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How to Sell Your \$200 Dust-Collector And other useful ways to make some money this Christmas

If you're anything like the average college student, you will probably dig through your couch looking for extra funds for Christmas shopping. Did you know that Americans are expected to spend more than \$800 on gifts this year? Where does the poor college student get that kind of cash?

Being a student, chances are that you have used textbooks. The chances are even greater that you fear walking into the bookstore only to be taken for a ride when you sell them back. Who wants a dismal \$4 back for a \$200 Construction Science book? But there's hope in this predicament, and it comes in the form of a new site, CollegeSwapShop.com.

"CollegeSwapShop.com was built on the premise that college students could find and make their own deals when buying and selling their books," says founder Dustin Clark, Class of '04. "I went through college getting bottom dollar for my books, and didn't want students to have to experience that anymore."

Clark says that one of the most useful features on CollegeSwapShop.com is the buyback price comparison tool. This tool enables users to type in the ISBN, book title, or other information to find all online retailers willing to buy those books. The user can then sell books to the bookstore offering the best price in order to get the top dollar for their book. Users can also create alerts in order to be notified when better buyback prices are available.

And if you know which classes you are taking next semester, you can compare prices on those books now so that you get them in time for spring. In fact, you can save up to 60% on textbooks by using the comparison tool to find the cheapest price.

It's a quick, one-step process that lets you instantly compare offers from all online bookstores. And it's very popular. Since the rollout of its comparison tools in April, 100,000 users have bought or sold nearly 71,000 books using CollegeSwapShop.com, and that number is growing every day.

If you're not into dealing with a retailer or you don't want to mess with shipping your books, try selling to a fellow Ag. The site's "classifieds" section allows users to list textbooks, apartments for rent, designer purses, or even find someone to take that old couch off your hands.

Trust us, holiday shopping will be far easier for you once you get those \$200 dust-collectors – I mean – textbooks off your hands.

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