

'Bumping' Keeps Times Off Time

"Nothing more can be done," says RMC director W. S. Red, referring to the late delivery of the New York Times to the campus store. Mr. Red attributes this primarily to the Times being shuttled aside or "bumped" in Atlanta, where the papers change jets en route to Houston.

Eastern classifies the Times as air freight. This is lower in priority than air mail, passengers, baggage, and air express. If there is a heavy volume of air mail, lower priority items are shunted aside to await the next flight. This includes the Times.

The next possible flight to Houston is a slow propeller plane. Its uncertain arrival in Houston is in the afternoon. If the papers are delivered to the bookstore after 4 pm when it is closed, the papers must be delivered the next morning.

This route is the fastest and most practical one to Houston. On any route, by any line, the papers may be "bumped."

Mr. Red and Professor Francis L. Loewenheim of the History Department have talked to representatives of the Times, Eastern, and others involved but there does not seem to be any hope of improving delivery.