

October 1, 2007

Greetings:

This coming Thursday, October 4, will be a big day at MSU if you like politics.

At 3:00 p.m., former Governor William Waller, Sr. will speak and sign copies of his new book, "Straight Ahead: The Memoirs of a Mississippi Governor." The event is part of the Morris W.H. "Bill" Collins Speaker Series, and will be held in the John Grisham Room at the Mitchell Library. It is sponsored by the Stennis Center for Public Service, the John C. Stennis Institute of Government, the Congressional and Political Research Center, MSU Library and the Stennis Montgomery Association. More details at:

<http://library.msstate.edu/content/templates/?a=1515&z=346>

At 7:00 p.m. the Stennis-Montgomery Association (SMA) will host the 2007 Gubernatorial Debate in the Lee Hall Auditorium. Doors will open to general public at 6:00 p.m. The debate will be moderated by Lori Ann Holland, SMA President, and panelists include Aundrea Self of WCBI-TV News and Charlie Mitchell of the Vicksburg Post. Admission is free, and parking is available at Humphrey Coliseum with shuttles running throughout the night. This is a televised event. For more information go to:

<http://www.mpbonline.org>.

The Stennis-Montgomery Association is a student organization that encourages students of every background and academic discipline to participate in politics. The SMA serves as a resource for students who want to register to vote and get involved in the political process of their community and nation. Throughout the year, it sponsors various speakers on campus and provide workshops that guide students through the application process for internship positions in Washington, D.C. and other places. Each year, the most active members of the Stennis-Montgomery Association take a trip to our nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

2008 INNOVATOR AWARD NOMINATIONS - Southern Growth Policies Board is seeking nominations for the 2008 Innovator Awards. Each year, Southern Growth Policies Board honors Southern initiatives that are improving the quality of life in the region. The 2008 Innovator Awards will be chosen from initiatives that promote youth engagement and leadership in Southern Growth's member states. Programs that target 14-24 year olds are of particular interest.

Nominations must comply with the following criteria:

- Target youth, ages 14-24
- Be truly unique-or highly unusual
- Provide a proven track record or other reliable measures of future success

Details at http://www.southern.org/forms/innovator_nomform.shtml

COUNTY LEADERSHIP IN CONSERVATION AWARDS - A call for applications for a national award recognizing leadership in countywide land conservation programs was made jointly today by The Trust for Public Land (TPL) and National Association of Counties (NACo). The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, November 28, 2007 and the awards will be presented as part of the NACo National Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. in March 2008. The County Leadership in Conservation Awards recognizes leadership, innovation, and excellence in local land conservation and park creation by county leaders across America.

Additional information and nomination forms can be accessed on the Web at either

www.tpl.org/awards or www.naco.org/conservationawards

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

10/22/07 - Stennis-Capitol Press Luncheon, Jackson, Phil Bryant & Jamie Franks - Candidates for Lt. Governor. Contact Phil Hardwick at phil.hardwick@msstate.edu for more details.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT:

The best leaders are the ones who manage Plan B.

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