Rust College to Celebrate 146 Years of Education & Service

Rust College is gearing up for its 146th Founders’ week, beginning November 4, 2012. The annual bell-ringing ceremony, Sunday November 4, will begin the Founders’ week activities at Asbury United Methodist Church. The ceremony will be held at 9:30 a.m., before worship service, to pay homage to the founders of Rust College and to celebrate the institution’s 146 years of existence. Led by Rust College President and First Lady Drs. David L. and Gemma Beckley, faculty and staff members, students, and church members will ring the bell at Asbury United Methodist Church 146 times to commemorate each year of Rust College’s service to the community.

The Golden Anniversary classes of Rust College and Mississippi Industrial College (Class of 1962) and the Silver Anniversary class of Rust College (Class of 1987) will be honored during the Alumni and Friends Awards Banquet on Friday evening, November 9 at 6:00 p.m. at Shaw Cafeteria. Each class member will be presented a commemorative diploma recognizing their class. Awards will be presented to donors who have given financial gifts to the College during the fiscal year.

The crowning of Miss Rust College 2012-2013 will take place following the banquet during the Coronation and Ball at 8:30 p.m. Friday evening. Miss Shakaree M. Hale, a native of Crenshaw, Mississippi, will take her throne amidst family, friends and peers. Shakaree is a Biology major who stays very active on campus in various clubs and organizations. As Miss Rust College, she serves on the Student Government Association; she is also a member of Alpha Kappa Mu National Honor Society, the E.A. Smith Honor Society, Pre-Alumni Council, Math and Science Club and the Theta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. The Coronation and Ball will take place in the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center.

Come out and enjoy a parade on Saturday morning, November 10. The annual Founders’ Day Parade, a Rust College and Holly Springs tradition, will welcome bands, cheer and dance teams, local and regional churches, schools and organizations to strut their stuff around the Holly Springs Square. The parade will begin promptly at 11:00 a.m. The annual Concert of Bands will follow the parade at 1:00 p.m. in the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center.

The Bearcats and Lady Bearcats will battle it out on the hardwood during the Homecoming basketball game Saturday night. They will tip-off against the Magicians and Lady Magicians of LeMoyne-Owen College at 5:30 p.m. in the McMillan Multi-Purpose Center. This long-standing rivalry will bring in a capacity crowd so it is suggested that patrons get there early!

Rust College will welcome alumnus Dr. Lorenzo L. Esters, class of 1998, as keynote speaker during the 146th Founders’ Convocation. Esters received his Bachelor of Arts in English, graduating summa cum laude, from Rust College; a Master’s in English from Jackson State University, and his doctorate in Higher Education Administration from Morgan State University in 2007. Dr. Esters was recently named Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management at Kentucky State University. Esters was previously Vice President for the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities’ Office for Access and the Advancement of Public Black Universities (APLU).

The 146th Founders’ Convocation will be held in the Doxey Alumni Fine Arts-Communication Center on Sunday, November 11 at 11:00 a.m. For more information on Founders’ Week events, or if you would like to participate in the parade, contact the Office of Alumni Development and Public Relations, 662-252-8000, ext. 4911.
Theft on College Campuses: Protect Your Possessions!
(Source: CollegeStudentSafety.com)

One of the most common types of campus crime in this day and age is theft, including dorm room theft. Through this article you are presented with an overview of the top ten most common items that are being stolen on college campuses in this day and age, including from dorm rooms. The reality is that by coming to a clear understanding of what items are commonly stolen you will be in the best possible position to protect yourself from this type of campus crime.

When considering campus crime and college crime, property crimes of different types continue the top the list. By this it is meant that the majority of crimes that are reported on college campuses each year are thefts. (While violent crimes such as batteries and homicides garner huge headlines, it remains theft of personal property that is most ubiquitous on college and university campuses in the 21st century.) According to statistics from law enforcement authorities, the ten most common types of property items that are stolen as part of college crime include: cash, credit and debit cards, laptop computers, hand held electronics, bikes, televisions, other electronic devices, books, jewelry and materials that are misappropriated for identity theft.

One of the types of property commonly stolen from a college student – including in a dorm room theft – is cash, plain and simple. The fact is that there still are students who keep too much cash on hand in their dorm rooms (and in their pockets). A dorm room safe can be a useful tool in lessening the chance that you will be the victim of a theft of cash. As an aside, and along these same lines, a common campus crime at this point in time is the theft of credit and debit cards.

Statistics demonstrate that when it comes to college crime and items stolen on college campuses, laptop computers are also a major target of thieves. Laptops regularly are stolen as the result of dorm room theft. Moreover, laptops regularly are swiped in libraries, coffee shops and other areas at which students congregate.

Electronics of different types are also major targets when it comes to items that are stolen from college students. This includes hand held devices that students commonly use and have in their possession. Once again, these hand held devices – cell phones and iPods by way of example – are stolen as part of dorm room theft and are stolen from backpacks and other carriers when students are away from their dorm rooms.

Interestingly, there has been a marked increase in the number of bicycles that are being stolen on college and university campuses each term. According to law enforcement studies, one of the reasons is that there has been a sharp increase in the number of students (and professors for that matter) who are riding bikes with regularity. Moreover, the FBI and other law enforcement agencies believe that when it does come to college crime, the number of bikes that will be stolen in the immediate future is expected to climb upward even further due to the downturn in the economy.

Televisions remain fairly high on the list of stolen property, most sets obviously being taken as a part of dorm room theft or burglary. Additionally, in analyzing the statistics associated with college crime and dorm room theft, it is apparent that other types of electronics are also being stolen with regularity – further emphasizing the need to make sure that you do take steps to fully secure your own dorm room.

Books and class related supplies are also a fairly frequent target for thieves on campus. When it comes to this type of campus crime, books and the like are more frequently stolen at the start of a new term. Needless to say, the individuals involved in this type of college crime very likely are fellow students. As with the theft of bikes, this type of student crime is expected to increase as the economy becomes even more troublesome.

Quite like the rest of society, when it does come to dorm room theft, jewelry remains a prime target and on the top ten list. Yet again, this is still another reason why dorm room security is so crucial. Finally, over the past five years theft of documents and other materials from students (and the theft of information from computers) has become far more commonplace in the furtherance of identify theft. As is the case with the general public, when it comes to college student safety it is vital that a student take affirmative steps to protect his or her personal and financial information.
International Student Has Successful Internship with Memphis News Station

International student Caleb Owino is finishing his fall internship with WPTY/WLMT (ABC24-CW30) in Memphis, Tennessee. Owino is a mass communications major from Nairobi, Kenya.

Owino has gained experience in news broadcasting by learning to direct newscasts, edit video, adjust audio for live broadcasts, operate studio cameras, as well as prepare scripts for anchors and operate the teleprompter. He has also worked closely with the commercial production department who produces local and regional commercials for Mid-South businesses and organizations.

Owino says he hopes to enter the Master’s program in the Department of Communications at the University of Memphis upon his graduation from Rust College. He says he is excited about his opportunity to work at ABC24 and would like to take his experiences back to Africa when he returns.

“Everything has been so far, so good… the U.S. is treating me well,” he says about his experience coming to and living in America. “I like the education system in the U.S.”

“I plan to work in the U.S. for one or two years and then I plan to take my knowledge home to Kenya because they really need it there.”

Owino is currently classified as a junior, but says he is only three credits away from senior status. He hopes to graduate from Rust College in April 2013.

Lessye Lee Davis 4-H Club and Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.: Being a Service to All Mankind

By: Hope Green

The Theta Upsilon Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated (AKA) partnered with the Lessye Lee Davis 4-H Club for a community service project on Saturday, October 13, 2012 at Carlisle’s Big Star. The two organizations worked effortlessly to produce a canned food drive in the Holly Springs community. The children of the Lessye Lee Davis 4-H Club, along with the young women of Alpha Kappa Alpha, greeted customers at the door and asked for non-perishable food items or small monetary donations. The monetary donations were then taken into the grocery store and canned goods were purchased. The canned food drive had a very successful turnout and all proceeds went to New Hope Village in Holly Springs.

“It is the responsibility of the community of Holly Springs to assist and meet the challenges that are so obvious in today’s economy,” said Mary Hicks, 4-H Club Volunteer Leader. “The 4-H Club of Holly Springs meets that challenge with the yearly food drive. This year, with the assistance of the Theta Upsilon Chapter of AKA, we collected more than 400 items. We thank Carlisle’s Big Star and the Holly Springs community for their support.”
Announcements

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: 662-216-3429

A Great Day for a Parade!
If you would like to participate in the 146th Founders’ Day Parade, please contact the Office of Public Relations as soon as possible. Specify whether you will be entering a float or car/truck in the parade.
Call Mrs. Hicks at 662-252-8000 ext. 4911.

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION
Rust College Loan Disbursement and Refund Policy
Loan disbursement and refunds will be issued after authorized charges have been deducted (tuition, room & board, etc). Student must be enrolled in at least six (6) hours each module at the time refunds are disbursed.

Loan Disbursements (2nd Module)
All Students with “30” hours or less will have their loans disbursed to the college in (2) equal payments each semester:

2012 Fall Semester
1st Payment November 22, 2012
2nd Payment December 7, 2012

2013 Spring Semester
1st Payment January 16, 2013
2nd Payment February 28, 2013

If the student account shows a credit balance after payments have been applied to the student’s college expenses (tuition, room and board, etc.) a refund check will then be issued to the student no later than 14 days after the credit balance has been noted.

146th Founders’ Celebration Schedule
November 2012

Sunday, November 4, 2012
9:30 a.m. .......................Bell Ringing Ceremony
Asbury United Methodist Church

10:00 a.m. .......................Worship Service
Asbury United Methodist Church

Friday, November 9, 2012
1:00 p.m. ....................Alumni Registration & Fellowship
Oakview Mansion

6:00 p.m. .............Alumni & Friends Awards Banquet
Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communication Bldg.

8:30 p.m. ..........Coronation of Miss Rust College
McMillan Multi-Purpose Center—Gym

Saturday, November 10, 2012
8:30 a.m. ....................Alumni Registration
Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center

9:30 a.m. .......................Class Meetings
Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center

11:00 a.m. ........ Founders’ Parade

12:30 p.m. ..............Alumni Luncheon Meeting
Shaw Cafeteria, Brown Mass Communication Bldg.

1:00 p.m. .....................Concert of Bands
McMillan Multi-Purpose Center—Gym

5:30 p.m. ..........Homecoming Basketball Game
Rust College vs. LeMoyne-Owen College
McMillan Multi-Purpose Center—Gym

Sunday, November 11, 2012
9:30 a.m. .......................Memorial Service
Hillcrest Cemetery

11:00 a.m. ..........146th Founders’ Convocation
Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communication Center

Dr. David L. Beckley, ’67, President
Dr. Ishmell Edwards, ’71, Vice President for College Relations
Ms. Adrienne Phillips, Public Relations Specialist