

## **Plagiarism: The Internet Variety**

As Ecclesiastes said, "There is nothing new under the sun." And those who sell term papers for profit are no exception.

However, the Internet has widened their audience, and new technology has given both the perpetrators and those who wish to keep academic integrity sacrosanct new weapons in this war.

### **The Bad Guys (A Partial List)**

Schoolsucks.com - Free papers for download (<http://www.schoolsucks.com/>)

The Jungle Page- Essays and Papers for sale (<http://www.junglepage.com/asp/index.asp>)

Research Papers Online- Essays and Research in MLA format for a fee (<http://ezwrite.com/>)

StudentU.com- (<http://www.studentu.com/main.asp?nologin=true>) Student notes, chapter by chapter book summaries online, and other "student services." Recently reported upon by the New York Times.

### **The Good Guys**

Plagiarism.org (<http://www.plagiarism.org/>) "Started by a number of Cal graduate students, Plagiarism.org uses a growing database of papers and a complex series of mathematical formulas to determine the likelihood that a paper was plagiarized. The service generates a report that a professor or administrator can use when confronting a student suspected of cheating. The report analyzes the structure of the paper as well as its content. Plagiarism.org co-founder Christian Storm claims the system can raise a red flag even when as much as 45 percent of the wording has been changed from an original document. The report even pinpoints exactly where the ripped-off material came from, by providing links to online documents lifted by the plagiarizer." (The San Francisco Chronicle, The Net Cheaters, May 3, 1999)

Integriguard.com (<http://www.integriguard.com/>) An online database of over 25,000 papers that will analyze student papers for matches sentence by sentence. Six month free memberships offered to educators.

Duke University Writing Program page on plagiarism- definitions of it and how to avoid it (<http://uwp.duke.edu/sources.html>)

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