Mississippi Governor’s Race Candidate Speaks at Annual Lecture Series

The Division of Social Science welcomed Mayor Johnny DuPree, of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, for the annual Ida B. Wells/Roy Wilkins Lecture Series held Tuesday, October 18 in Heard Auditorium. Mr. DuPree is running under the Democratic ticket for Governor of Mississippi—the first African-American nominee for a major political party in Mississippi.

Mr. DuPree spoke on a number of issues concerning the upcoming Mississippi election, from educational resources to the impoverished citizens of Mississippi.

“How do you pay for half a million people in Mississippi who don’t have insurance? How to you pay for the 600,000 people in the state living below the poverty line? You have to create an environment for success,” he said.

Mr. DuPree answered students’ and guests’ questions pertaining to his plan to increase jobs and economic revenue in Mississippi, healthcare, and education.

“We have to have access to healthcare. Your healthcare shouldn’t be the emergency room; we need to work on preventive care,” he said, citing Mississippi’s statistics on obesity and healthy living.

“Let’s fix what we have,” he said, when answering a question on his view of charter schools. “If there isn’t enough money for the current [educational] system, how can we pay for two systems? Don’t split the resources… let’s work with what we have first.”

Later Tuesday evening, Mr. DuPree attended a banquet in his honor at the Eddie L. Smith Multi-Purpose Building in Holly Springs, where he spoke to his potential constituents, signed autographs and stood for photos. Mr. DuPree will face Republican nominee Phil Bryant in the November 8th election. Mr. Bryant was also invited to speak during the forum but was not in attendance.

The Ida B. Wells/Roy Wilkins Lecture Series was established by the Division of Social Science at Rust College in 1995, as a means of honoring two great African-Americans with Holly Springs, Mississippi roots. Ida B. Wells was born in Holly Springs, and she attended Rust College. Roy Wilkins’ parents were born and raised in Holly Springs; his father, Roy Thomas Wilkins, was a graduate of Rust College.
Congratulations to Rachel Branch, a senior, Business Administration major, who is the Division of Business Student of the Month for September 2011.

Ms. Branch was born in Starkville, Mississippi. She says her favorite color is purple and among her favorite places are Chicago, Illinois and Nashville, Tennessee.

“I like that the Division of Business provides exposure to real business practices and policies, as well as giving me the opportunity to gain the skills and experience needed to be successful in the business world,” Branch said.

2011 Founders Celebration
Schedule of Activities

Sunday, November 13, 2011
8:00 a.m. .... President’s Breakfast & Photos (Invitation Only Please)
Golden Anniversary Class
Silver Anniversary Class
Mildred N. McMillan Dining Room

8:00 a.m. .... Founders’ Brunch
Shaw Cafeteria

9:15 a.m. .... Memorial Service
Hillcrest Cemetery, Holly Springs, Mississippi

11:00 a.m. .... 145th Founders Convocation
Doxey Alumni Fine Arts Communications Center
Honoring All Music Majors, Choir and Band members

Sunday, November 6, 2011
9:30 a.m. .... Bell Ringing Ceremony
Astor United Methodist Church
225 West College Avenue
Holly Springs, Mississippi

Thursday, November 10, 2011
8:00 p.m. .... Coronation of Miss Rust College
McMillan Multi-Purpose Center

Friday, November 11, 2011
1:00 p.m. .... Alumni Registration & Fellowship
Frances A. Hathorne Alumni-College Relations Center
Oakview Mansion

6:00 p.m. .... Alumni & Friends Awards Banquet
Shaw Cafeteria

Saturday, November 12, 2011
8:30 a.m. .... Alumni Registration
Morehouse Auditorium, Dozey Building

9:30 a.m. .... Class Meetings
Dozey Building

11:00 a.m. .... Founders’ Day Parade

12:30 p.m. .... Alumni Luncheon Meeting
Brown Mass Communications Building, Room 104

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

5:30 p.m. .... Homecoming Basketball Game
Rust College Bears vs. LeMoyne-Owen Magicians
McMillan Multi-Purpose Center
Former Student Recognized by *Tri-State Defender*

The *Tri-State Defender* of Memphis, Tennessee, recognized a former Rust College student as part of their annual Men of Excellence Reception and Awards Dinner, Saturday, September 30, 2011.

*From the Tri-State Defender (Sept 29-Oct. 5 issue):*

“Lee Andrew Bean, President/CEO and Owner of Bean & Prince Contractors, is a retiree of the Shelby County Government system who has put the battery of skills he has learned to work for him.

During his career in government, Bean had to learn many jobs, including truck driving, foreman, and manager over the tree-trimming, glass cleaning, asphalt patching, and right-of-way clearance. Later, he used this extensive skill set to create his current business, Bean & Prince, which began as a partnership. In 1998 he bought his partner’s interest in the company and kept the corporate name.

Bean & Prince today has a variety of high-profile clients, including Memphis, Light, Gas and Water (MLGW), the Memphis Housing Authority, the City of Memphis, and the Naval Support Activity Center of the Mid-South in Millington, Tennessee.

Bean, who attended Rust College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, said he is pleased with the success and good fortune he has had in his 21 years owning and building a company.

‘I grew up poor, and people walk around saying they can’t find jobs. I said if I ever get able, I’m going to get these people some jobs, so it makes me feel good knowing that I can put someone to work.’”

This is the third year of the Men of Excellence Awards—which recognizes 50 African-American men who motivate and inspire others through their vision and leadership, exceptional achievements, and participation in community service. Rust College president Dr. David L. Beckley was a 2010 recipient of the award, and Dr. Sandra Vaughn, Rust College Political Science Department Coordinator, was a 2010 recipient of the Tri-State Defender “Women of Excellence” Award, which recognizes a highly select group of leaders who steadfastly advance the economic, political, and educational progress for the African American community.

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**IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION**

Rust College NEW 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:

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**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.
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

Opportunity to Receive a Free Bible

Tyndall House Publishers is offering free “Bound for Glory Parallel Bibles to the college community.” In order to receive the Bible please PRINT your name on one of the lists that will be posted in the Library, Cafeteria, Post Office, Book Store, and Chapel. ONLY SIGN ONE LIST AND ONLY SIGN ONCE.

The week of November 7, 2011 will be your last chance to receive this free gift.

Are you an artist in the making?
SHOW US!!

Your art could be the cover of the 2011-2012 Rust College yearbook!

How does Rust College inspire you?
Can you show us in pictures?
The winner of the Rust College Bearcat Yearbook Cover Contest will have his or her artwork displayed on the 2011-2012 yearbook.

All entries must be submitted by November 1, 2011.
Enter your cover art at Oakview Mansion (between the cafeteria and Shaw Hall
For more information, call Adrienne Phillips, ext. 4917

Love Program to Benefit Mrs. Shirley Dillard

The Baptist Hill Church Family cordially invites you to attend and participate in the Love Program for Sis. Shirley Dillard, ’85 (former Rust College Director of Alumni Development).

This benefit program is to show love and financial support to Mrs. Dillard, who is undergoing treatment for breast and lung cancer.

NOVEMBER 5, 2011 ~ 6:00 P.M.
BAPTIST HILL M.B. CHURCH
4892 Bethlehem Road, Potts Camp, MS

Your attendance will be greatly appreciated. All proceeds/donations will be given to Mrs. Dillard. If donating by check, please make it payable to Shirley Dillard.

Please RSVP by October 24, 2011 to Nancy Dillard (662-701-7690) and/or Mack Taylor (662-333-7563). We welcome all groups, male or female chorus, choirs, soloists, and any combination.