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Malcolm Lovett, Chairman
Rice University Board of Trustees

Out of our deep respect for Rice University and because of our participation in the encouraging developments of recent years, we are prompted to make the following statement.

In light of the appointment of the student-faculty committee on presidential selection this past fall, and the subsequent breach of faith with that committee, we deplore the appointment of Dr. Masterson as the next president of Rice University. In the interest of the continued health and growth of the university we recommend the following actions: the immediate rescinding of the appointment; a reaffirmation of the integrity previously established with the advisory committee; the assurance that future nominations will be made in consultation with this committee.

Sharing with the board the sincere desire for healing and continued movement into the promising future that awaits Rice, we stand ready to assume any mediating or advisory tasks that we might fulfill.

Chaplains to Rice University

The Rev. Gerald Le Pere

The Rev. Phillip Stephan

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