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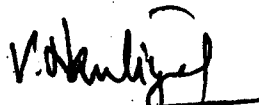
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Look forward to hear from your good office.

Thanks & regards,

Respectfully yours.



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## Students Find \$100 Textbooks Cost \$50, Purchased Overseas

By Tamar Lewin

Richard Sarkis and David Kinsley were juniors at Williams College, surfing the net for a cheap source for their economics textbook, when they discovered a little known economic fact: the very same college textbooks used in the United States sell for half price — or less — in England.

Just like prescription drugs, textbooks cost far less overseas than they do in the United States. The publishing industry defends its pricing policies, saying that foreign sales would be impossible if book prices were not pegged to local market conditions.

But many Americans do not see it that way. The National Association of College Stores has written to all the leading publishers asking them to end a practice they see as an unfair one to American students.

"We think it's frightening, and it's wrong, that the same American textbooks our stores buy here for \$100 can be shipped in from some other country for \$50," said Laura Nakoneczny, a spokeswoman for the association. "It represents price-gouging of the American public generally and college students in particular."

But thanks to the Internet, more and more individual students and college bookstores are starting to order textbooks from abroad — and a few entrepreneurs, including Mr. Sarkis and his friends, have begun what are essentially arbitrage businesses to exploit the price differentials.

"We couldn't understand why what costs \$120 here should cost \$50-something there," said Mr. Sarkis, who, with Mr. Kinsley and another classmate, has spent three years building a Web-based company, BookCentral.com, selling textbooks from abroad to students in the United States. "It seemed so sleazy of the publishers. We were sure that college students would be shocked and outraged if they knew about the foreign prices. But it's been this big secret."

That is changing, though. To the despair of the textbook publishers who are still trying to block such sales, the reimporting of American texts from overseas has become far easier in recent years, thanks both to Internet sites that offer instant access to foreign book prices, and to a 1998 Supreme Court ruling that federal copyright law does not protect American manufacturers from having the products they arranged to sell overseas at a discount shipped back for sale in the United States.

Before the Supreme Court decision, Americans could not take advantage of the discounts abroad without violating the copyright law.

Now, however, "gray market" sales are taking off on campuses.

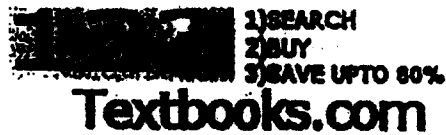
At one prestigious university, a sophomore imported 30 biology books from England this fall and sold them outside his classroom for less than the campus-bookstore price, netting a \$1,200 profit. Next semester, if all goes well, he plans to expand the operation.

"The only difference is that they say 'international edition' in little print on the cover," said the student, who added that he was not certain whether his project raised any legal issues, and therefore asked that neither he nor his college be identified.

At other colleges, Asian students have banded together to take advantage of textbook prices in Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia, which are even lower than those in Europe.

Many students, individually, have begun to compare the textbook prices posted on American sites like Amazon.com, with the lower prices for the same books on foreign sites like Amazon.co.uk.

The differences are often significant: "Lehninger Principles of Biochemistry, Third Edition," for example, lists for \$146.15 on the American Amazon site, but can be had for \$63.48, plus \$8.05 shipping, from the British one. And "Linear System Theory and Design, Third Edition" is \$110 in the United States, but \$41.76, or \$49.81 with shipping, in Britain.



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