

Political Strategists Stone, Schoen Lead Spirited Discussion on Changes to U.S. Political Landscape

“Grant Park, 40 Years Later” Examines from 1968 Convention to Obama’s Election

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Atlantic City, NJ- “Grant Park, 40 Years Later,” a spirited discussion program featuring nationally known political strategists Doug Schoen and Roger Stone recently examined the changing political landscape in the United States over the last four decades. The December 11 event, hosted by the William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy, of The Richard Stockton College of New Jersey, packed the lecture hall at Stockton’s historic Carnegie Center here. The talk was moderated by Michael Aron of New Jersey Network News.

The program theme is derived from two crucial moments in the nation’s history that occurred in Chicago’s Grant Park. In 1968, the Park was the scene of violent protests against the Vietnam War at the turbulent Democratic National Convention. Some 40 years later, hundreds of thousands of Americans turned out at Grant Park for a much different kind of demonstration: a celebration in support for the election of President-elect Barack Obama.

The discussion began with each speaker stating what they believed in 1968. Stone said that at the age of 16 he had hitchhiked his way to the Republican National Convention in order to volunteer for the party. He wanted to see Nixon (HeTj0 T0Rer f2n:0hToalf0Tj0 a ctalk was

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