

Plagiarism in Cyberspace*

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UVA Hit by Scandal Over Cheating

New York Times, May 10, 2001, By Diana Jean Schemo - Cheating scandal shakes campus at University of Virginia; school's code of student honor, proud tradition that relies on students signing pledges not to cheat, steal or lie, faces its most severe test after 122 students are accused of cheating on term papers in introductory physics class; scandal prompts new questions about university's widely admired code of honor and its single sanction system: those found cheating face expulsion or loss of degrees awarded in earlier years; cheating is discovered by Louis A Bloomfield, physics professor, acting on tip from student; he used computer program to find 60 term papers out of 1,800 papers that were nearly identical; findings raise questions about whether Internet has increased cheating. NYTimes online abstract.

Donald L. McCabe,
“Student Cheating in American
High Schools”

- Center for Academic Integrity, May 2001
- <http://www.academicintegrity.org/index.asp>

Copyright Infringement v. Plagiarism

- Remember the Grossmont Union High School District
- Copyright protects only the expression, *not* the underlying facts or ideas
 - Copying someone else's facts or ideas may be plagiarism (or patent infringement or . . .), but it's not copyright infringement
- Crediting the source is *not* a defense to copyright infringement
 - *Not* crediting the source *is* plagiarism

Potential for Plagiarism

- School Sucks
 - www.schoolsucks.com
- The Paper Store
 - www.paperstore.net
- Fast Papers
 - www.fastpapers.com
- Essaysite
 - www.essaysite.com

Preventing Plagiarism

- Strategies for Preventing Plagiarism
 - cisw.cla.umn.edu/preventingplagiarism.html
- Plagiarism: What It is and How to Recognize and Avoid It
 - www.indiana.edu/~wts/wts/plagiarism.html
- Electronic Plagiarism Seminar
 - www.lemoyne.edu/library/plagiarism.htm
- Center for Academic Integrity
 - www.academicintegrity.org

Detecting Plagiarism

- Plagiarism.org
 - www.plagiarism.org
- Turnitin.com
 - www.turnitin.com
- IntegriGuard
 - www.integriguard.com
- Plagiarism Resource Center
 - <http://www.plagiarism.phys.virginia.edu>