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

Announcing!

WIN TICKETS TO SEE MAXWELL IN CONCERT

October 20, 2009 at FedExForum

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.

Raffle Tickets: $2.00
Drawing will be held October 16

Common
Chrisette Michele

SIGN UP FOR YOUR
FLU SHOT

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)
Domestic Violence Warning Signs:

- Visible bruises
- Unexplained and/or frequent absences from work or school
- 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 91 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.
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If you or someone you know at Rust College is being abused and need help, please contact Dean Carolyn Byman at extension 4077 or Mrs. Shelley Jackson at extension 4907.