Announcements

ASP Post Test
Wednesday, December 7, 2011
McCarty-Varnell BCS Building, Heard Auditorium

No make-up exam will be given under any circumstances

College Reading: 8:15 a.m.—9:15 a.m.
Basic English: 9:30 a.m.—10:35 a.m.
Basic Math: 10:45 a.m.—12:15 p.m.

This test is mandatory if you are enrolled in the above courses!

Rust College Annual Christmas Dinner
You are cordially invited to attend the Rust College Annual Christmas Dinner in Shaw Cafeteria on December 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. We will begin serving at 5:15 p.m.

This is a semi-formal affair (Men: Suits with dress shirt and tie or dress slacks with dress shirt and tie; Female: dresses or pant suits). NOTE: JEANS, JEAN SKIRTS, AND SNEAKERS ARE NOT ALLOWED. Everyone is asked to dress accordingly. If you are inappropriately dressed, you will not be permitted to enter. Because of limited space, this affair is restricted to Rust College Students, Faculty, Staff, and Administrators ONLY. All students, including non-boarding students, must pick up a ticket in order that we may give the cafeteria an accurate count of persons attending.

In an effort to curtail problems, tickets should be presented before entering. Tickets may be picked up beginning Monday, November 28, 2011, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The deadline for picking up tickets is 12:00 noon, Monday, December 5, 2011.

Ticket Locations
Students, Faculty, and Staff: Dean of Students Office - 2nd Floor Administration Building

Time to Pick Up Tickets: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

We look forward to dining with you on this occasion. Should you have questions, please feel free to contact this office. YOU MUST HAVE A TICKET TO ENTER.

Everyone is encouraged to remain until the end of the program.

One (1) AEP Point will be given to students attending the Program. AEP Cards will be taken up at the end of the program.

NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE ONLY DINNER MEAL SERVED ON DECEMBER 7, 2011.
Students Present Thesis at MS Political Science Conference

Three Rust College Political Science majors presented their senior thesis at the Mississippi Political Science Association’s annual meeting at Millsaps College in Jackson, November 11, 2011. Their papers were presented during the Undergraduate Panel “Local Politics in Mississippi”.

Mahogany Cassidy’s thesis “Comparing Welfare Benefits in Mississippi and Tennessee; Regina Roger’s thesis “Rust College Student Voting from 2004-2011: Did It Make a Difference in the Election Outcomes of Marshall County, Mississippi”; and Kimberly Miller’s, thesis “The Effectiveness of the Holly Springs Chamber of Commerce”; were prepared as requirements for the majors in Political Science. Their papers are being considered for awards by the Mississippi Political Science Association.

Left to right: Mahogany Cassidy, Regina Rogers, and Kimberly Miller made presentation during the annual MS Political Science Association conference in Jackson, Mississippi.

Omegas Celebrate 100 Years

The men of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc. gathered the week of Thursday, November 17 to honor and pay homage to their founding fathers and to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the fraternity.

Several events were held in celebration of the historic anniversary, including a pageant in which Ms. Jasmine Crawford was crowned Miss Omega Psi Phi 2011-2012. A luncheon was held at the David L. Beckley Conference Center Thursday afternoon; keynote speaker for the luncheon, as well as the AEP assembly was Mr. Michael J. Smith of Southaven, Mississippi. Smith received his Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Rust College, and his Masters and Educational Specialist degrees in Education Administration from the University of Mississippi. In 1988-89, Smith was President of the Memphis Rust College Alumni Club; under his leadership, they received an award for Alumni Club of the Year.

The men of Kappa Beta honored Christopher C. Green with the “Omega Man of the Year” award. Christopher is a junior from Memphis, Tennessee. Also, in celebration of the fraternity’s 100th birthday, and in honor of the Kappa Beta chapter’s 40 years, the brothers unveiled their new monument, placed on the campus of Rust College.

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According to Dr. Zhu, the goal of the project is to train African American undergraduate students to identify important genes related to drought tolerance and resistance in common wheat, by using gene information. Three biology students, Taesha Simmons, Manundance Ceceay, and Lolley Ceceay will receive the plant breeding research internship training under the TCAP project mentor supervision (Dr. Zhu) at Rust College during the academic year. Taesha Simmons will participate in the TCAP 2012 summer research project at Colorado State University.

Dr. Zhu says she submitted the proposal for this project because it will open a door for minority students by encouraging interest in breeding and will improve student understanding of the principles of genetics.

Thanksgiving Giveaway

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The basket was prepared by Ms. Pearly Jones, Student Support Services Secretary and RCAEOP Long-Range Planning Committee Chair.

Rust College + Cell Phones = HOPE

Ms. Alicia Roberts, 2012 Miss Mississippi Outstanding Teen, is asking Rust College faculty, staff, and students to join her in collecting old cell phones to be recycled in support of providing medical care for mothers and babies in Africa and developing nations. Ms. Roberts is a 15 year-old native of Shannon, Mississippi. She has set a goal of collecting 2500 unused cell phones by May 2012 to support this worldwide effort.

So free those old cell phones from your drawers and give them a new life saving others! A collection box is set up in the Dean of Students office (2nd Floor, A Building) The campus contact for this project is Mr. Andrew “Blake” Birks, a sophomore at Rust. For more information, please call 662-213-7800.

Thanks,
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