

## **March 22 Town Hall**

Hey Murts, it was a busy week at Town Hall but here are the minutes:

**Theft at the REC:** Officer Teller, who will be joining our Town Hall Meetings, wanted to inform us that there has been a lot of theft at the REC recently, mainly due to people placing items in the lockers and not locking them, sooooo LOCK YO LOCKERS.

### **Registrar Deadlines on Friday:**

1. Major Declaration by 4:30. Sophomores, if you haven't gotten your form signed by a major advisor yet, do it quickly. Even though it is not due until Friday, it is Spring Recess so you may not be able to get them signed Thurs or Fri.

2. Pass/Fail Deadline

3. Last day for Freshmen to drop classes. (There is a \$75 fee however)

**Student Employment:** Willy's Pub and The Coffee House are hiring and the Hoot application will be out soon. Check announcements for links.

**Wiess-McMurtry Cookout:** We will be having a cookout (tentatively scheduled for April 1<sup>st</sup>) at Wiess. Our servery will be closed so GO. More info to come.

**Chief Justice:** The new Associate Justices will be announced by tomorrow. They will be getting door signs so that people will be able to find them easier if needed. Also, work is being done to have written documentation for the college courts: what they do and how they function.

**Public Art Design Blitz:** Aaron Varnell has been pushing to get public art at McMurtry and the Board of Trustees is ready to go ahead with the project. So, there is an open call to Rice students for ideas for public art to be placed in the area near McM, Duncan, and the Servery. If you are interested there is a **meeting on March 23 at 5pm in West Servery**. The tentative plan is for a week of coming up with ideas/drawings and putting them down on posters or PDFs before the judging.

**WikiRice:** It's like Wikipedia but just for Rice. However, it is not associated with Rice. Current idea is to have an ambassador for each college who will be administrator for the pages corresponding to their college. Soon there will be a way to nominate/run for one of these ambassador positions.

**Parliamentarian, Historian, and Honor Council Apps:** These positions will be filled by the President. Apps will be coming out very soon (i.e. after this Town Hall meeting). Tentative deadline for apps are set for sometime next week.

**UCourt Rep and Senior Rep:** Our new UCourt Rep is Matt Banks! And our new Senior Rep is Emily Pyle! Woot woot.

**Summer Storage for McM:** discussion with H&D is ongoing about some sort of summer storage for Murts. Current ideas being tossed around are PODS, building our own storage system and renting to students, or possibly even using the 4<sup>th</sup> floor lounge as summer storage space. We want feedback on ideas and any other suggestions are very welcome!

**H&D:** Concern has arisen over the amount of [high-amperage] electronics (i.e. microwaves, refrigerators, etc...). They have been looking at how other colleges handle an unnecessary amount of these types of items.

**Senior Gift and RAFSI:** Rice alumni want to challenge Rice seniors to demonstrate the importance of philanthropy and educate fellow seniors about philanthropy. Overall college contributions will be rewarded. The Rice Annual Fund Student Initiative (RAFSI) is like this but not exclusively seniors and they want to educate everyone about philanthropy, and McM needs more members. It is not a big time commitment and can be very rewarding.

**McMurtry Culture and Traditions:** McMurtry is a new college and is still in the process of creating and finding traditions and its own culture. We want anyone who has an idea to throw

it out. We need to try many things and find what sticks. One current idea is—kind of like Hanzen has the Gaurdian—for us to build a trebuchet for our quad (pointing at Duncan and functional of course). We currently have a lot of seeds for tradition in the ground (Burt's Teahouse, 2.0 week, kilt raid, etc...) and need to wait and see if future generations of Murts keep those ideas.