IN CASE OF EMERGENCY…

Emergency notifications for students, faculty and staff will be handled by mass email, Channel 19, WURC FM, RC TV, and campus loud speakers. If you would like to receive emergency notifications by text message, please submit your cell phone number to Mrs. Carolyn Hymon, Dean of Students. The numbers will be used for emergency ONLY and will not be distributed.

Emergency Numbers:

Security office: 662-252-8090
Security guard on duty: 662-216-3429

In Sympathy...
The Rust College family would like to extend its condolences to Mrs. Lillian McNeal, whose brother, David Lorenzo Spell, passed away last week. Mr. Spell will be funeralized Saturday, January 9, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Bethel A.M.E. Church in Palatka, Florida. Mr. Spell’s body will lie in repose at E.W. Lawson & Son Funeral Home in Palatka, Florida.

Former Rust Student Turned Legendary Musician Willie Mitchell Dead at 81

According to the Associated Press, Willie Mitchell, a record producer and musician who worked with singers Al green and dozens of others has died.

Mitchell’s son, Lawrence Mitchell, told the AP that his father suffered cardiac arrest on December 19 and died Tuesday morning, January 5 at Methodist University Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mitchell was born and raised in Ashland, Mississippi and he moved to Memphis when he was in high school. He returned to Mississippi to attend Rust College. At age eight, Mitchell began to play the trumpet and while in high school, he was a featured player in popular local big bands. He later formed his own combo—and provided the music at several New Year’s Eve parties for Elvis Presley at Graceland.

A Memphis boulevard was named in his honor in 2004 and Mitchell received a Trustees Award from the Grammy Foundation in 2008. Known as “Papa Willie”, Mitchell earned his nickname by taking over the reins of Hi Records in 1970 and guiding it through its most successful period.

“Papa Willie” Mitchell 1928-2010

Rust College To Host 16th Annual National African American Student Leadership Conference

Since 1994, the National African American Student Leadership Conference (NAASLC) has provided students from across the United States, Canada, the Caribbean and Africa opportunities to meet and engage in intellectually stimulating, culturally enriching, and liberating dialogue relative to advancing the African American community.

This year’s conference, scheduled for January 15-16, 2010, is expected to attract more than 700 college/university students, professors, and community activists/organizers to Rust College. The NAASLC features all day concurrent workshops and panel discussions focusing on analyzing / seeking solutions to problems and means to move the African American community forward. The conference also gives you the opportunity to network and organize with your fellow future leaders. There will also be a National Spoken Word Competition held during the conference.

Some of the featured presenters during the Conference will include Professor and poet Sonia Sanchez, and Howard University professor, Dr. Greg Carr.

Conference registration can be done online at www.naaslc.org. For further information, please call 662-252-8000 ext. 4311 or 4307 or 662-551-4095; email naaslc11@gmail.com, website www.naaslc.org.

Mississippi Governor Declares State of Emergency

In anticipation of severe winter weather, Governor Haley Barbour declared a state of emergency Wednesday, January 6. Extreme and prolonged subfreezing temperatures are expected to produce dangerous winter conditions across Mississippi.

“These conditions will increase the risk of personal harm or death,” Gov. Barbour said. “I am very concerned that it may also result in an abnormally high demand and potential supply shortages for conventional heating fuels, and threaten the safety and well-being of the citizens and property throughout the State of Mississippi.”

Gov. Barbour is urging people to be safe and acutely aware of the fire risks when using alternative heating devices in their homes, and to exercise the utmost caution.

At this time, the Rust College administration has not given word that classes will be cancelled due to inclement weather. Stay tuned to WREG News Channel 3 for updates on closings and cancellations.
### Financial Aid Opportunities/Scholarship Information

#### Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP)

**International Affairs Fellowships**

Are you a college sophomore who would excel in an international affairs career? Take advantage of this unique fellowship opportunity. The UNCF Special Programs Institute for International Public Policy (IIPP) is one of the nation’s premier fellowship programs in global affairs for underrepresented students. Comprehensive education and training elements prepare IIPP Fellows to address the most pressing international policy problems.

Visit [www.uncfsp.org/iipp](http://www.uncfsp.org/iipp) for more information.

**Application deadline:** March 15, 2010

#### NAACP Scholarship Programs

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<td>$1,500; for students of all classifications and all majors with at least a 2.5 G.P.A.</td>
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<td>5. Hubertus W.V. Willems Scholarship for Male Students</td>
<td>$2,000; for college freshmen, juniors, seniors, college graduates, graduate students, high schools seniors with at least a 2.5 G.P.A., majoring in chemistry, engineering, mathematics, or physics</td>
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For more information and to apply online, visit [http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/onlinescholarships.asp](http://www.uncf.org/forstudents/onlinescholarships.asp).

**Application deadline:** March 7, 2010

#### GBHEM Scholarship Opportunities

**Bachelor Degree Scholarship Opportunities—$500 Scholarships for 2010-2011 Academic Year**

- Bachelor Degree in the following majors qualify:
  - Social Science (Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, and History)
  - Communication & Journalism (Public Relations, Business Communications, Advertising, and Broadcasting)

To apply online, visit [www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication](http://www.gbhem.org/scholarshipapplication).

**Application deadline:** April 1, 2010

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**2010 Bill Gates Scholarship For Low-Income Minority Students**

The Gates Millennium Scholarship Program, funded by a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, was established to provide outstanding low-income minority students with an opportunity to complete an undergraduate college education in any discipline area of interest. Continuing scholars may request funding for a graduate degree program in one of the following discipline areas: education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health or science.

In addition to increasing access to higher education for these underrepresented groups, GMS also provides leadership training. Through participation in a comprehensive leadership development program, Scholars enhance academic and leadership skills, which prepare them to assume important roles in their professions and in their communities.

To apply, visit [www.blackstudents.com/billgates](http://www.blackstudents.com/billgates)

**Application deadline:** January 11, 2010

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**For College JUNIORS**

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation (WWNFF) is seeking talented and highly-motivated college juniors—who represent all ethnic and social backgrounds—to apply for 2010 Thomas R. Pickering Foreign Affairs Fellowships. Note: this is a change from recruiting sophomores in prior years.

College junior applicants must have a minimum G.P.A. of 3.2 or higher (on a scale of 4.0), and must be interested in becoming Foreign Service Officers in the U.S. Department of State. Candidates should have performed well in their academic coursework and have participated in activities that attest to their leadership potential and involvement in their communities. Women, members of minority groups historically underrepresented in the Foreign Service, and students with financial need are encouraged to apply.

To apply online, visit the foundation’s website: [www.woodrow.org](http://www.woodrow.org). Applicants must send the WWNFF a copy of their most recent financial aid letter that lists grants or loans received, and provide a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR), which indicates the Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) number.

**The fellowship award includes financial support toward tuition and mandatory fees, living stipend (based on the institution’s room and board rate), books, and some travel during the senior year of college; paid State Department summer internships in Washington and overseas, and fellowship support for master’s degrees in international affairs, pending availability of funding.**

**Application deadline:** February 8, 2010

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**To All CLASSIFICATIONS**

Bachelor Degree Scholarship Opportunities—$500 Scholarships for 2010-2011 Academic Year

**Bachelor Degree in the following majors qualify:**

- Social Science (Political Science, Sociology, Psychology, Economics, and History)
- Communication & Journalism (Public Relations, Business Communications, Advertising, and Broadcasting)

Visit the following website: [http://degreetdirectory.org](http://degreetdirectory.org)

Click on “Academic Scholarships” at the top of the page and scroll down to “Bachelor Degree Scholarships”.

**Application deadline:** April 1, 2010