Announcing!

The English Proficiency Exam (EPE) will be held in all English 136 classes (except Mr. Ridge’s class) on Wednesday, March 31.

Mr. Ridge’s English 136 class will take the exam Tuesday evening, March 30.

All students who are currently enrolled in English 136 must take the exam in their own classes. No switching with other classes allowed.

Note: Those who failed the EPE in English 132 must see Mr. Ridge in BCS 110 (Writing Center). Also, those who failed the EPE, but passed English 136 must see Mr. Ridge.

No make up exams!

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Rust College also receives a pledge endowment of $26,000.

Left to right: Dr. Barbara Sutton, Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, Dr. David L. Beckley, Dr. Wonso Hayes, and Mrs. Carolyn House Stewart, attorney.

Rust College, along with other HBCUs, accepts $1,100 contribution. Left to right: Dr. Barbara Sutton, Dr. Of Educational Advancement Foundation, Dr. Juanita Sims Doty, AKA South Eastern Regional Director, Dr. Earnest McNealy, Stillman College President, Dr. Ronald Mason, Jackson State University President, Dr. David L. Beckley; Rust College President, Dr. Wonso Hayes, Omicron Alpha Omega Chapter President, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan, Tongatolu College President, Mississippi Valley State Director of Development, and attorney Carolyn House Stewart.

Incoming International President of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc. Also at the brunch, Dr. Wonso Hayes, president of the local chapter, presented a pledged donation of $26,000 to Dr. Beckley—to be paid in full by December 31, 2011. Dr. Juanita Sims Doty and attorney Carolyn Stewart, incoming International President of Alph- a Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. accepted the presentation along with Dr. Beckley.

Attention Campus Organizations! To Organization Advisors and Presidents

The information listed below is needed for your organization for the 2010-2011 academic year. This information must be on file in our office before you will be allowed to schedule any type of activity or participate in the Leaders Forum. This information must be submitted to the Office of Student Affairs no later than April 12, 2010.

- List of members
- Names of Officers
- Names of Advisors (must have at least 2) Note: All advisors must have a letter of approval from their immediate supervisor. Also, all advisors must be approved by the Dean of Student Affairs.
- Goals and Objectives for 2010/2011
- Requested dates for activities (Dates will be given based on availability)

Organizations that do not turn in their activity schedule will not be granted any specific dates or weeks. If you have a regularly scheduled week and fail to submit an activity form, that week will be made available to others.

All events for FY 2011 will be scheduled prior to the end of this semester. Please contact our office for details at extension 4077 or 4075.

Should you have questions or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Dean of Students’ office.

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Pre-Alumni Council Members Raise Scholarship Funds via Phonathon

Members of the Pre-Alumni Council are working the phones to request contributions to Rust College. The students—along with advisors Mrs. Shirley Dillard, Director of Alumni Development, and Ms. Patricia Willis, Assistant Director of Alumni Development—are working continuously to raise money for the College. Those participating in the Phonathon are Antonio Leigh, Chase Carr, Milya J. Moore, Aminah J. Farrakh-An-Muhammad, Cecelia Smith, Braque Talley, Stefan White, Rosshoundria Williamson, Kimberly Woods, Jonas Tellis, LaKendric Williams and Marcus Bradley.

Working the phones: Antonio Leigh, Chase Carr, Milya J. Moore, and Aminah J. Farrakh-An-Muhammad. Also pictured: Pre-Alumni Council Advisors Mrs. Shirley Dillard and Ms. Patricia Willis.

Scholarship Opportunities

2009 National Black MBA Association
Rafael Dodd Graduate Scholarship Application
Memphis Chapter

Requirements for Memphis Chapter NBMBAA Graduate Scholarship Award:
1. Applicants must be minority students pursuing a graduate degree (PhD, MBA, MPH, EdD, DBA, etc…) at the time of award or will be enrolled in a graduate program during calendar year 2010.
2. Applicants must submit a two-page, double-spaced, type-written essay in response to the following topic: “How do corporate talent management processes contribute to the gender pay disparity in the workplace?”
3. Applicants must submit an official or unofficial college transcript(s) with their application.

A completed application, two-page essay and transcript(s) must be postmarked by March 26, 2010 and submitted via email to:
2009 National Black MBA Association
Graduate Scholarship Program
NBMBAA Memphis Chapter
vpfunddevelopment@nbmbaamemphis.org

Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office.

Haitian Student Thanks Rust College for Assistance Following Quake

Rust College junior Sophia Phanord was one of the millions of people affected by the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that hit Haiti in January. Her family, along with other residents of the small nation, are still working to recover the area and work through the distressing aftermath of the quake. In a letter to Rust College, Ms. Phanord thanks faculty members and her fellow students for their generosity and support.

“My name is Sophia Phanord. I want to thank, in a particular manner, everyone who has used his/her resources in order to help my family to get through the crisis that the Haitian population is facing daily. I want to thank Dean Fleming-Hunter and Dean Hymon for their generosity, kindness, and patience through that journey. I also want to thank every faculty member and the administration of Rust College for their support. I also want to ask everybody to keep us in their prayers because the media is gone, but the effects of the disaster are still as fresh and recent as it was two months ago.”

According to Dr. Sheila Fleming-Hunter, The Rust College Haiti Relief Fund Campaign raised $2,165 through faculty, staff, and student contributions. Those donations were provided to the families of Ms. Phanord and Jennifer Plantin of the Division of Business. The funds to the Phanord family were wired directly to Sophia’s brother in Petionville, Haiti, to help with basic necessities for approximately thirty people—twenty of whom were children. The funds for the Plantin family assisted in the cost of air travel for Plantin’s grandmother and youngest brother from Haiti to Dallas, Texas.

Students Attend HBCU Conference in Washington, D.C.

Three students traveled to the nation’s capital March 4-7, to attend an inaugural Historically Black College and University Leadership Conference held on the campus of Howard University.

Lauren Lawson, LaKendric Williams, and Danielle Caradine attended workshops on how to improve student government and establish more activities. They were able to enjoy the sights and sounds of Washington, D.C. and attend the HBCU pageant hosted by actress/entertainer Sheryl Lee Ralph. Representatives from nearly all HBCUs around the country were in attendance.

The students were sent to the conference by the Student Government Association (SGA). Lauren Lawson is a graduating senior and print secretary for SGA. LaKendric Williams is a graduating senior and SGA Chaplain. Danielle Caradine is the vice president of her freshmen class.

Rust Professor Receives Promotion

Mrs. Martha Stovall, who has taught at Rust for 15 years, was recently appointed Assistant Professor of Psychology. Along with the promotion, Mrs. Stovall received an extended contract with the College. Mrs. Stovall has earned her Master’s degree in Sociology and 45 hours in psychology, having attended Roosevelt University in Chicago, Illinois; the University of Detroit in Detroit, Michigan; Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tennessee; and the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee.

Mrs. Stovall is married to Division of Social Science chair, Dr. A.J. Stovall, and they have five sons and two daughters.