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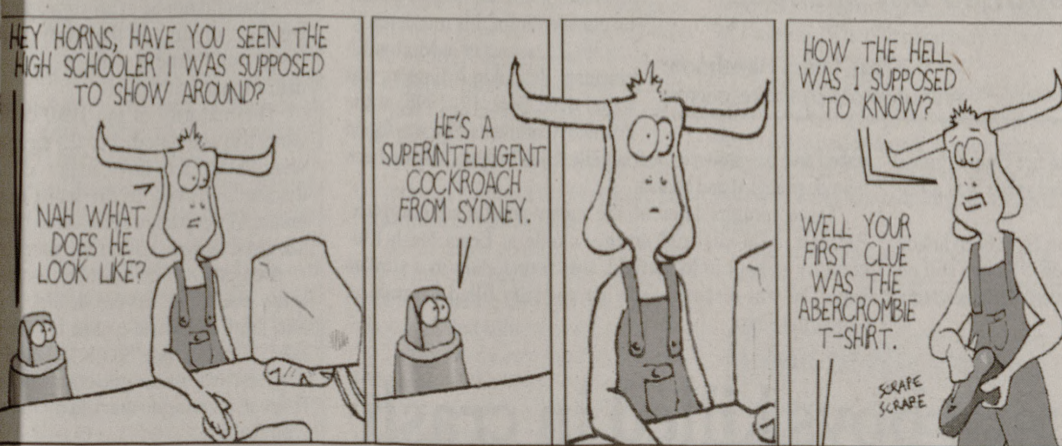
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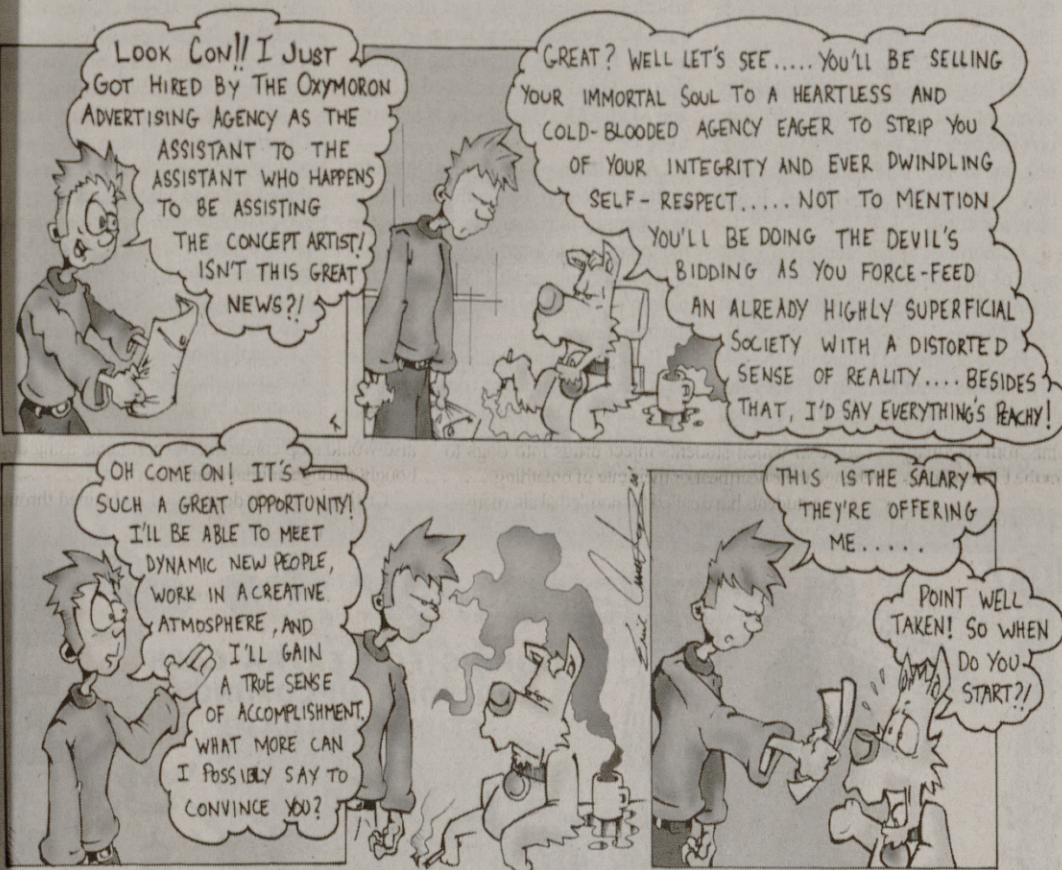
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Dismissal of Plagiarism Charges Against Dr. Mary Zey

1. First set of charges filed at Texas A&M University:

- a) Charges: In May of 1995, 17 allegations of scientific misconduct, specifically plagiarism, were brought against Dr. Mary Zey, Professor in the Department of Sociology at Texas A&M University, by Drs. Harland Prechel, John Boies, David Sciulli and James Burk.
- b) Findings: According to the Final Report of the Inquiry Committee, all but three allegations were dismissed (Final Report, Inquiry into Allegations of Misconduct in Research and Scholarship Within the Department of Sociology, September 18, 1995); with regard to the remaining allegations, the Inquiry Committee recommended an investigation. The 1996 Investigation Committee did not find plagiarism and the rest of the allegations were dismissed on April 17, 1996. Following are direct quotes from the reports:

1. "The Committee does not find these passages to constitute plagiarism."
2. "The Committee does not sustain this allegation as an instance of plagiarism."
3. "The Committee considers these common phrases of economic jargon and nothing more sinister."
4. "The committee wishes to state that it found no evidence of willful or intentional plagiarism on the part of Professor Zey. Further, the Committee grants no credibility to any testimony purporting to explain Professor Zey's motivations for engaging in plagiarism."

(Recommendations and Findings of an Ad Hoc University Investigation Committee Concerning Allegations of Scientific Misconduct with Respect to Certain Faculty in the Department of Sociology, Texas A&M University, April 17, 1996.)

2. Second set of charges filed at Texas A&M University:

- a) Charges: In September, 1998, a second set of seven charges were brought by Dr. Boies against Dr. Zey at Texas A&M University.
- b) Findings: Four of the charges were dismissed on September 29, 1998, as repetitious of those already investigated, and the rest were dismissed "without" prejudice on October 12, 1998 (meaning they could be brought up again) because of an inconsistency between the University Rule governing scientific misconduct issues and a recently adopted System policy. The University worked with the Faculty Senate and the Office of the General Counsel to address those inconsistencies, resulting in a new rule being enacted during the Summer of 1999.

3. Third set of charges filed at Texas A&M University:

- a) Charges: A total of nine charges were filed by Dr. Boies against Dr. Zey in March and April of 1999.
- b) Findings: In consultation with a Research Standards Officer, a Texas A&M University Faculty Senate Representative, the University Designated Officer dismissed all of the charges stating, "...It has been determined that all allegations of misconduct in Dr. Boies's memorandums should be dismissed" (Report of the Preliminary Assessment and Inquiry Process of Accusations of Plagiarism against Dr. Mary Zey, September 6, 1999.) The Report noted that seven of the charges were very similar to ones that had been dismissed previously by earlier University Committees or the Vice President for Research (1998) or had been dismissed by the American Sociological Association. Thus, they were ruled not to be made in good faith. The other two were dismissed because they were determined to be unfounded. Thus, none of the nine allegations were found to constitute plagiarism.

4. Additional charges filed with the American Sociological Association (ASA):

- a) Charges: In August of 1998, charges of plagiarism were made against Professor Zey to the American Sociological Association (ASA) by Dr. David Willer at the University of South Carolina.
- b) Findings: These charges were dismissed by the ASA in December of 1998. A letter dated December 15, 1998, from the Executive Officer of the ASA states, "Based on review of the information in your complaint and that in the response of Dr. Zey, insufficient evidence was found to proceed with the case. Accordingly, the matter is closed and will not be pursued further by the Committee on Professional Ethics (COPE)."

5. Additional charges filed with the National Science Foundation (NSF):

- a) Charges: Allegations of plagiarism were made directly to the National Science Foundation; the source of these charges was not revealed to Texas A&M University by the National Science Foundation. In November of 1996, at the request of the Office of Inspector General, National Science Foundation (NSF), the Texas A&M University Vice President for Research sent to the NSF photocopies of the 1996 Investigation Report, transcript of interviews conducted by the investigation panel, documents reviewed by the investigation panel and curriculum vitae of members of the investigation panel.
- b) Findings: In a letter dated October 5, 1999, to the Texas A&M University Vice President for Research, from the Senior Scientist of the Office of Inspector General (OIG), National Science Foundation, the following is stated: "The OIG has completed the review of allegations of misconduct involving proposals that Drs. Boies, Prechel, and Mary Zey submitted to NSF... We have closed the case without a finding of misconduct by NSF." The report states that, "This investigation is closed and no further action will be taken on this case."

6. Additional charges filed with the Midwestern Sociological Society (MSS):

- a) Charges: On February 19, 1999, and July 12, 1999, charges of plagiarism were made against Dr. Zey, by Dr. Harland Prechel, to the Midwestern Sociological Society (MSS).
- b) Findings: The Midwest Sociological Society's Publication Committee concluded that "no finding of wrongdoing be made and no action be taken." The Committee noted in part that, "In our opinion as practicing sociologists, the material in question deals not with substantive findings, but with restatements of the work of third authors, use of concepts and descriptions that we think it reasonable to assume are generally in use in a particular scholarly area, restatements of materials that are incidental or orienting only, or simple restatements of fact." The Midwest Sociological Society's Publication Committee further states, "The Publication Committee now considers this matter closed and will not pursue it further." This was stated in a letter dated November 30, 1999, from the Chair of the Midwest Sociological Society Publications Committee.

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