



# Announcing!



### IN CASE OF EMERGENCY...

Emergency notifications for students, faculty and staff will be handled by mass email, Channel 19, WURC 88.1 FM, RC-TV 2, 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 emergencies ONLY and will not be distributed.

### Emergency Numbers:

Security office: 662-252-8090  
Security guard on duty: 662-216-3449



## SIGN UP FOR YOUR FLU SHOT

Arrangements have been made with Byhalia Clinic to give the seasonal flu shot on campus for \$5. If you would like to receive the vaccine, please sign up with Nurse Jacqueline Jones at the Student Health Center or Mrs. Carolyn Hymon, Dean of Students.

## WIN TICKETS TO SEE MAXWELL IN CONCERT

October 20, 2009 at **FedExForum**<sup>SM</sup>

The Pre-Alumni Council is raffling concert tickets to see Maxwell, Common, and Chrisette Michele. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Pre-Alumni Council members or the Office of Alumni Development in Oakview Mansion.

MAXWELL BLACKsummers'night

Raffle Tickets: \$2.00  
Drawing will be held October 16



Chrisette Michele



Common

-Dr. David L. Beckley, '67, President    -Dr. Ishmell H. Edwards, '71, Vice President    -Mr. Ray V. Autry, PR Director  
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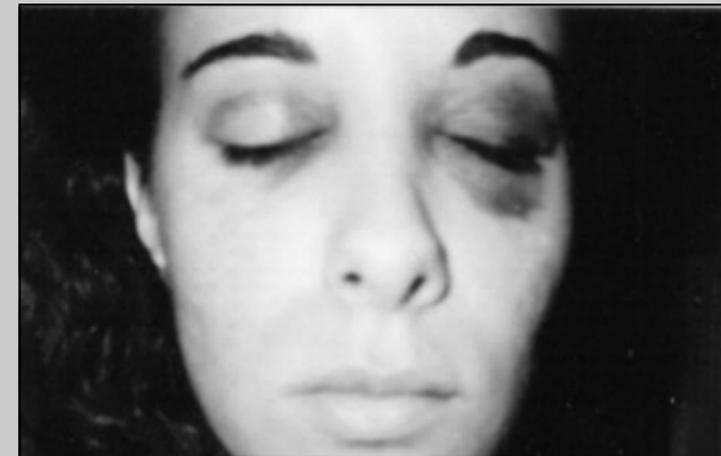
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## October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Have you ever been abused by someone you thought loved you? Do you have a friend or know someone who is being abused? Are you dependent on someone who likes to control you? Are you in an abusive relationship that you are afraid to leave because of lack of support from family or friends, or because of lack of money? Nothing about a punch, slap, push, choke, or kick means love.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and throughout the month, the Rust College Office of Student Affairs will be hosting programs to inform students about the dangers of being in an abusive relationship, and where people can find help. An assembly on domestic violence held October 1, was the first of several events scheduled. Mrs. Shelley Jackson, Retention Coordinator Counselor, began the assembly with a powerful poem about domestic abuse called "I Got Flowers Today", then gave vital statistics on domestic violence.

Mrs. Carolyn Hymon, Dean of Students, also spoke and broke down the definition and different types of domestic violence. **Domestic violence means intentional acts of physical, emotional, verbal or sexual abuse that a current intimate partner uses to maintain power and control.** Dating violence, sexual assault and stalking are the three forms of domestic violence. Rust College is involved in a special project to reduce violent crimes against women on historically black college campuses. The program is called Project STOP NOW!: Students Taking Opportunity for Prevention by Noticing On-campus-violence against Women. Project STOP NOW! is the first special initiative to be awarded by the U.S. Department of Justice—Office on Violence Against Women, that focuses on providing training and technical assistance to UNCF member colleges and universities for the purpose of implementing campus programs and policies that increase the prevention of violent crimes committed against women. For more information on Project STOP NOW!, go to <http://www.uncfsp.org/STOP-NOW>. (Violence, cont'd page 3)



Mrs. Shelley Jackson read a poem about domestic violence during assembly Thursday, October 1, 2009



### Student Focus: Braque Talley, Junior

Braque Talley, a junior at Rust College, has a goal in place and the mind to accomplish it. The Starkville, Mississippi native is majoring in English - Liberal Arts and plans to go to law school upon graduation. He wants to become a criminal defense attorney and philanthropist – working to help young black males.

"I think there's a disconnect between older black males and boys," he said, which he believes is a big problem in the African American community. Talley is applying for a summer program at Harvard University which would focus on African Americans who attend historically black colleges and universities. He hopes to be accepted into Harvard Law School after leaving Rust, but is also interested in other Ivy League law programs.



Talley stays busy not only with his studies, but with several organizations. He was class president of his freshman and sophomore classes and still holds the position of president for the junior class. He is a member of Sigma Tau Delta-National English Honor Society, the Pre-Law Club, and the President's Leaders Forum. Talley is also an ambassador for the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church. He was one of the "Top 40 Under 40" for Oktibbeha County, Mississippi and was recently nominated for UNCF Male Student of the Year.

### Financial Aid Opportunities

#### The Alma L. Fields Scholarship

Students must meet the following criteria:

- Must have a least a 2.2 GPA
- Active member of the United Methodist Church
- Recommended by Pastor or church administrator
- Complete a 200-word essay
- African American

Applications are available in the Financial Aid office

Return all applications to Ms. Scruggs by December 15, 2009

Scholarship amount: \$1,000

#### Wells Fargo/UNCF Scholarship 2009-2010

- Sophomores and Juniors may apply
- Must have GPA of 2.5 or better
- Applicant must apply for FAFSA and be Pell eligible

Application Deadline: October 31

Applicants can apply at [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

First time users must register at <https://applyonline.uncf.org>

For more information, visit the Financial Aid office

Scholarship amount: \$2,000

#### Mayor Douglas Palmer-Trenton/UNCF Scholarship Program

- Provides assistance to students from Trenton, NJ attending a UNCF institution or HBCU
- Must have GPA of 2.5 or better
- Must be Pell eligible
- Provides up to \$3,000

Application Deadline: October 31

Applicants can apply at [www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)

First time users must register at <https://applyonline.uncf.org>

For more information, contact Girmu Habte, UNCF 703-205-3475



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#### Domestic Violence Warning Signs:

- Visible bruises
- Unexplained and/or frequent absences from work or school
- Declining work/class performance
- Seems fearful, depressed or anxious
- Frequent calls from significant other
- Has to report all activity to significant other

#### Three Forms of Domestic Violence (according to Project STOP NOW!)

**Dating violence** affects women regardless of age, but teens and young adults (ages 16-24) are the most vulnerable. The #1 killer of African American females ages 15-34 is homicide at the hands of a partner or ex-partner.

**Sexual Assault** is any sexual conduct or contact that is non-consensual: Rape, attempted rape, child molestation, incest, sexual harassment. Sexual assault is the second most common violent crime committed on college campuses.

**Stalking** refers to any harassing or threatening behavior that happens repeatedly—such as following, showing up at someone's home or workplace, frequent phone calls, texts, messages, emails, etc., and property damage.

#### National Statistics (Source: The Domestic Violence Resource Center):

- One in four women (25%) has experienced domestic violence in her lifetime.
- Estimates range from 960,000 incidents of violence against a current or former spouse, boyfriend, or girlfriend to 3 million women who are physically abused by their husband or boyfriend per year.
- Women accounted for 85% of the victims of intimate partner violence, men for approximately 15%.
- Women of all races are about equally vulnerable to violence by an intimate partner.
- Nearly three out of four (74%) of Americans personally know someone who is or has been a victim of domestic violence.
- On average, more than three women and one man are murdered by their intimate partners in this country every day.
- Approximately one in five female high school students reports being physically and/or sexually abused by a dating partner.
- One in five teens in a serious relationship reports having been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner.
- In a national survey of American families, 50% of the men who frequently assaulted their wives also frequently abused their children.
- Three in four women (76%) who reported they had been raped and/or physically assaulted since age 18 said that an intimate partner (current or former husband, cohabiting partner, or date) committed the assault
- Annually in the United States, 503,485 women are stalked by an intimate partner.
- Eighty percent of women who are stalked by former husbands are physically assaulted by that partner and 30 percent are sexually assaulted by that partner.



*I got flowers today. It wasn't my birthday or any other special day.*

*We had our first argument last night, And he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me.*

*I know he is sorry and didn't mean the things he said.*

*Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today.*

*It wasn't our anniversary any other special day.*

*Last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me.*

*It seemed like a nightmare.*

*I couldn't believe it was real.*

*I woke up this morning sore and bruised all over.*

*I know he must be sorry.*

*Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today, and it wasn't Mother's Day or any other special day.*

*Last night, he beat me up again. And it was much worse than all the other times.*

*If I leave him, what will I do?*

*How will I take care of my kids?*

*What about money?*

*I'm afraid of him and scared to leave.*

*But I know he must be sorry.*

*Because he sent me flowers today.*

*I got flowers today.*

*Today was a very special day.*

*It was the day of my funeral.*

*Last night, he finally killed me.*

*He beat me to death.*

*If only I had gathered enough courage and strength to leave him,*

*I would not have gotten flowers...today.*

*By Paulette Kelly, 1992*

If you or someone you know at Rust College is being abused and need help, please contact Dean Carolyn Hymon at extension 4077 or Mrs. Shelley Jackson at extension 4907.