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"It is important the news media be informed with true and authoritative information . As you have probably heard from the news media, Rice University is in a state of crisis and the whole concept of student-faculty participation in University affairs is in serious question. Rice's long tradition of cooperation and dialogue among all groups of the University has been broken by our Board of Trustees. By ignoring a duly elected student and faculty advisory committee which they themselves requested in the selection of the new President, the Board has destroyed the good faith and trust that was the basis of this community and broken their own precedent set in the method of appointment of the two previous presidents. The faculty and students are united in their censure of the Board's actions and have demanded that the Board reconsider the appointment. The enclosed announcements recount the course of events and our stand on them. We ask for your support and endorsement of our position in this affair and welcome suggestions for action. Feel free to write or call for further information."

This was sent to other student newspapers and student governments around the nation.