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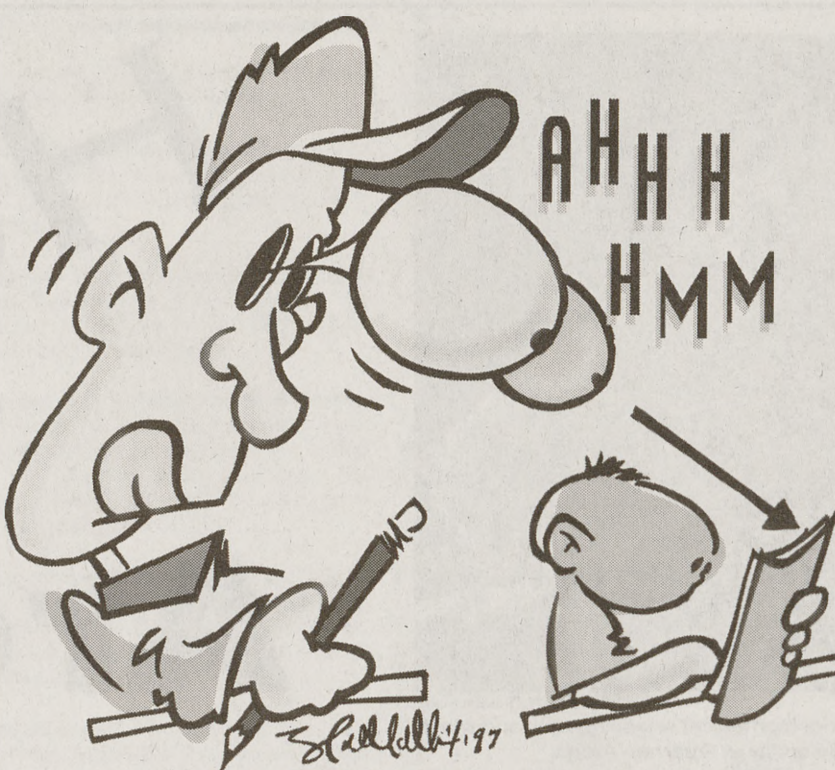
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With new term paper law in effect, students discover severity of abusing the Internet for schoolwork

By MICHAEL SCHAUB
Staff writer

Cheating is not just a violation of the Aggie Code of Honor anymore—it is an infraction of state law.

When Texas Gov. George W. Bush signed House Bill 762 into law this June, it became a misdemeanor to sell term papers to other students who intend to pass it off as their own. The law went into effect Sept. 1 and violations are punishable by a \$500 fine.

The law is one response to what some educators say is a burgeoning problem—cheating on the Internet.

Web sites like Cheater.com, <http://www.cheater.com>, make it easier for students to exchange their work with one another on the Internet.

"Are you sick and tired of taking notes for your boring History class?" the Cheater.com Web site asks. "We have a collection of book reports that may have taken as much as four hours of your time."

The Cheater.com site, maintained by an anonymous high school student, does not sell term

papers, and claims it discourages plagiarism among its users.

"For once and for all, all you should gain from this site is other people's ideas," the site reads. "We are not here to promote plagiarism. If you turn in a paper from this site as your own, you are hurting yourself."

"Cheater.com is meant to be used as a resource."

The site also contains this warning for contributors of papers to the site:

"Also, when you are sending in a report, be sure to keep your name off of it. We sometimes miss the name part, and it may be possible for your name to remain on a report, (where) a teacher could see it..."

The Yahoo! search engine lists almost 40 addresses dedicated to "term paper assistance." One such site, School Sucks, <http://www.school-sucks.com>, boasts "30 meg[abytes] of term papers."

"Do yourselves a favor," the School Sucks site advises. "Don't turn these papers in. Your teachers, professors and the media are always visiting School Sucks. Use them for ideas. Use them for the bibliographies."

Cheaters Cheater Pumpkin Eater

School Sucks has a page titled "Plagiarism Sucks," and warns students that their professors likely know about the Web site.

The site's authors liken the information available on the site to a library.

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School Sucks
Internet term paper seller

people's term papers as one

The University defines "academic dishonesty" as, "attempt to receive credit for work performed by another, including but not limited to whole or in part copying or other sources."

Cheater.com posted a message on its site responding to the term paper sales law, which includes quotes from an e-mail received from officials at Texas Plains College.

The message warns that the seller of a term paper is on the side of Texas, he or she may be under Texas law.

Thomas M. Putnam, director of Computing and Information Services for Texas A&M, said the net might make it easier for students to sell or exchange

Putnam said the Internet has many new forms of communication that poses new questions and challenges to students.

"Every time you bring a term paper into play, it challenges you to understand it," he said. "Candle to understand the ways it is used and misused. There are different avenues that are available to far dead blond

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