Protest held outside president's house

The Student Association Senate passed a resolution condemning the "manner in which the administration of Rice University shut down KTRU," while also expressing disappointment about the handling of KTRU at last night's SA meeting.

The resolution, which passed unanimously, was the third resolution passed by the Senate. It states that KTRU acted in an unprofessional manner. However, the resolution also states that the SA is "deeply disappointed at the administration's clear violation of the sovereignty of the Student Association of Rice University." The administration does not have the right to interfere with the internal affairs of a student organization and still claim to be exercising part of its corporate authority.

The senate discussed the resolution for about 15 minutes and said that the action centered on a sentence that originally stated that the SA was "embarrassed by the student management of KTRU." Wurst College junior Josh Ginsberg, one of the authors of the resolution, said he changed the sentence after he was asked to leave the meeting.

"The reason that we chose to use the word 'embarrassed' as terms of KTRU was, as the parent organization of KTRU, we take responsibility for what goes on. And we should feel embarrassed if those under our supervision do not act properly," Ginsberg said.

Baker College President Melissa Rhode said many students at Baker were, in fact, embarrassed by KTRU's actions. There are a lot of people at Baker College that feel that what KTRU did was a mistake and they are embarrassed by their actions," Rhode said.

However, KTRU Station Manager Johnny Son said because he was not told to publish his news reports by any administrators prior to the shutdown, he did not feel that his actions were wrong. "I'd like to make it clear, the mechanism to inform them, to or continue on and be frustrated," Werner said. He said it would be unfair to blame his administration for the results, but he could not be too confident.

"That's the last part of my job, as I found out, working with the administration," Werner said.

Brown Master Albert Pope said he was personally disappointed with Werner's resignation. "I certainly didn't want Tim to resign," Pope said. "I think he would be much more effective in resolving the things that he is professing being a college president than not."

In his resignation letter, Werner cited several reasons for what he left the student government in office were not compatible with the administration. These were the funding of sexual harassment suits, the continued student involvement in student personnel matters, and the potential for a change in the composition of the board of trustees. These factors were, in turn, the result of a lack of cooperation and support from the student government.

President Gilliss comments on KTRU situation

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Senate steps up to resolution challenge

We have never been so proud to be students at Rice as we were after last night’s Student Association Senate meeting.

Not only do we agree wholeheartedly with the resolution passed, we are impressed with the hard work — in a short period of time and during the last week of classes — that went into drafting the resolution. We are also impressed with the careful way SA Senate members considered it, down to the examination of specific words and phrases to what they might imply.

Each college’s elected representatives have, on the whole, done a commendable job of figuring out what students would want in a resolution and carrying out those wishes.

Kudos to all involved.

Being accountable

We’ve heard a lot in the past few days about the importance of being accountable — that is, taking responsibility for one’s actions. And, we think there is one person in particular who has made himself appropriately accountable should be recognized for his reasonableness and character.

Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs, Wiess Master and Chemistry Professor John Hutchinson has said he is the one who decided that the stickers be taken off the door to the KTRU studio. Since then, he has taken responsibility for his actions and apologized — without excuses or qualifications — to the students of KTRU in an e-mail sent to the KTRU listserve.

We’d like to thank him for his openness and sincerity about this issue.

Broadcasting the news

Rice Broadcast Television has done a great job this past week of serving the Rice community in a way that no other media organization can.

With the flurry of meetings and forums stemming from the KTRU shutdown, RBT has filmed them and run the tapes on loops so that students who could not attend the forum could stay informed. We applaud RBT’s members professionalism, timeliness and dedication to important student issues.

At the end of the semster, it’s hard for many students to keep up with other things besides schoolwork. By airing meetings, forums and protest rallies live and then running them on a continuous loop on Channel 11 on campus, they’ve allowed students — and others like President Malcolm Gillis — to see for themselves what happened.

‘Thresher’ extra filled with inaccuracies

To the editor

We are disappointed in the members of the ‘Thresher’ editorial staff who endorsed an extra editorial edition of The Rice Thresher on Saturday (“Statement made at Sunday”), which we are disappointed for two reasons. First, of all, the editorial contains an inaccurate representation of the facts, as well as an inaccurate portrayal of the intentions of the group it attacks. In addition, the editorial staff used the ‘Thresher’ name and all the power that stands behind it to influence the student body without any attempt to evoke an unbiased report of the facts.

Let’s talk about the facts. Our first reaction to the meeting on Thursday evening was to call for a student forum. As your elected leaders, we felt it important to seek student opinion to the best of our ability.

We then scheduled a meeting with Vice President for Student Affairs Zenaido Camacho to discuss the events that transpired on Thursday. Unfortunately, the meeting did not go well and the student body was not represented on an accurate representation of the university’s actions to the students.

At that meeting, Dr. Camacho surprised us with the draft of a policy that the university thought KTRU should follow. As student representatives have a rightful duty to protect, we negotiated the terms of the policy so that it would better reflect our knowledge of student opinion.

We then planned meetings with the KTRU managers to inform them of the university’s stance and to open the forum to all students who wished to take part. At that meeting, we discussed the proposed policy with KTRU Station Manager Johnny So and other KTRU staff, and from this work we realized that the proposal could not be accepted as it stood. We contacted Dr. Camacho to schedule a meeting for Sunday morning to review the policy once more and discuss KTRU’s plans for the future.

‘Thresher’ coverage biased, unbalanced

To the editor

Frankly, in my opinion, the Thresher is a fine example of irresponsible journalism. I imagine it was in my freshman year that I first started reading the ‘Thresher’ cover-to-cover each week. After spending my junior year in the studio, I am surprised that the students would support a policy if and only if students supported it. The students have entrusted the staff of the ‘Thresher’ to report well-researched articles that report the facts of a situation without bias. Weekly editors comment on major articles that appear throughout the paper. There is no article to accompany the editorial printed on Dec. 3.

In addition, the internal working document printed on the reverse was not the current working policy at 11:30 p.m., when the editorial was printed. Nor was there permission for the ‘Thresher’ staff to plot the paper. We were planning to present the document in the student forum the following evening in its most current form for their critique.

At that meeting we listened. The students at that forum stated that they do not wish to see KTRU return to the air until an agreement that satisfies them is arranged. The college presidents returned to their colleges to hear from the students who were not in attendance.

We call for the ‘Thresher’ to take responsibility for its opinions. They express and to actively represent students, including those who are not in attendance. We have, for instance, seen articles about how something is inappropriate or wrong in a very broad sense. There are always several paragraphs where you explain the views of the ‘Thresher’ staff in first person. ‘We believe...’ This is not as responsible as it should be. As our college newspapers, we should put students first. If we report information from our college newspapers, we should report student opinion on almost any matter. When we make editorials, we should not base our statements about what should be very cautious when being accountable. We should not be influenced by the university to influence the student body without any attempt to evoke an unbiased report of the facts.
administration disregards students

At a Student Association meeting during the beginning of the school year, Wren College junior Josh Ginsberg learned that the way the college's official newspaper, the Rice Thresher, was run would be changed from "Rice Radio" to "KTRU's DJs' Radio." What's more, the new station is no longer student-run. It is now part of the University Press System, which is owned by student organizations. When Ginsberg and other students learned about the changes, they were outraged.

"I knew we were losing something that was important to us," said Ginsberg. "We were losing a chance to make a difference in our community." But the changes went beyond just the name and management of the station. "They took away our voice," said Ginsberg. "That was the worst part." The changes were not the only ones that affected students. "We were also losing our ability to influence the administration," said Ginsberg. "They were not listening to us."

"This is a serious issue," said senior Allen Chen. "We need to fight back."

Despite the students' efforts, there have been no changes in the management of the station. The students have been told that they will not be able to return to the airwaves in the fall.

"We are not giving up," said Ginsberg. "We will continue to fight for our rights."

Guest column

Diversity and inclusion

At the beginning of the school year, the Rice University community was excited about the diversity and inclusion efforts put in place by the administration. However, as the school year progressed, many students began to feel that these efforts were not enough.

"I feel like we're just doing the minimum," said senior Emily Lee. "We need to do more to ensure that all students feel included."

"I think the administration needs to do more to address the concerns of underrepresented students," said junior John Kim. "We need to have a more inclusive campus."

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To the editor:

Judging from her statements in the Thresher, Student Association President Jennifer Strehler implies that Rice students have no idea what they are doing. Although she considers the student voice to be made with little fanfare, if the rare occasion presents itself an uprising may occur, it will only last a few days (weeks) and then die down. Following this, the university can force through the decision that was not made by the students. We are only now discovering the depth of Strehler's rule in KTRU conflict between the university administration and students, and therefore sidestepping conflicting interests of KTRU management will do exactly as the KTRU Advisory Committee commands, on the university administration will force it the same. Such a "plugging in" can hardly be said to be a good thing.

In a letter to the students of the SA, Jennifer Strehler makes the following statement: "If the university wanted some of its games broadcast in radio stations, it is easy for KTRU to do it." I see that environment quickly changing, and therefore the administration is forcing the agenda.

We once again want to cede our voice by compromising on the administration's terms and formats. We must make this larger issues of student voice and use KTRU as a tool to force our agenda.

We must make the administration hurt in the eyes of the public which will in turn hurt him where it really counts the wallet. I came to Rice over three years ago, and I saw things taken for granted, where the students were respected enough to make decisions for KTRU, on their own terms.

I see that environment quickly changing, and therefore the administration is forcing the agenda.

Now is our chance to be students.

Now is our chance to stand up and speak our minds.

Now is our chance to tell President Gillis that we don't want to be like Harvard, Yale or any other school — we want to be like Rice.

Now is our time to have our own public opinions on things that concern us.

Patrick Glaubiert and Victoria Becerra

Rice students should take action

Camacho's actions were justified

Camacho said he heard the students and took appropriate action.

The students who were present at the meeting of Student Affairs have the right to feel that the administration is not representing them. We, as students, have the right to make decisions for ourselves. If the university administration decided to fire Camacho, then they decided to take action.

A.J. Porfirio

Rice basketball fans should face the fact

KTRU already has sports broadcasters

To the editor:

KTRU already has sports broadcasters. (By the way, I used to listen to the Rice basketball broadcasts.)

KTRU already has sports broadcasters.

Derek Gosnay

Rice: Strehler's karate

To the editor:

It was a mistake to think the current administration was foolish enough to let Strehler say that Rice students should be considered "community members." No one wants to be that person who is forced to say "no" to community members.

What is needed is for Strehler to be fired. We need to make the administration hurt in the eyes of the public which will in turn hurt him where it really counts the wallet.

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KTRU shutdown threatens diversity

To the editor:

The recent actions by the Rice University administration concerning the shutdown of KTRU 90.7 FM threaten to limit student and faculty expression and community involvement. I believe that KTRU represents a unique aspect of the Rice University experience and it should not be silenced.

After years of managing a radio station, I have seen the impact that stations can have on campus. The diversity of programming, the opportunity for student involvement, and the ability to reach a wide audience are all significant aspects of what makes KTRU special.

I am concerned that the decision to close KTRU was made without proper consultation and consideration of the impact it would have on the campus community.

I urge the administration to reconsider their decision and allow KTRU to continue operating as a student-run radio station.

Suzanne Tolhert  
Hanszen '84

Students should boycott new KTRU

To the editor:

I am a senior and have been involved with KTRU for the past four years. I believe that the administration's decision to close KTRU is a threat to the diversity and inclusivity of the Rice community.

I urge all students to boycott the new KTRU station and support the student voice.

I am concerned that the new station will not be able to provide the same level of programming and community involvement as KTRU.

I believe that the administration's decision to close KTRU is a missed opportunity to engage with the student community.

I urge the administration to reconsider their decision and allow KTRU to continue operating.

Suzanne Tolhert
Hanszen '84

KTRU shutdown should be resolved

To the editor:

It is difﬁcult for me to comprehend the published position of the KTRU on the KTRU issue. It is not a position that the university I know and love, and how the administration has handled it.

Shutting down any newspaper or radio station, even an irreproachable one, sends powerful and fear-evoking messages to all people. We must not allow this to happen.

I believe that the administration is not acting in the best interest of the student body.

I urge the administration to reconsider their decision and allow KTRU to continue operating.

Alex Malinin
Hewitt 54

Shutdown of KTRU

To the editor:

I would like to commend you on your fine article on the unfolding KTRU story. You have provided a clear and concise overview of the situation, including the impact on the students.

I believe that the administration's decision to close KTRU was made without proper consideration of the impact it would have on the campus community.

I urge the administration to reconsider their decision and allow KTRU to continue operating.

Suzanne Tolhert
Hanszen '84

Administration could damage Rice

To the editor:

I graduated from Rice in 1984. Looking back, I think of the student body that I was a part of. The campus was truly vibrant, and KTRU was an integral part of that environment.

I believe that the administration's decision to close KTRU was made without proper consideration of the impact it would have on the campus community.

I urge the administration to reconsider their decision and allow KTRU to continue operating.

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Administration should reconsider its actions

To the editor:

I am a senior and member of the Rice and KTRU alumni to express my support for KTRU and urge the administration to reconsider their decision to close the radio station.

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KTRU's reincarnation in cyberspace

To the editor:

The Rice student radio station was originally a very primitive operation. It was independent and had no license to broadcast. It was a challenging endeavor to create a radio station from scratch.

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NOTICE

Letters to the editor should be submitted to the Thresher by 5 p.m. on the Monday prior to a Friday publication date.

All letters must be signed by the writer and should not be longer than 250 words in length. The Thresher reserves the right to edit or delete any letters submitted.

Letters should be addressed to the Thresher, 4th floor, 2301 Agnes, Houston, TX 77251.
Money talks.

We’ve all heard the phrase “money talks” in a corporate and entrepreneurial endeavor, but we can see it true, especially in Rice.

Given a current president may not have much interaction with the student body, but I’ve always heard arguments in President Malcom Gillis’ case because of public垢ling for his roles in the university money. Just this past month, he launched a massive capital campaign (reminds one of all those banners and the dead squash of grass in front of the South on the previous page). That is the university money.

And honestly, didn’t this whole KTRU saga start out as an issue of money? The university’s lost its current president was not going to use a resource it already owned for one that was funding a new one. Unfortunately, this “university asset” was created and has been funded for over the past 30 years.

However, instead of working cooperatively with KTRU from the beginning, separate decisions in case the station and students disagreed, the administration decided to grab that power because of its great power to affect this community.

There is certainly no point in pointing this out in this letter — I believe that both KTRU and the administration have been very slow to respond to student demands.

But a special case about Rice is being seriously threatened here — the student body. We all know about student responsibility and freedom may soon disappear.

If it had come to Rice purely for its financial benefit, I might have seriously considered transferring my major changed from biochemistry to psychology, the Psychology Department is certainly wonderful, and it has given me a great education. Trust me, it is certainly not what Rice is all about.

However, the trend of less student opinion and bypassing proper venues of change last week didn’t work because of the KTRU saga. It might work, because of you by downing our hard earned money to this campus? I urge you not to say it, but your guys are exactly right.

We don’t belong here.

President Malcom Gillis has a very specific and detailed plan for the future of this university, and 30 days down the line, the undergraduates don’t matter a damn bit. So we might as well get used to submitting now because we have no absolute value in the official vision of the school’s future.

How about a few months ago, I wrote an article for the Theorum about newly hired Provost Paul Graham. I have no idea what the Rice administration may come to realize that may have turned this way and should be treated as such when it comes to the current administration.

I am very concerned that the recent events in college radio will set a very dangerous precedent for the entire university, because of a few bad decisions. It is the duty of the student administration to tell its members what we should do, and to openly with the entire student body again not just its constituents, or risk losing the support that has made it the respected institution it is today.

I am not advocating by any means a button-down administration that has occurred in the last several days. We should not immediately turn on and off the entire institution because of a few bad decisions.

Michael Napela

Are they laughing with me or at me? Passing the blame doesn’t solve problems

I’m not going to beat around the bush on this one. We all fucked up. Everyone involved in the KTRU fiasco was in the wrong, both from the student body to the administration. We all played a part in totally screwing up the station.

What happened last Thursday was unfortunate. The administration certainly was not surprising was the manmade fiasco. Everyone from the KTRU managers to the administration (the people who were in charge) all dropped the ball. The entire community is being hurt.

Dr. Camacho and his administration have presented a plan for the future of KTRU. Many people are calling for resolutions which are also paying for KTRU, were present for a business opportunity which has made it the respected institution it is today.

The administration has been less than helpful in this whole mess. The administration has been about as slippery and sneaky as KTRU has been proactive and cutthroat. The Athletics Department Bob May, “Sure, we’ll play your games on our station, but we’re going to need something in return.”

KTRU has failed to have an identity crisis. But it is looking at all the negotiations, and if we support this, they would have realized that few Rice students have been involved in the administration. That is an important lesson. I do not support anything that is going to happen in the administration as its middle man. The administration should have been involved in the negotiations, and if we support this, they would have realized that few Rice students have been involved in the administration. That is an important lesson. I do not support anything that is going to happen in the administration as its middle man.

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Resolution criticizes administration, KTRU actions

Will Rice College Senator Steven Caufield speaks at last night's Student Association Senate meeting.

Resolution...
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Should be taken and what role the
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Discuss Thursday’s shutdown of KTRU.

impartial mediator for the forum,
team coach Dan West, acting as an
student, said. “We’d rather
time to work something out that we
feel will represent the stu-
dent interest in this situation. We
feel that it’s rushed and we feel that
student input hasn’t been received.”

Many students criticized the
KTRU Advisory Committee pro-
pounded the operating policy for
developing programming policy
and guidelines. According to the docu-
ment, the committee would consist
of three undergraduates, one
graduate student, four faculty or
staff members and one alumnus. The
undergraduate students would be
appointed by the president from
seven or more nominations from the SA,
and all policy decisions made by the
KTRU Advisory Committee would have to be passed by at least six
votes.

“It was made clear to us
that in order for KTRU
to get back on the air,
some form of policy
indicating lines of
communication and accountability...would have to be created.”

— Laura Rees
Sid Richardson College president

KTRU Operations Manager Don-
nie Lee, a biochemistry and cell biol-
ogy graduate student, said the com-
nittee was trying to accurately
represent the ratio of students to
faculty and staff that make the policies
of things. [the administration] can
not do, say, Gestalt-style cut off
KTRU,” Robert Lee said.

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Philosophy graduate student
Garret Merriam also said students
should have more control.

“The station isn’t just a physical
location, it isn’t just a license,”
Merriam said. “It’s a spirit, it’s a
community. That community is
made up primarily of students... The
license is owned by the univer-
sity, the station is owned by the
students.”

A number of students said KTRU
should have its own students.

“Another criticism of the operat-
ing policy was that the student
station manager felt the KTRU Adv-
visory Committee’s programming pol-
icy’s, guidelines did not accurately
reflect student opinion, she would
be to request that the SA Senate
consider an appeal to the vice presi-
dent Student Affairs. However,
the general manager, a paid Student
Affairs staff member, would also
be to the vice president for Student
Affairs. Some students said having
one person at the top of both hierar-
cies was circular accountability.

Bush the command coming
down. He said he would send
complaints... going up both go to
the same person, which is the vice presi-
dent for Student Affairs,” Hanszen
College freshman Ashley Fell, a
KTRU DJ, said. “Is there someone
else, just as a sort of checks and
balances, that this could go to?”

“Others said the document
should be rejected altogether and
was not a valid starting point for
negotiation.”

“My question is, why is this docu-
ment our starting point? It seems
like it’s a compromise, and a very
mediocre compromise at that,” Wil-
li Lee said.

Many students said they wanted
students to have a say in the
KTRU’s ideal policy would be, Pitre
said KTRU wants student control of the
station. I think that we really want it
to be our decision,” Pitre said.

If we had our own ideal world,
we would be student operated. But we realize that
we don’t, and that’s why we’ve been
here for so long,” Pitre said.

Many students felt the proposed
policy would be too much power
to non-students.

“My question is, since no other
student organizations... have fac-
ulty and staff that make the policy
work, why is the station letting
faculty and staff make the policy
decisions for this student organiza-
tion?” Jones College Sophomore

Willey’s Pub

A valuable university asset since 1975.
Hundreds attend KTRU rally

by Elizabeth Decker

The KTRU rally at Willy's statue yesterday included about 400 people, including students, alumni, Houston area supporters, and faculty and staff.

Speakers from each of these groups made remarks at the event, which was intended to be "informative and non-demonstrative," according to KTRU DJ Director Ben Home, who helped organize the rally.

Many supporters wore KTRU bumper stickers on their clothing and some displayed signs with slogans such as "University control = no "100% student control" and "Camaraderie Don't make KTRU I) Director Ben Home, because Stroup was unable to come to the rally himself.

Group's remarks called for students to demand control of the station. Stroup expressed concern that this is not just a KTRU issue; it's a student rights issue, it's a student opinion issue, a student voice issue.

So apologized that KTRU has not always been as accessible to students as it could be and acknowledged the frustration that some students have felt.

"It's good to see that regardless of that, you still believe that the radio station should remain for now and all times strictly in the hands of students," Home said.

Colin Gibbs (Brown '05), who served as 1990-'92 KTRU general manager, drove in from Austin to attend the rally. Gibbs commented on the changes he saw at Rice upon his return. "One thing that comes to mind is that students controlled the radio station, and the student body was apathetic," he said. "Both of those things seem to have changed.

Gibbs sometimes choked back tears as he spoke about the impact of KTRU on his life and the lives of other students.

Gibbs read an open letter to President Gildersleeve that was written by a student for the rally and disapproved of those who are signing the letter online at www.thresher.com. The letter came from students who said they were sick of the administration and that KTRU is unique.

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The majority of protesters stayed only 300 p.m., when board members stopped arriving and protest organizers announced the protest was over. No student decried a silent protest would be "a lot more peaceful and symbolic" than a vocal protest. The idea for the silent protest originated on the KTRU listserv.

"It needs to be more of a surprise to most of them," Goolsby said. "We can't do it all at once, but we've been pleasant with the support of the administration. What is the true reason behind the shutdown? are they not calling for increased broadcasting of student events, then that seems deceiving.

"I've never seen a good time to be on campus," Home said. "It's a simple good-faith effort to uphold our principles at Rice. University, we will prevail." Gibbs said.

Peter Stroup, a KTRU DJ for 22 years, praised the station for playing difficult music. "You've got an absolute gem," Sloan said.

"It's been very heartening to see the student body rally behind the house," Home said. "It's very kind of glorious feeling when you see that.

Alumni Nick Cooper (Wiess '92) said he participated in the protest to support an organization that is one of a kind.

"KTRU to be killed," Cooper said. "There really aren't other college stations like it. There's something like it.

"I think it is the fundamental issue that's at stake about KTRU being able to exist and student opinion and student administration," he said.
We're not here to get this through reminding students at the meeting began discussion of the proposal by outlines a KTRU College Committee. Joe Davidson. The policy KTRU presents draft proposal operating policy President for Student Affairs Zenaido and Sarah Pitre and DJ Alexei of a KTRU operating policy proposal at yesterday's Student Association say Botsford, members of the administration and KTRU staff. The proposal outlines a KTRU College Committee composed of a representative from each residential college, Pitre, a Wiess College senior, began discussion of the proposal by reminding students at the meeting that the proposal was only a draft. "We're not here to get this through tonight at all," she said. Angelides, a Loyola College senior, said the proposal was created to implement KTRU's and the student body's concerns and opinions. "We felt like we wanted to bring a general proposal to the table that we felt was a representation of the student body's opinions the other night," Angelides said. "We basically made KTRU a completely student-controlled organization." There was more discussion of specific points but all parties agreed that no decision would be reached last night. The proposal, written in seven sections, includes a broad policy outlining when university administration could interfere with KTRU's operation. Section A states that KTRU will hold accountable to three bodies of interest; the Federal Communications Commission, the student body and the Houston community at large. Section B states that KTRU DJs will be held accountable to the president of the university for FCC policy. Section C is aimed to sign an affidavit accepting all responsibilities for their actions in broadcasting including financial penalties exacted against the station. The President of the University has the right to remove any DJ only for a verified FCC violation. Any other disciplinary actions which may be taken will be imposed by an internal structure of KTRU as outlined below, unless the transgression also violates the Student Code of Conduct of Rice University, in which case the incident will be referred to the appropriate university channels. Section D states that KTRU shall have a General Manager who is a paid staff member of the station. In retrospect and upon hearing a serious response to this action, I fully understand that this was a very big mistake on my part. I had total responsibility for this decision. I did not consult with Dr. Camacho before deciding that the action taken was correct and did not inform him afterwards because I was afraid of him saying that my decision was based upon a concern that the "No Admittance" sign be as visible and prominent as possible. However, I am saddened that in making this decision, I failed to consider your genuine feelings as reflected in the action on the door. I understand why you have taken your action as a sign of disrespect, and I want each of you to know that I do respect your feelings, and I understand why you feel the need to take such actions. I accept your criticism and anger. I regret my error, and I ask that you accept my full and sincere apology for the gret that it has garnered.

KTRU maintains web site

Current information about KTRU and the issues surrounding the radio station can be accessed online at www.navruf.org. The Web site is frequently updated with the latest news about the KTRU studio, KTRU Station Manager Carola J. Smith, and the FCC process. KTRU's Internet site also includes ways that people can help support KTRU's general information about the radio station, contact information and related articles in the press. Also, the site is open letter to President David Leebron of Rice University, written by Kathy Gibbs (Brown '92), 1990-92 KTRU Station Manager, and being signed by KTRU supporters, including alumni and students. Smith, the General Manager, underlined that the site is a very important part of the Rice community and the Rice community. So please, we are all working on KTRU's domain name in late October, but the Web site was not created until early July. The site is now maintained by Rice alumnus Jeff Smith. The site was created by student government graduate student. So plans for the Web site to remain active if there is no longer a need for it.
President resigns over conflicts with Camacho

Gillis says university is chiefly concerned with liability
This letter was sent out as an e-mail to students late Monday from President Eugene Levy.

December 4, 2000
To: University Faculty and Staff
From: Eugene H. Levy, Provost

About: The Rice University radio station

I know that many of you are concerned, as I have been, by the recent sequence of controversies and events surrounding the Rice University radio station, KTRU.

As the events unfolded over the past few days, I wanted to understand the background, rationale and justification for the actions taken by Vice President for Student Affairs, Zen Camacho, on behalf of the President, and I asked for my own opinion on the matter.

I thought it might be useful to share with you what I have found. To be sure, I have not attempted an in-depth scholarly investigation. I have not had time (or inclination) to investigate original sources or interview key players. I have done my best, given the unfolding events as they have been reported in the student media, to read the statements of students and administrators as reported there, look over some pertinent documents, and listen to my colleagues as they tried to work through the problems that led up to the suspension.

The attached narrative summarizes the rationale and the perceptions that underlie the suspension of KTRU student operations, as I have been able to place them together.

At this point, there is the need to move forward, in the spirit of accountability and overall guidance for the manager and the station as a whole. Another was a set of proposals for more funding and staffing. A third was for broader university programming (for example, performances from the Shepherd School of Music, athletic events, and major lectures) and more of it (six to twelve hours per day). All the recommendations of the review committee were accepted by all parties on the committee and by the board. I delloyed my policymaking authority to the Vice President for Student Affairs.

Since April 1997, the university had been in the process of implementing the recommendations of the review committee. We have moved with deliberation, not precipitously. The university, with university funds, has provided more personnel, better equipment and computers, a translator that allowed KTRU to reach the KTRU community. What I have done is follow the recommendations of the review committee. The University has provided improved equipment for the station and increases in budget and personnel.

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