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

ATTENTION FACULTY & STAFF,
DATATEL UPDATES STILL IN PROGRESS. PLEASE DO NOT LOG IN TO DATATEL UNTIL YOU ARE NOTIFIED AGAIN.

Attention Junior Class:
If you are interested in the following open positions:
- SGA Representative
- Press Secretary
- Chaplain
- Mr. Junior
Please come for a brief meeting Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 9:45 p.m. in classroom 105 of the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center (Gym)

WIN AN XBOX 360!
The Gamma Psi Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma will be raffling off tickets to win an Xbox 360 October 12-16. You can purchase a ticket during those days at the Brown Mass Communications Building from 11:30-1:00 p.m. and from 4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
Tickets are $1.00

WIN TICKETS TO SEE MAXWELL IN CONCERT
October 20, 2009 at
The Pre- Alumni Council is raffling concert tickets to see Maxwell, Fantasia and CeCe Winbush. Raffle tickets can be purchased from Pre-Alumni Council members of the Office of Alumni Development.

Raffle Ticket $2.00
Drawing will be held on October 15, 2009

Students Raise Money for Breast Cancer Awareness
Students from the Rust College Human Growth and Development class held a walk-a-thon Saturday, October 3, 2009, to raise awareness and money for breast cancer. According to Mrs. Martha Stovall, who helped coordinate the event, the students were able to raise more than $750 Saturday morning. With radio and television interviews on Rust College’s WURC 88.1 and RC-TV 2, along with class presentations given on Friday, the students and sponsors were able to get the word out about breast cancer support and education. Dr. Gemma Beckley, Chairperson for the Department of Social Work, spoke with students during their class time to discuss the importance of breast cancer awareness.

“All of our lives have been touched with breast cancer. I’m sure each of us have had friends who have had to go through this some time in their life,” Dr. Beckley said. Dr. Beckley is a board member for the Edna B. and Joyce Fay Washington Breast Cancer Foundation Inc., which was organized in 1993 with a burning desire to celebrate life. The foundation serves primarily those in the African American community who are medically underserved, by providing outreach and a support group for those diagnosed with breast cancer. The walk-a-thon began at the Holly Springs Multi-Purpose Center and continued as walkers circled the track at Rust College. The fundraiser was set up to help support the Memphis chapter of Sisters Network, Inc., an African American breast cancer survivorship organization. Sisters Network, Inc. promotes the importance of support, breast health education, advocacy, and research.

For more information about Sisters Network, Inc. go to www.sistersnetworkinc.org

Students participated in the breast cancer walk-a-thon on Saturday, October 3, 2009.

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Two Mississippi Writers Featured in 12th Annual Ernest A. & Milverta Smith Lecture Series

Rust College welcomed two Mississippi authors on Thursday, October 1, 2009. Mrs. Patricia Neely-Dorsey of Tupelo, Mississippi and Mr. John W. Campbell of Starkville, Mississippi shared their work with the students and staff as part of the 12th Annual Ernest A. & Milverta Smith Lecture Series, in conjunction with the 2009-2010 Lyceum Series.

Mrs. Patricia Neely-Dorsey is a 1982 graduate of Tupelo High School. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Boston University in Boston, Massachusetts. Her first book, Reflections of a Mississippi Magnolia: A Life in Poems, was published by GrantHouse Publishers in February 2008. Using childhood memories, personal thoughts and dreams, Mrs. Dorsey offers a positive glimpse into southern life. Dorsey says, “there are so many negative connotations associated with Mississippi and the south in general. I want to show a flip side of the coin. There is much to love about this much maligned and misunderstood part of our country.”

Rev. John W. Campbell was raised in Inverness, Mississippi. He graduated from Indiana University and has a communications degree from Mississippi Valley State University. Campbell earned his barber’s license and helped open barber colleges throughout the state of Mississippi. He currently sits on the Mississippi Barber Examiners’ Board. Also an inventor, Campbell is the maker of Smooth! Skin Therapy and Shaver’s Choice. His latest patent submission is for a home security product called the Ram-Lock. In 2007, Rev. Campbell published his life story in a book called, “Daydreaming on my Cotton Sack”.

The next Lyceum Series event will be held Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Four speakers will discuss the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, and also give a video presentation. The event will be held in the Morehouse Auditorium of the Doxey Fine Arts Building. The public is invited to attend.

Financial Aid Notes

The Rust College Refund Policy:
- The Student Refund list is generated weekly by the Cashier’s office and sent to the Financial Aid Office for approval.
- The list once approved, will be sent back to the Cashier’s Office to process the checks.
- Refund checks are processed on Thursday of each week.
- Refund checks are issued each Friday after 2:00 p.m. at the Cashier’s Office located on the 1st floor of the Administration Building.
- A weekly student refund list will be posted in front of the Cashier’s Window. Check weekly for your name.
- First Time loan borrowers must wait 30 days after the date of Enrollment before their loans can be processed.
- If your award includes a loan, you must complete the loan application. First-time borrower website: https://opennet.salliemae.com.
- All loan checks will be charged a loan fee of 1.5% on each loan.
- Example: Loan Amount: $2,750 x 1.5 = $41.25
- $2,750 – $41.25 = Check amount: $2,708.75
- Remember, all Loans must be repaid with interest six months after you leave school or drop below half time six hours.
- If you are enrolled with less than full time 12 hours, please pick up additional hours the 2nd module.

House Bill Increases Access to Higher Education at No Cost to Taxpayers

New Bill to Provide Funding to HBCUs

In a press release sent to Rust College, House Majority Whip James E. Clyburn released a statement in support of the passing of the recent House bill, the Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (SAFRA). This legislation makes the single largest investment to help students and families pay for college at no cost to taxpayers.

“Under this bill, the federal student loan system will save more than $87 billion,” Clyburn said. “Of that, $77 billion from those savings will go right back into financial aid and helping more students obtain a higher education and realize the American dream.”

Clyburn said because Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) and Minority Serving Institutions (MSIs) face unique funding challenges, SAFRA will provide those schools with $2.55 billion over the next ten years, “to provide students with the support they need to stay in school and graduate... Funding will go toward recruiting, retention and enhancing campus resources.”

Clyburn said students will benefit from the bill because it will help more students graduate with fewer loans by allowing a $40 billion investment in Pell Grants. The legislation will also stabilize the federal student loan program; students and parents will be able to receive the same loans with added assurance that the loans are entirely reliable, regardless of the state of the economy. It will also allow state, non-profit leaders and private industry to continue providing loans.

With tuition costs at both public and private colleges on the rise, the bill is a major step forward in President Obama’s initiative to make sure America once again leads the world in college graduates by 2020.