

Dear Rustonians and Friends of Ruston,

Over the years many have asked whether there might be a way of providing copies of old Ruston Academy yearbooks to those who are interested in obtaining these. Our response to these requests over the past few years has been that we had a project underway that would allow us to respond positively to these requests. Many have come to wonder if “mañana” was ever going to come. It is thus with real pleasure and a sense of accomplishment that RBEI announces the results of the dedicated work of a small group of Rustonian volunteers who have made another dream become a reality. The advent of simple and inexpensive scanning technology has made it possible for us to capture our past and assure that it is available in the future in a high quality and durable format and media which can be easily used. Imaginense, we have been able to place all the yearbooks from Ruston onto one CD. The first yearbook was published by the Class of 1940 and the last by the Class of 1960. All of these materials have been organized using an eye catching and fairly simple approach to picture display and to movement from yearbook to yearbook and from section to section within each yearbook. **IN BRIEF, IT IS AN INCREDIBLE COLLECTION THAT EVERYONE WILL WANT TO HAVE.**

The master CD is now in the hands of the company that will produce and package it. It will be available at the Ruston Reunion on May 18 and 19 in Miami or by mail order shortly after that date. The cost of the CD will be \$10 at the Reunion. Given the costs of shipping involved in mail orders, the price charged for a CD shipped to your mailing address in the United States will be \$12. Shipments to other countries will be more expensive so we have set the price for such orders at \$15. In order to make the collection a manageable one which could be viewed easily by one and all, a decision was made to compress the scanned files. These files are very well suited to the one CD easy to see approach. For those users who would like to have the larger files with higher resolution in order to carry out cut and paste projects or to print, we will be able and willing to make these files available on a DVD disc for an additional charge of \$20. Interested parties should contact Chris Baker at cebaker7@juno.com. If you are interested in placing a mail order, please send your orders to Chris Baker at: Box 69, Saint Mary's City, Maryland 20686 Checks should be made out to: Ruston-Baker Educational Institution.