

"They, uh, haven't for five years."

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## Dr. Bott Never Finished His Dissertation.

The world of Macintosh accessory sales was shaken today by the startling revelation that venerable solutions provider "**Dr.**" Bott never finished his dissertation and is, therefore, not a Doctor.

According to the Business Department of the University of Oregon, "Dr." Bott, or more correctly "Mr." Bott, had only his final dissertation entitled *Selling To Mac Users And The Benefit Of Low Expectations* to complete before being awarded his Ph.D.

But Bott never completed the work. Instead he simply began selling albeit fine quality products to hoodwinked Mac users under the title "Dr." A title he never earned.

"Those kind of shenanigans don't sit well with me," said Business school Dean Tim McGuire. "He doesn't deserve the right to call himself a duck."

When CARS reporters asked if that was because the duck is the mascot of the University of Oregon, McGuire responded "Uh, *yes*, of course. Because the... *duck* is the University mascot. And I'm a *dean* at the University. Riiiiiiight..."

Reached for comment, Bott at first pretended that the name "Dr. Bott" was apocryphal and only intended for marketing purposes.

Finally, backed into a corner by a withering barrage of questions, Bott confessed to the subterfuge.

"I always meant to go back and finish my dissertation," Bott whined, "but it's so *long*, and you have to research and stuff, and then they ask you all these questions about it, and you have to footnote and I feel all itchy."

At the demand of the University of Oregon, Bott will cease selling items under the title "Dr." Mac accessory shoppers can expect to see the Mr. Bott relaunch within the next few days.

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## Little Weasel.

Since we're all still sitting around with our heads on our desks having some

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