

March 29th

McMurtry Town Hall

Great Expectations Discussion: On Monday from 6:30 – 8:00 pm at Lisa's house, Matt Taylor, the Associate Dean of Undergraduates, will be holding a discussion about our expectations as students for Rice, our expectations for ourselves while at Rice, and how to build upon these expectations. This will be a great chance to have a conversation with someone from the administration who is open and wants to hear our thoughts (and of course there is a good chance that there will be snacks!).

Academic Planning Session: Next Wednesday at 8:30 pm in the Yurt our **wonderful** PAA's will be holding a session to help all of us figure out our academic plans. And remember, you are always welcome to email or visit any of our PAA's with any questions or concerns!

Party Registration: Our friendly justices wanted to congratulate us on a good job of registering parties lately. So remember, if you are having a party (whether it is just a small gathering or there is a public party) please register it with our Chief Justice, Matthew Rhode (281-239-9556), just in the form of a text or something. Also, anything in the quad, commons, or on the first floor that involves alcohol must be registered with SJP.

Ever Wonder What REC Employees Do?! Well, there will be tours of different departments that you can work at on April 5-8. There are lots of opportunities open including aquatic, fitness, operations, rope, and summer youth program positions open!

Officer Teller On Recent Thefts: There have been bike thefts in the past few days from Duncan so make sure that your bikes are LOCKED AND REGISTERED!

There have also been large thefts at Lovett involving someone getting into the college and stealing laptops from people's rooms so keep an eye out for any suspicious activity. If you have any concerns, comments, or questions feel free to contact Officer Teller at jtt2@rice.edu!

Public Art Design Blitz: This is an awesome opportunity for Rice students to get involved with the look of Rice and more specifically public art located around McM, Duncan, and West Servedy. We as students can come up with ideas/drawings/renderings/etc and submit them. It may be as vague or specific as you like and you can even win some cash! The deadline has been extended to next Monday, so if you are interested check out the Public Art owlspace site or the Rice Public Art Blitz Facebook group.

Intercollegiate Picnic at Wiess: This Friday we are having a picnic at Wiess! Our server will be closed and we will be meeting at 4pm in the quad to walk over. Get pumped because there will be Frisbee, cookout type food, and trampoline anyone?

McMurtry Goes Tubing! Plans are currently in motion for a big group day trip to the Gaudalupe river to go tubing with fellow Murts! It is being planned for the day after the last day of classes and will consist of riding a school bus or driving yourself to the river (about a 3 hour drive), having lunch provided for us there, and then basically getting in a tube and floating down the river for like 4 hours. The price and logistics are still being worked out but keep an eye out for sign-ups and more announcements!

Dean Hutch At SA Meeting: Previously, if you didn't have all the credits you needed to graduate you could not walk with your class at commencement, but now that has changed! Now, if you will be graduating by December of that year you may still walk with your class that Spring.

He also discussed the state of the alcohol probation. He wants all of us to know that he is not viewing EMS calls as a statistic for whether the probation gets lifted or stays. He is stressing education and responsibility towards alcohol and its consumption. He would like to institute caregivers at each college who will look out for others at events with alcohol and is working on a system to train these caregivers. He also said that the probation was going well so far but did not comment on how long it is before it is lifted/changed/or put into place.

Gender Neutral Housing: A group of students has started pushing towards rewriting and standardizing the current policies on this issue, as it is currently handled differently at different colleges. They are looking for others to jump on board with this initiative, so if you are interested you may contact either Nico Feltman (Nicolas.a.feltman@rice.edu) or Kate Snyder.

Non-Alcoholic Events: The Dean's office is financially supportive of these events and the RPC has jumped on board. This Saturday they will be holding one of these: A showing of the Kings Speech in the Grand Hall, check the weekly announcements for more info. There are tentative plans for more events like this on April 8th and 16th so stay tuned to the announcements for any info.

Have a great week!

