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ROCK-N-ROLL HALL OF FAMER BO DIDDLEY TO PERFORM AT MARDIS GRAS RESTAURANT BENEFITING TOUGALOO AND RUST COLLEGES FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2005

Mardi Gras Restaurant & Lounge and Tougaloo College are proud to present nationally known Rock-n-Roll Hall of Famer, **BO DIDDLEY**, performing with the Debby Hastings Band, on Friday, October 28, 2005, 7:00 p.m., at the annual UNCF Masquerade Gala. Mardis Gras Restaurant & Lounge is located at 824 South State Street (at Silas Brown Road). Tickets are \$75.00 for VIP seating and \$50.00 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased at the restaurant, the Office of Institutional Advancement at Tougaloo College, or Be-Bop Record Stores.

A native of McComb, Mississippi, Bo Diddley is a maverick in the Rock-n-Roll music world. He is known as "*The Originator*" because throughout the years, other artists have used Diddley's beats. Bo Diddley was inducted into the Rock-n-Roll Hall of Fame in 1987. A mainstay on the rock-n-roll circuit for 50 years, he has 17 albums to his credit; the latest is "*A Man Amongst Men*" (1997). Other entertainment for this year's event will be provided by nationally known Blues artist, **WILLIE CLAYTON**, and the well-known local band, **MEET THE PRESS**. Local disc jockey, **Lady V**, is the MC for the gala.

All proceeds from the UNCF Masquerade Gala fund scholarships for deserving students at Tougaloo and Rust Colleges. Due to Hurricane Katrina, the need for scholarships has increased significantly. Almost half of the families of Tougaloo College students lost homes, jobs, and the ability to assist their children with college expenses.

Founded in 1869, Tougaloo College is a private, historically black, coeducational four-year liberal arts institution, located on the northern edge of Jackson, Mississippi. Known nationally as "The Cradle of the Civil Rights Movement in Mississippi," the College is led by its first female president, Dr. Beverly Wade Hogan. The 13th president of Tougaloo College, Dr. Hogan is a 1973 graduate of the College and a native Mississippian. Under her visionary leadership, the College boasts a student retention rate of 78%, and ranks as one the top five historically black colleges and universities whose graduates earn their PhDs in the sciences. Over 60% of its graduates enter graduate and professional schools immediately after graduation. Today, Tougaloo College is the leading producer of African American health professionals, including over 40% of the physicians and dentists, practicing in the state of Mississippi. It has produced more than one-third of the state's African American attorneys and educators, including teachers, principals, and school superintendents. Its alumni include Congressman Bennie Thompson, Judges Tomie Green, Denise Sweet Owens and Constance Slaughter-Harvey; scholars and educators Dr. Jayne Sargent, Dr. Jerry Ward, Dr. Oscar Rodgers, Dr. Joffre Whisenton, Dr. Rosentene B. Purnell, and Dr. Joyce Ladner; Attorneys Reuben Anderson, Edward Blackmon, Isaac K. Byrd, Robert Gibbs, Precious Martin and Dennis Sweet; physicians Dr. Aaron Shirley, Dr. Malcolm Taylor, Dr. Myrna Alexander Nickens and Dr. Alphonso Willis; and Dr. Walter J. Turnbull, founder of the Boys Choir of Harlem.