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: 662-216-3429

The Rust College family would like to extend condolences to Dr. Nellie J. Smith, whose husband, Mr. Levi Smith, has passed away. Mr. Smith will be funeralized Saturday, November 7 at 12:00 p.m. at Christ Temple Church of God in Christ. Family Night will be held at Brittum Funeral Home from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

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 Window 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://openet.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
$2,790 - $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.

Note: When you log on to www.blackamericaweb.com, click on the link featuring Tom Joyner in the colorful robe on the left side of the page.

143rd Bell Ringing Ceremony Held at Asbury U. M. Church

Students, alumni, faculty, staff and friends of Rust College gathered Sunday morning, November 1st at Asbury United Methodist Church to ring in the 143rd celebration of the founding of Rust College. The service was led by Dr. David L. Beckley and Rev. Edward Moses, pastor of Asbury. Drs. David and Gemma Beckley led the procession of people who rang the historic bell which sits just outside the church.

Rust College began in the basement of Asbury Church; founded in 1866 by the Freedman’s Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Rust is the oldest of the eleven Historically Black Colleges and Universities related to the United Methodist Church, and one of the remaining five historically black colleges in America founded before 1867.

Every year, Rustites and Asbury members gather to celebrate the founding of Rust College by ringing the bell for each year of the school’s existence. Included this year were Dr. Ishmell Edwards, Vice President, Ms. Emma Miller, Director of Church and Parent Relations, Mrs. Shirley Dillard, Director of Alumni Development, Dr. Paul Lamplcy, Vice President for Assessment, Miss Rust Cynthia Smith, Hakim Ameen, SGA President, junior Braque Talley, and several others.

The rest of the Founders events will begin Sunday, November 8 and go on until Sunday, November 15. The 143rd Founders’ Convocation will be held at 11:00 a.m. November 15 in Morehouse Auditorium of the Doxey Fine Arts Building. Dr. Leslie B. Mclemore, ’64, will be the speaker. Mclemore is a political science professor at Jackson State University, a city council member and the immediate past mayor of Jackson, Mississippi.
Students, Faculty Participate in Mass Communications Week

Rust College welcomed several speakers, some former students, to campus last week to celebrate Mass Communications Week. Students and faculty members listened throughout the week, led by industry professionals such as Dr. Juliana DaSilva Trammel, ‘01, Assistant Professor at Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia, Randy Paige, ‘86, Director of Photography for Paige McBride Entertainment in Memphis, Tennessee, and Earl Thigpen, ‘98, associate director at ESPN in Bristol, Connecticut.

Panel discussions were held throughout the week, led by industry professionals such as Jabari Oliver, ‘05, who works with hip-hop internet sites MemphisRap.com and HiphopRx.com. Also participating in Mass Comm. week was Rev. James W. Hare, ‘01, who was the speaker for the Mass Communications assembly held at the Doxey building on Thursday, October 29.

Presentations were given by Jabari Oliver, ‘05, who spoke to mass communications students about his experiences in the industry of communications and hip-hop.

Rust College was represented Friday night, October 30, at the 2009 UNCF Mayors’ Masked Ball by Miss Rust Cynphonie Smith and SGA President Hakim Ameen. The ball was held at the Jackson Marriott Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi, benefiting Rust and Tougaloo Colleges. On the program were Vice President Ishmell Edwards, who welcomed everyone to the event, and Rev. Edward Moses, pastor of Ashby United Methodist Church, who delivered greetings on behalf of Holly Springs Mayor Andre’ Delkerry.

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Guests were entertained by the soulful sounds of Ray, Goodman & Brown.

Rust Students Nominated to Represent Rust for United Methodist Church

Two Rust College students were recently nominated for the Lina H. McCord Summer Intern Program of the Black College Fund of the United Methodist Church. Senior William Montgomery and junior Violet Mango will run against nominees from the ten other historically black colleges and universities affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

If selected, Mr. Montgomery and Ms. Mango will travel to various annual conferences of the United Methodist Church to speak about the history and benefits of Rust College; a task in which Mr. Montgomery has experience. Both students were selected by President Beckley to show the diversity of the Rust College campus.

The selections will be made by the Office of the Black College Fund and Ethnic Concerns of the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville, Tennessee.

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Black College Fund

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Violet Mango, Junior, Business Administration

Miss Rust Cyphonie Smith, with Miss Tougaloo College Teressa Fulgham