Plagiarism!

In case anyone doubts that plagiarism is taken seriously in academia, they should consider the attached article from the November 29, 1988 Salt Lake Tribune.

The plagiarist was fired ("has resigned") as a professor at Harvard because he copied some text from someone else without proper reference 13 years ago.

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Plagiarism Scandal Rocks Harvard Medical School

BOSTON (UPI) — In the latest research scandal to rock Harvard Medical School, the nationally known head of the school's psychiatric hospital has resigned amid charges he committed plagiarism, officials announced Monday.

Dr. Shervert Frazier, a former director of the National Institute of Mental Health, resigned from his positions as professor of psychiatry and general director/psychiatrist-in-chief at McLean Hospital, a mental hospital affiliated with Harvard Medical School.

"With deep regret. I have today accepted the resignation of Dr. Shervert Frazier," said Dr. Daniel Tosteson, dean of Harvard Medical School, in a letter to faculty members.

The Nov. 23 resignation came following an investigation by the Medical School Faculty Conduct Committee, which concluded Frazier had committed plagiarism in four papers he published between 1966 and 1975 and that three of the four papers also contained "instances of careless scholarship," Tosteson said.

The papers in question dealt with psychiatric emergency management, headaches and a condition known as "phantom pain," in which patients believe they are experiencing pain in an amputated limb, officials said.

The committee found Frazier had included in his papers word-for-word sections of other researchers' published work without attribution, officials said.