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From: Alvin Solomon [mailto:solomon@ecn.purdue.edu]  
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Subject: Re: Bubblegate @ Purdue SNE

I have discussed "Bubblegate" (an apt term) with the other departed faculty from the School of Nuclear Engineering who, like me, were forced to leave Purdue, and they all are happy to be rid of the terrible situation in the School and at the then Dean and Provost level. The abuses and violations of University policy went far beyond the School level. (So far, the affidavits, which I can also attest to and supplement, only refer to the School level). Because the nuclear engineering community, both in the U.S. and abroad is so small, the situation that existed and still exists within the School is so widely known, it has certainly affected the rankings of the School and the enrollments, but it also affects the image of the University. As a retired faculty member of the School, I also want to try to forget what transpired. In my view, the guilty here, aside from the so-called "mafia", /were/ the University administration that did not exercise the necessary oversight and control in a situation that was spinning out of control. They knew what was happening! That's why I like the term "bubblegate".

I only wish that Prof. Taleyarkhan is not made the scapegoat in this sad and embarrassing affair. His punishments do not fit his crimes! Is the University trying to cover up /their/ responsibility in this affair?

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