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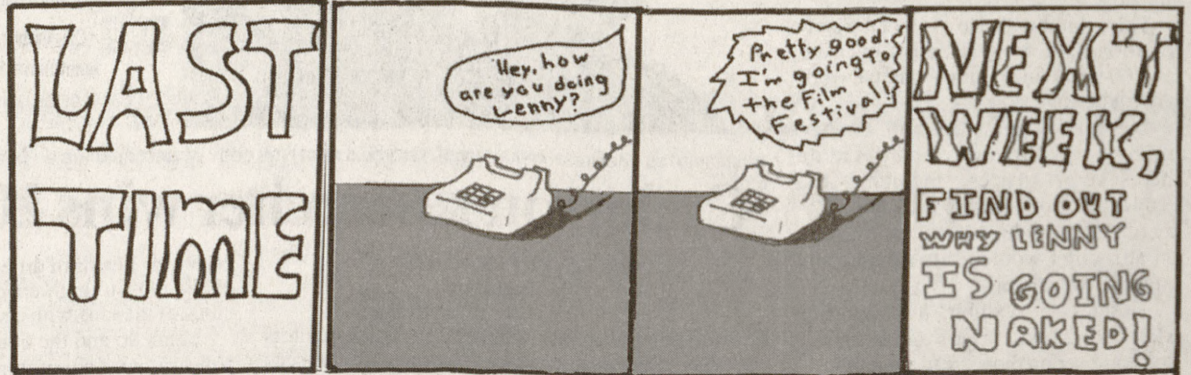
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PRADHAN

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An audit by the Texas A&M University System led to an indictment of Pradhan in Feb. 1998, accusing him of diverting more than \$100,000 from bank accounts.

Pradhan said the investigation only after his outspokenness about racial harassment, diversity, and tenure review. He claims that Sparks, a federal judge in Austin, Texas, that A&M proceeded illegally when he was suspended, and Pradhan was immediately reinstated after having been on leave with pay.

Pradhan said he simply wanted to be left alone. He said the University brought five criminal charges against him in the past two years.

"They are squeezing blood out of me," Pradhan said.

Pradhan said the Southern attitude toward faculty, staff and administration is the driving force behind the University's discriminating harassment against minority staff members.

"I don't think my story is unique," Pradhan said. "There have been many cases like mine — mine just got too much press."

Pradhan believes false accusations were made against him based entirely on his ethnicity. He sent an e-mail message to 600 faculty members in Oct. 1996, asking them to form a labor union for A&M professors.

"Within 24 hours, the vice chancellor of Texas A&M began an intense search to find accusations against Pradhan," said Charles Orsburn, Pradhan's Houston attorney, in a Jan. 21, 1998, letter to Pradhan.

Pradhan said two other University professors — Dr. Richard Wysk and Ignatio Rodriguez — felt it was imperative to resign from their positions at A&M and continue their work elsewhere.

Wysk is now a professor at Pennsylvania State University's Department of Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering.

Rodriguez is employed by Princeton University's Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering. Rodriguez said since he left A&M, he does not care a cent on what was still taking place here.

Pradhan said basic rights were violated throughout the duration of the accusations and litigation. He claims his rights to due process were violated, that he was subjected to illegal search and seizure.

On Oct. 28, 1996, Pradhan was in Washington D.C. at an academic conference. His computer, computer records and files were seized from his office.

Pradhan said he was arrested at home on Dec. 15, 1999 and no Miranda rights were read.