

How do you feel about books being included in tuition?



Maiya Maldondo Education Major

"If my books were already paid for with my classes, that would be less for me to worry about starting each semester, the convenience of this idea makes sense."



Luis Ibarra

Engineering Major

"It's a good conversation to have because school is expensive. There is lot to pay for out-of-pocket and keep tabs on. Books off the expense list would be less to worry about."



Graphic Design Animation



"The struggle is real in between the financial funding gap. So, if there are extras to pay sometimes you have to go without the book, guide or

on-line service for the class. So, having that already provided for you would be ideal. It only takes a minute to get behind, so having the book

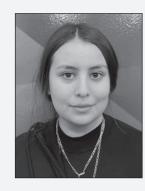
from the start - awesome."



Sophia Velasquez

Radiography

"Books being a part of tuition is a good thing for students who can't afford the extra costs on top of tuition."



Rayna Nava

Nursing

"Books being paid for with tuition would be dream come true. As a nursing student, school is very demanding of my time, so having to worry about how to pay for books is a distraction."

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No-cost books aren't better

EDITORIAL

their campus bookstore.

On Aug. 24, West Texas A&M University's president announced their plans to relieve students of textbook-related costs starting in the fall 2024 semester.

With the national annual cost of textbooks averaging \$1,200 per student, the intention is to make classes more affordable for students. Going forward, university resources will be used to provide textbooks required for any course.

It sounds great, but if you think about it from a broader perspective, having books separate from tuition benefits both students and the school. The college bookstore makes money from students paying for textbooks with scholarships, financial aid or out-Meanwhile, of-pocket. students are able to choose where, when and how they get their books should the bookstore not have them in stock, or more affordable

alternatives are available.

The biggest issue with this is that scholarships typically do not cover books that aren't purchased from the college bookstore, and financial aid takes up to two weeks after school starts to be distributed to students. This creates a problem for students if the book is out of stock in the bookstore; the student has to pay out-of-pocket and may not get reimbursement from their scholarship.

These issues are minor compared to the multitude of problems that may arise should they decide to include the cost of books with tuition. Students would only be able to get books from the college bookstore at premium prices, and if the bookstore was out of stock, students would still have to pay out-of-pocket to get them elsewhere, making it pointless for the cost to be included in tuition. So, it's better to leave things as they are.

Dicey debate: Just let it roll

OPINION

In the world of "Dungeons and Dragons" there are two types of players; players who believe that you only need two to three sets of dice and players who collect dice and are known in the community as 'dice goblins.' Dice goblins hoard as many dice sets as they can get their hands on. I'm in

For many college students

in the United States, paying

an exorbitant amount of mon-

ey for textbooks is seen as an

unfortunate right of passage

in the pursuit of higher edu-

cation. It has become normal-

ized for students to be respon-

sible for the cost of books and

materials required to be suc-

As students are responsible

for tuition and fees associated

with a course, many question

why the cost of textbooks are

not included in tuition consid-

ering their necessity. Further-

more, college bookstores are

frequently criticized for buy-

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students for unfairly low pric-

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the dice goblin category. Sets of dice can range from single-color resin to hefty metal and everything in between. A standard set of dice for DND contains 7 individual die: D4, D6, D8, D10, Percentile Die, D12 and D20. Most rolls in the game are made with the D20 but all play an important part in the game.

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conversation: some people believe that buying more than two or three sets is a waste of money when you truly won't need all of those dice. I can agree that you will truly never use all of the dice you collect, but the act of collecting dice is special for everyone.

Some DND enthusiasts collect dice for each character they play. Others simply find a new set that they fall in love with and can't live without. I personally have a collection of around 10 sets and interchange them for certain characters during a session. I also collect dice sets that I find interesting. I bought some of them because of the resin color and others because of the special typeface the numbers are written in.

At the end of the day, I collect dice sets not because I feel that I need all of these sets to play the game but because it helps me connect to the game more. In a game like DND, imagination is key and for me dice help me stay in the mindset of the game. In turn fuels a greater gaming experience, for not only me, but everyone at the table.

If a player feels that only a small amount of sets will make them happy, then that's fine. But, I don't see a reason to confront someone about how many sets they have. In the end, we all enjoy the game and for me collecting dice is just a small cog in the greater clock that is my love for the game.