

# ICC Copyright Corner- Fall 2009

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## *Food for thought...*

A link was sent to me recently entitled "Course Hero or Course Villain". It discusses websites that have developed over the past couple of years that enable students to buy or sell material from a course including syllabi, worksheets, exams, class notes and essays. You may be interested in reviewing these websites. The four listed were <http://www.notehall.com/>; <http://www.knetwit.com/>; <http://www.findmynotes.com/>; and <http://www.coursehero.com/>.

There are several issues pending here. There is concern amongst some instructors that the use of these sites encourages cheating. There is also the issue of whether the information that is being posted, without the instructor's permission, is copyright infringement. To remind you, any *original* material that is fixed in a tangible medium is copyrighted. This includes the material that an instructor distributes in his/her classroom or posts on Blackboard. It does not need to be registered to be copyrighted (although one should register the work if they feel there may be a need to defend it in court).

Below is the link to the entire article -- it is an interesting read!

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2009/10/06/coursehero#Comments>

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