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TEXTBOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLINE FROM UM BOOKSTORE

MISSOULA--

The word "textbook" can strike fear into the heart of any college student. Paying for them. Carrying them around. Actually reading them.

Fortunately, one aspect of textbooks is about to get a little less frightening: shopping for them. Beginning in August, students will be able to purchase textbooks online at The Bookstore's Web site, <http://www.umt.edu/bookstore/>.

The addition of textbooks is one of many improvements planned for The Bookstore's Web site. Other merchandise -- such as general books, school supplies, logowear and computers -- also will be available online. In addition, Web surfers will be able to send electronic greetings featuring Montana images, or hunt for Bear Facts about UM.

"It will be a fully interactive e-commerce Web site," said Bryan Thornton, Bookstore manager. "We've been selling on the 'Net for awhile, but we'll have a more complete line. By the end of the year, we'll have all our inventory available online."

Online sales of both new and used textbooks will begin Aug. 1. While students are still welcome to purchase books the old-fashioned way, the online option has many benefits, according to Denise Person, textbook manager.

"It will save students from having to search the shelves," she said. "And it'll be a quicker experience. Also, if they want to get a look at book prices, it can help with budgeting."

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Another bonus is that The Bookstore's Web page is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Students who purchase textbooks online can pay by Visa, MasterCard or Discover.

Orders may be picked up at the bookstore, or for an additional charge, shipped via UPS or the U.S. Postal Service.

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