

McMurtry Town Hall – 1/10/2011

Senior Reps:

- Two of our Senior Reps graduated last semester: Emily Pyle and Mark Seraydarian
- We have filled one of those spots with Matthew Carey and will be filling the other spot very soon

Fellows Sunday Homework Help Sessions:

- This semester the academic fellows are going to have Sunday helps sessions from 8-9 pm in the commons instead of just answering emails for helps.
- They will start this upcoming Sunday and will continue throughout the semester

Outreach Day Opportunity:

- A Brown and McMurtry Outreach day is scheduled for Saturday, January 28th
- Six organizations are holding the event
- There will be free food
- Check your emails for more information

Welcome Back Open House:

- On Monday (MLK Day) head over to Lisa's house at 7 pm and we will be baking cookies and other goodies while we hang out and welcome one another back

Rondelet Tickets:

- Rondelet (a dance event similar to Esperanza) is coming up 2 Saturdays from now
- Risa and Tristanne will be selling the tickets in the Commons tomorrow and the next day at lunch
- Tickets do run out pretty fast so make sure you get them soon

PAA Announcements:

- From 6-7:30 pm tomorrow there will be summer opportunities fair in the RMC
- The applications for next year's PAAs are coming out soon

H&D Serveryware Update:

- Veronica, our H&D liason, has let us know that out of all the colleges we had the least number of serveryware found in people's rooms over the break so good job!

McMurtry Elections Timeline:

- Last year the elections around campus were happening at different times, but this year they want to synchronize the elections at all colleges
- Feb. 6th will be the week of the elections and then each college will be responsible for deciding their own changeover dates
- We are currently thinking that we will hold our changeover two weeks after the elections (around the 20th of Feb.)
- We are also considering holding the Presidential elections a little while before the other EC elections so that someone who runs for President would then be able to run for another position
- The McMinistry will be discussing these ideas in the coming weeks and will keep you updated

State of the SA:

- Our very own SA President came and told us about some things going on around campus
- We have the largest student body ever and more applicants than ever
- In August of 2010 the Rice KTRU radio tower was sold and \$6 million was given to the students and a committee was formed to help allocate the money for student use
 - The IM fields will be lighted

- Concert Endowment
- Alternative Spring Break Endowment
- Library Endowment for new technology
- ODEK (the design kitchen) Endowment
- Extra EMS funds
- \$1 million has been allocated for a new visual arts building
- \$1 million has been allocated for a new student center
- There has been a lot of community development
- The academics committee helped develop the new schedule planner and plan the new writing center and new writing program
- They have been trying to find easier ways to get newspapers in the colleges
- There is interest in creating more study spaces around campus
- They are planning for the Centennial which will be happening in the Fall
- The Best Practices Project:
 - The fall semester was spent interviewing all the Masters and other adult leadership to help find what are the best practices around campus are and try to spread these around campus

Beer Bike:

- There are only 81 days left until Beer Bike!
- We need a really cool theme so start brainstorming and coming up with awesome new ideas

Sport Committee:

- Signups ending this week:
 - Women's College Softball
 - Women's College Soccer
 - College Table Tennis
 - IM Volleyball
 - IM Softball

Off-Campus Housing:

- We are thinking of organizing a week where students who are interested in knowing more about living off campus can visit students who are currently living off campus and learn that it might not be so scary after all
- If you live off campus and are interested in helping out with this then email Kevin Lin at ksl3@rice.edu

Other:

- There will be a McMurtry Co-ed flag football game on Thursday. Meet downstairs at 8:15 if you are interested in playing.
- There are McMurtry T-shirts in the bookstore now!