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

IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

NEW Rust College Loan Disbursement and Refund Policy EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY

LOAN DISBURSEMENTS
For students who have less than 30 hours, loans will be disbursed to the College in two equal payments for the fall and spring semesters on the following dates:

2011 Fall Semester
1st payment…………...September 26, 2011
2nd payment…………...November 21, 2011

2012 Spring Semester
1st payment…………...January 17, 2012
2nd payment…………...March 19, 2012

REFUNDS
If the student account shows a credit balance after a payment has 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. Students MUST be enrolled in at least six hours each module at the time refund checks are disbursed.

ATTENTION STUDENTS

Rust College vs. LeMoyne-Owen College Basketball Games Saturday, November 12, 2011

All Rust College Students are to enter the McMillan Multi-Purpose Building at the West Side Entrance (Tennis Courts side). Students MUST have a Valid Rust College ID Badge to enter - Without ID Badge - $10.00 Admission Fee.

Only students with proper identification will be admitted through the West Side Doors. Everyone else must enter the Front Entrance.

All Guests are to enter the Front Entrance of the McMillan Multi-Purpose Building - Admission $10.00

ADMISSION FOR ALL GAMES
$10.00

The Mississippi Association of Educators

MAE will be raffling off TWO custom-made license plates during Founders’ week, November 7-12, 2011. Where: Cafeteria and around Campus
Time: Lunch and Dinner

YEARBOOK PICTURES
will be taken November 16-17, 2011 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Brown Mass Communications Building, Room 103
Call extension 4917 for more information

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Annual Bell-Ringing Ceremony Kicks Off Founders’ Celebration

Students, faculty, and administrators of Rust College, along with members of Asbury United Methodist Church, gathered at the historic church to begin the 145th Founders’ Week of Rust College.

The annual bell-ringing ceremony was held before worship service on Sunday, November 6, to pay homage to the founders of Rust College and to celebrate the institution’s 145 years of existence. Led by Rust College President and First Lady Drs. David L. and Geneva Beckley, the bell at Asbury U.M. Church was rung 145 times to commemorate each year of Rust College’s service to the community.

Dr. Beckley presided over morning worship service at Asbury, where 145 years ago, the first classes of Rust College were taught.

Also in attendance were the Rust College Band, led by Mr. Maurice Weatherall and the World Renowned Rust College A Cappella Choir, under the direction of Ms. Dorothy L. Jones.

Rust College will have activities throughout the week of November 10-13, 2011 to celebrate its homecoming:

Nov. 10, 2011, 8:00 p.m. – Crowning of Miss Rust College, Coronation and Ball – McMillan Multipurpose Center.
Nov. 12, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – Annual Founders’ Day Parade
Nov. 13, 2011, 11:00 a.m. – 145th Founders’ Convocation
Mr. John W. Johnson, ’68, Speaker

Miss Rust College, Valencia L. Rogers, rings the bell at Asbury United Methodist Church.

Dr. David L. Beckley presided over service at Asbury U.M. Church.

The World Renowned Rust College A Cappella Choir performs during worship service at Asbury on Sunday, November 6, 2011.
Students Hyped Up for Homecoming

The Student Government Association (SGA) has prepared a list of events for students to participate in during Founders’ Week at Rust College. Monday, November 7, crazy outfits took over campus as students participated in the first day of Spirit Week—Tacky Day.

Also on Monday, students represented their organizations with booths and information for those interested in joining. The annual SGA Organization Day is the chance for students to show off their organization and gain more support.

Students March to the Polls on Election Day

Rust College students, led by Division of Social Science Chair Dr. A.J. Stoval, marched to the polls early Tuesday, November 8 to express their right to vote in the Mississippi Election. Did you know, in 1975, Rust graduate Leroy Frazier (“74) won a federal lawsuit titled Frazier v. the State of Mississippi? The lawsuit addressed voter registration discrimination practices against college students who wanted to register and vote in the city where they were attending school. As a result, any college student is now permitted to register and vote in the city where they live while attending any college or university. The ruling changed the results of elections in small college towns throughout the country.

Dr. Beckley Honored by Wiley College—Building Renamed in Beckley’s Honor

Hannah DeClerk, Marshall News Messenger

Wiley College, while celebrating its 2011 Homecoming, paid tribute to its 12th president, Dr. David L. Beckley, who served the college from 1987 to 1993, with the naming of the institution’s student records/registrar facility in his honor.

“Thank you for this honor, for naming this facility. The Beckley family is honored by the action,” said Former Wiley President Dr. David L. Beckley. “I am honored to share my name with the great men of the past, all of whom made major contributions so we can arrive at this point, to celebrate the many contributions Wiley can make in the lives of young people.” Beckley, the longest tenured senior college president in Mississippi, has served as president of Rust College since 1993.

Under his leadership at Wiley College, the College improved its management, retired outstanding building bonds and federal loans, renovated campus facilities, improved the grounds, and stabilized enrollment. In addition, the endowment fund increased; accumulated fund deficits of $1.5 million were retired; and the percentage of faculty with terminal degrees increased from 42 percent in 1987 to more than 50 percent in 1992.

“We often forget where we are at a point and time, rest on those who served before us,” Wiley President and CEO Dr. Haywood Strickland said. “God smiles on us once again on a beautiful day to dedicate this outstanding building to this outstanding leader. He has been a force in our education for as long as he can remember...Throughout the years we have formed a great friendship, and a great understanding of what it means to be a servant of our college.”

The ceremony included several guest speakers who shared individual tributes to the former president including Chairman of the Wiley Board of Trustees Dr. Walter L. Sutton Jr.; City of Marshall Mayor Chris Paddie; Director of Student Records/Registrar Dr. Laila Rogers; Wiley Chairman Building and Grounds Committee Trustee Richard Poppe Hodge Sr.; Student Government Association Chaplain Joshua Smith; Wiley College Chaplain Rev. Michelle Hall; and Wiley Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Services Joseph L. Morale.