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Subject: [Vo]:Sordid mess at Perdue U.

Here is some news from Steve Krivit

Sono-fusion researcher Rusi Taleyarkhan has been sanctioned by Perdue University on trumped-up charges of academic malfeasance. This has been brought about by academic rivals, U.S. Congressman Brad Miller, and by the corrupt, out-of-control head of the department Prof. Lefteri Tsoukalas. The sordid details are described here:

<http://newenergytimes.com/BubbleTrouble/2008-August-Sanction.htm>

The latter is sickening.

- Jed

Date: Thu, 28 Aug 2008 11:52:25 -0500

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Subject: Re: [Vo]:Sordid mess at Perdue U.

Darla Mize's affidavit is indeed revealing as it is "sordid". It blows my mind. Nevertheless, I can't help but wonder if Mize's affidavit will be taken with the gravity it appears to reveal regarding the actions of various employees employed at Purdue's School of Nuclear Engineering. Much of what I read appears to be what I would call personal observations, and that has me concerned that such personal observations could eventually be dismissed as misinterpretations, or whatever. Perhaps our resident lawyer, Mr. Beene might be able to add his two cents on these matters. How much weight does an affidavit hold in legal matters like this? Will Mize's observations be taken seriously? How damaging is the affidavit? Will it help shed light and hopefully set the record straight?

Regards
Steven Vincent Johnson

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...make that "former" lawyer... (almost as in a 'past life') ... and yes, my two cents worth, even when fully depreciated to the level of grain-of-salt... or do I mean "fully depreciated" is always available to support 'injustice' against the machine - which is the "mainstream"

Bottom line - if this is not a forged document - then any second rate hack of an ambulance-chaser could pull the Purdue endowment-fund through the proverbial wringer, and my advice to them is to fully and humbly apologize to Rusi - kiss-ass and beg and do whatever it takes to keep this from being presented to a jury.

Jones

From: Horace Heffner <hheffner@mtaonline.net>

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Yes, indeed, but you just have to have great admiration for Darla Mize!

It is unfortunate that, despite the fact she calls her memorandum an affidavit, I don't think it is one unless her signing of it is duly¬arized; A new affirming signature block should be added and signed in the presence of a notary. That should be taken care of as soon as possible - you never know what might happen to Darla Mize in the interim.

Best regards

Horace Heffner

To: <vortex-l@eskimo.com>
Subject: Re: [Vo]:Nature India on Bubble Fusion
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R C Macaulay wrote:

I am dissapointed that Taleyarkhan would announce the issue as racial.

It was racist. It was also plain vanilla corruption and academic suppression. See the Mize affadavit:

<http://newenergytimes.com/BubbleTrouble/2008MizeDarlaJ.AffadavitFeb2.pdf>

- Jed

True Jed,

Best if it the wording were limited to ...corruption and academic suppression. I am disturbed by the introduction off the racial component.

Richard

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If you think prejudice is not involved, then read item 26 of Mize's "affidavit":
<http://newenergytimes.com/BubbleTrouble/2008MizeDarlaJ.AffadavitFeb2.pdf>

I would say Dr. Tsoukalas referring to his Indian staff members as "stupid Indians", "useless Indians", and Dr. Tsoukalas further stating that he hated Indians, if true, would be clearly racist and prejudicial on his part. If Mize's "affidavit" is true in this regard, then Purdue is not only a national but an international disgrace if it doesn't remedy the situation quickly. Of course despite her declaring it so, Mize's statement is is not an affidavit unless it is not duly sworn and notarized. All the same, Mize's statement strongly supports Dr. Taleyarkhan's claim in Nature of blatant discrimination against Indian professors, as well as the attempted covering up of the discriminatory acts against Dr. Taleyarkhan by proceeding further with charges of which Dr. Taleyarkhan is already cleared. See:

<http://www.nature.com/nindia/2008/080901/full/nindia.2008.271.html;jsessionid=r a8or419yujy>.

Dr. Taleyarkhan is so right to say that his sort of treatment cannot be tolerated in a U.S. university. It seems clear at this point the congressional committee previously involved in this case should take further action to see things are made right. Purdue President Martin Jischke's letter to congress discussed "the removal of the head of the school who initially brought the allegations to the University's attention." See:

<http://newenergytimes.com/BubbleTrouble/NETBubbleFusionSpecialReport.pdf>

It indeed seems appropriate, at a minimum, for Purdue to remove the offending parties, and in this case the evidence at hand shows Dr. Taleyarkhan is not the offending party. Dragging out this kind of nauseating case in esteemed

publications like Nature, with high visibility in India, is not in the best national interest. Hopefully this case will be resolved with all possible speed, and all due apologies. It is an embarrassment to Purdue, to the US, and to the scientific community.

Best regards,
Horace Heffner

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Ditto Horace's response.

Why should anyone hesitate to say this is blatant racism? One of the lessons of the 1960s is that when these things happen it is best to shout it from the rooftops. That's the only way to make the racists crawl back under their rocks. Prior to the 1960s, some victims of racism or sexism felt ashamed and did not speak out. Perhaps they were "internalizing" the attack, and blamed themselves.

Some people have gone too far the other direction, and become professional victims. They look for slight to exaggerate and blow out of proportion. Such people, I think, have not experienced the real thing. Taleyarkhan definitely has experienced it, as have many other Indian people in the U.S.

- Jed

Vorts,

The Indian matter is important, not [merely] because of race, but because of culture. Taleyarkhan's Indian background played into what happened because he was caught by surprise by what happened and how things quickly spiraled out of control. He was not accustomed to dealing with media in the way most of them dealt with him.

On March 1, 2006 at two in the afternoon, Seth Putterman of UCLA insinuated fraud during an in-person DARPA review at Purdue regarding Taleyarkhan's work. About two hours later, Eugenie Samuel Reich contacted Taleyarkhan to ask him about Putterman's insinuations.

From what I know of Taleyarkhan, his experience with media [as an immigrant from India] did not give him any reason to expect the assault that was on the way. When Reich made the contact with Taleyarkhan, had he been more familiar with the [aggressive] culture of American and British journalism, it is my opinion that alarm bells would have started ringing in his head and he would have raised bloody hell; to DARPA, to UCLA, to the Nature editors and to the Purdue Administrators.