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## Reminder: Carl Bernstein and P.J. O'Rourke will talk politics at Drury on Monday

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The 2016 presidential election draws nearer every day, and the time is ripe for two top political scribes to discuss the momentous campaigns of Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump.

Carl Bernstein, a former Washington Post reporter and co-author with Bob Woodward of "All the President's Men," will join satirist P.J. O'Rourke for a discussion titled, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the White House," 7 p.m. Monday at Drury University's Clara Thompson Hall.

The event is free and will include the duo's observations on politics and economics and questions from the audience, according to **previous News-Leader reporting**. It is part of the "45" series put on by Drury's L.E. Meador Center for Politics & Citizenship, according to a **Drury news release**.

**O'Rourke**, a conservative author and humorist, is a fellow at the Cato Institute who earned renown as a reporter for Rolling Stone and The Atlantic magazines.

**Bernstein**, a liberal, came to fame when he and Woodward tirelessly reported on the cover-up actions taken by then-President Richard Nixon and his aides following a 1972 break-in at the Watergate Hotel in Washington, D.C. He has also written a **biography of Clinton**, the former U.S. Secretary of State and wife of former president Bill Clinton.

The two may have different political bents but both have united behind Clinton.

In his endorsement, O'Rourke said Clinton was "the second-worst thing that could happen to America" and characterized Trump's remarks as "nativist, isolationist, mercantilist, bigoted, rude, and vulgar crap" in a **May 11 column**.

In a **recent interview with CNN**, Bernstein acknowledged that both candidates were not always honest but said the difference between their lies was stark and broad.

"Trump lies pathologically," Bernstein told CNN. "No question Hillary Clinton, as I say in my book, has a difficult relationship to the truth. But it's much more situational lying."

The election is Nov. 8. Trump has generally led Clinton in **Missouri**, while Clinton has held a **nationwide** advantage.