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

Ford, in partnership with the Tom Joyner Foundation, is challenging students, alumni, faculty and friends to conduct test drives at local dealerships to support our alma mater.

Show your school spirit! Join Ford and the Tom Joyner Foundation in support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Through January 4, 2010, Ford and the Tom Joyner Foundation challenge you to visit your Ford or Lincoln Mercury dealer and take a test drive. For each test drive, Ford will make a $25 donation to the Tom Joyner Foundation on behalf of your favorite HBCU, up to $250,000.

The goal of the program is to secure a total of 10,000 test drives before the program ends in January with $25 being donated for each test drive taken. Please log on to www.blackamericaweb.com for information on how you can “Drive One for Your HBCUs”.

Our Deepest Sympathy…

Dear Colleagues,

Mrs. Mary Augusta Smith, mother of Clarence Smith, Registrar, passed on yesterday, November 30, 2009. She will be funeralized on Sunday, Dec. 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. in Columbus, MS. Her body is at Lee Sykes Funeral Home, 422 12th Street, North, Columbus, MS 39701. The funeral will be at the West Lowndes High School, 644 S. Frontage Road, Columbus, MS. Let us keep Mr. Smith and his family in our prayers during this time of bereavement.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR: DECEMBER 2009

December 7: Last Day to Apply for Spring Graduation
December 9: Christmas Dinner (all campus)
December 14-18: Dead Week-No activities
December 17-18: Final Exams (2nd module)
December 18: Christmas Vacation begins for students (after finals)
December 19: Residence halls close at 5:00 p.m.
December 21: Christmas Vacation begins for faculty (after grades reported)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Mississippi Humanities Council Presents
Dr. Sandra Chambers Vaughn
Mississippi Humanities Council Faculty of the Year

Rust College political science professor Dr. Sandra Chambers Vaughn has been selected for the 2009-2010 Mississippi Humanities Council Faculty of the Year Award. As part of the distinguished honor, she will present her research Wednesday evening on “Ethics in Higher Education”, for which she prepared by studying ethics in our everyday life, ethical dilemmas, affirmative action and philosophers Aristotle, Plato, Augustine, and Aquinas. The lecture will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in the Heard Auditorium of the McCarty-Varnell Business, Computer, & Social Science Building at Rust College. The public is invited to attend.

Dr. Vaughn received her bachelor’s degree from Wilberforce University in Wilberforce, Ohio and her Ph.D. in political science from Howard University. She completed her post-doctoral study in political science at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, and also attended law school and theological seminary. She has received numerous awards and honors throughout her career, including the 2008-2009 Rust College Exemplary Teacher Award, sponsored by the United Methodist Church.

Dr. Vaughn joined the Rust College faculty in August 2006, and is coordinator of the Political Science department. She has one daughter who received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and is now in her second year of medical school at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Gemma Beckley Receives NAFEO Noble Prize Laureate Award

Congratulations to Dr. Gemma D. Beckley, Trustee Distinguished Professor of Social Work and Chair of the Department, upon receiving the 2009 National Association for Equal Opportunity (NAFEO) noble prize Laureate Award. The award is presented annually by NAFEO to faculty of member schools based on outstanding teacher and commitment of the mission of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The public presentation of the award was announced at the NAFEO Annual Meeting in Atlanta, GA. Dr. Beckley expresses thanks to her divisional colleagues for the nomination.
Sophomores, NAACP Members Bring Fun & Games to Trinity Mission

Members of the Rust College NAACP, along with the sophomore class, participated in a community service project Saturday, November 21, 2009. The students led residents of Trinity Mission Rehabilitation Center in Holly Springs, Mississippi, in games of bingo, where winners were awarded prizes and a good time was had by all.

H1N1 Vaccines Available to Students, Faculty and Staff

Nurses from Williams Medical Clinic in Holly Springs were on campus November 23rd and December 2nd to vaccinate Rust College students and personnel against the H1N1 flu virus. If you would like to receive the H1N1 flu shot at NO COST, you can visit the Student Health Center Wednesday, December 9 and Wednesday, December 16 from 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Take these everyday steps to protect your health:

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after you use it.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.
- Try to avoid close contact with sick people.
- If you are sick with flu-like illness, CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. (Your fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) Keep away from others as much as possible to keep from making others sick. (Source: Centers for Disease Control)

A student received her H1N1 flu shot at the Student Health Center.

Rust College
Annual Christmas Dinner

You are cordially invited to attend our Rust College Annual Christmas Dinner in Shaw Cafeteria on December 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. The doors will open for the serving line at 5:15 p.m., in order that the program may start at 6:00 p.m. Note: Classes regularly scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm will meet at 7:30 pm on December 9, 2009.

This is a semi-formal affair (Men: Suits and ties; Female: dresses or pant suits). 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 Tuesday, December 1, 2009 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. The deadline for picking up tickets is 12 noon, Tuesday, December 8, 2009.

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.

NOTE: THIS WILL BE THE ONLY DINNER MEAL SERVED ON DECEMBER 9, 2009.