 1999. The bill will allow a student who has borrowed \$12,000 a year for college to save about \$650 in interest payments.

The bill carries several other programs designed to improve higher education, such as improved teacher preparation, monitoring of college costs, reporting of campus crimes and hate crimes and discouraging drug and alcohol abuse.

## Federal budget runs first surplus in 29 years, hitting \$70 billion mark

WASHINGTON — As the fiscal year drew to a close Sept. 30, President Clinton announced that the budget will run a surplus of about \$70 billion. This is the first time in 29 years that the government has turned a profit.

Republicans immediately reacted to the announcement by saying the surplus was mostly due to their efforts, despite Clinton and his desires to spend billions more on "big budget liberal bureaucracies." They are also calling for the surplus to be placed back in the hands of the taxpayers. Clinton, however, claims credit for the profit calling the turnaround after years of deficits "a gift-giving achievement for years to come." The last time the budget was balanced was in 1969 under the presidency of Richard Nixon.

Although both parties vied for credit, little was said about the possibility that a worldwide and domestic economic recession could end projections of continued black-ink budgets. The Congressional Budget Office predicted Sept. 30 that over the next 11 years the nation will see surpluses in excess of \$1.6 trillion. Economists fear a deep period of recession soon after as baby boomers begin to drain Social Security and Medicare. Clinton hinted that plans are in the works to freeze the surplus in an effort to help divert this strain.

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Jane Osililo./Old Gold and Black

A rap group performs on the Mag Patio Sept. 23 as part of the Evening of Jazz festival. The festival was sponsored by the Student Union to celebrate homecoming week events.

# SU celebrates Homecoming

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With the Homecoming football game Oct. 3, the week of Homecoming activities is already underway and going well according to the head of the Student Union Homecoming committee, junior Audrey Young.

"Everything is going fairly well thus far, and I'm looking forward to the rest of the week," Young said.

The week kicked off with an appearance by Tom Deluca, a renowned hypnotist and college entertainer.

Deluca, who has been touring colleges all fall, lived up to his reputation.

"I thought it was pretty weird," freshman Jon Erwin said. "I had to question the scene, but overall it was pretty funny."

Erwin's comments were joined by many other positive responses to the show.

Crowd favorites included when Deluca put everyone on stage into the "little-kid trance" and the "body-building trance."

Deluca hypnotized about 20 volunteers and then while they were under his spell told them to act certain ways and do certain things. Deluca called it the power of suggestion.

Sept. 29 marked the first day the official '98 Homecoming long-sleeved T-shirts went on sale. They are still for sale in the Benson Center by Pizza Hut for \$10.

Also Sept. 29 Student Union sponsored an Evening of Jazz on the Magnolia Quad for free.

The jazz festival was more of a rap festival than a jazz festival, with amateur rappers from Atlanta to Detroit.

Freshman Walter Simmons said, "The material was pretty good and for a Tuesday night, it was quite entertaining."

Voting for the 17 homecoming king and queen nominees is being held from Sept. 29 through today in Benson.

Homecoming banners, on display on the Mag patio wall, were judged Sept. 30 with the winner taking home a \$250 prize.

The faculty also got into the Homecoming spirit as each department decorated its own office door. Judging for this also took place with the winning department earning a free breakfast. Sept. 30 was also the annual powder puff flag football game on the Mag Quad.

Today at 7 p.m. on the Mag Quad is the Talent Showcase featuring the best of what the university has to offer.

The showcase is free. Spirit day is Oct. 2, and all students and staff are encouraged to wear the school colors. If one is seen wearing old gold and black by a Homecoming committee member, than that person will be given a prize.

The Homecoming week events will culminate Oct. 3 with the festival on the Quad from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. headlined by the 1964 Beatles Band and the game at 6:30 p.m.

1964 Beatles Band is scheduled to begin its performance at 1:30 p.m.

The football team will host Appalachian State University at 6:30 p.m.

# POLICE BEAT

## Two cars damaged while parked in Lot Q

Two parked cars in Lot Q were damaged by other vehicles.

The first incident occurred between 1:30 p.m. Sept. 18 and 12:10 p.m. Sept. 21.

In the second incident, the left front door and fender of a student's car was damaged between 8 a.m. Sept. 21 and 5 p.m. Sept. 25.

## Theft

Food was taken from a refrigerator in North Residence Hall and thrown onto the floor and walls at approximately 3:30 a.m. Sept. 27.

A student's bicycle, worth \$150, was taken from a bicycle rack at Palmer Residence Hall between 4:30 p.m. Sept. 21 and 9 a.m. Sept. 22.

A computer and a carrying case belonging to a university employee

were taken from a Winston Hall office between 5 p.m. Sept. 18 and 8 a.m. Sept. 21. The items were worth \$1,220.

A sign for a pizza delivery car was stolen around 1:33 a.m. Sept. 24. The sign was later found.

About 200 compact discs and a carrying case were taken from a student's car parked near North between 11 p.m. Sept. 20 and 1:30 a.m. Sept. 21.

The value of the items totaled \$2,410.

\$135.

## Damage

The rear windshield wiper blade was damaged on a student's car between 3:45 p.m. Sept. 20 and 4:15 p.m. Sept. 23. The car was parked in Lot Q.

A crepe myrtle tree in the Taylor House courtyard was damaged between 12 p.m. Sept. 24 and 10:30 a.m. Sept. 25.

A chair was thrown from a balcony into the courtyard at Student Apartments causing \$100 in damage.

The incident occurred around 4:48 a.m. Sept. 27.

## Miscellaneous

An underage student, who had consumed alcohol and passed out in Davis House around 12:47 a.m. Sept. 25, was taken to the Student Health Service.

# Alarms

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nothing for the university, the cost for the Winston-Salem Fire Department is "in the neighborhood of \$2,000" each time the fire trucks come.

However, the fire department is not the only group of people being distracted by the recent rash of fire drills. Many students have expressed irritation that someone would choose such a busy academic week when students have tests and papers for a farce that affects so many people.

"To me, the whole thing has just been a big pain. I had two tests the day after one of the alarms, and after I woke up for the fire drill, it took me over an hour to get back to sleep. I know being up that late couldn't have possibly helped me, and I just don't understand why anyone would do something like that right in the middle of the week," said senior Lindsay McGlamery, a Kitchin House resident.

Another aspect of the alarms that has perturbed many students is that several of the instances have

taken place due to avoidable carelessness or irresponsibility.

Last week, a fire alarm went off because students put a condom on a fire extinguisher and then accidentally discharged the extinguisher.

Tampering with a fire extinguisher, like any fire prevention equipment, is also a misdemeanor offense.

The incident is being handled by Harold Holmes, an assistant vice president and the dean of student services.

"The increased number of fire alarms has been extremely bothersome, and they always seem to go off at the most inopportune times possible: either late at night or at the very early hours of the morning," said junior Kirk Sonnefeld, a Davis House resident.

"What is the most frustrating thing, though, is that they almost always seem to happen for really pointless reasons. I know a lot of the disturbances have occurred as the result of either someone purposely setting off an alarm, or people doing stupid things in their suites. It's been a real nuisance."

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