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St. Mary's College of Maryland

at Historic St. Mary's City

Washington Post's
Tony Kornheiser and Ben Bradlee
in Campus Forum
Friday, Jan. 26, 8 p.m.

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(St. Mary's City, MD) Jan. 18, 2006 –St. Mary's College of Maryland's (SMCM) Center for the Study of Democracy will host a forum with Tony Kornheiser and Ben Bradlee on Friday, Jan. 26 at 8 p.m. in St. Mary's Hall. The topic is "Sports writing, Washington, ESPN, and Monday Night Football." The event is free and open to the public. The forum will focus on the connection between professional sports and politics. For more information, contact Zach Messitte at 240-895-4215.

"Tony Kornheiser is one of the most important sports journalists of his generation," said Zach Messitte who is an assistant professor of political science and director of the College's Center for Democracy. "His wit and wisdom as a *Post* columnist, ESPN television commentator, and best-selling author resonates with students, faculty, and the community." The program will begin with the 30-minute roundtable led by Ben Bradlee to be followed by a period of questions from the audience.

Kornheiser joined *The Washington Post* in 1979 and became a sports columnist in 1984. He also wrote a column for the Style section and is the author of three books: *Pumping Irony*, *Bald as I Wanna Be*, and *Back for More Cash*. Since 1997 Kornheiser has also worked for ESPN radio and television, most recently as co-host with his Post colleague Michael Wilbon, of the popular show, "Pardon the Interruption" (PTI). In the fall of 2006 he became an analyst for ESPN's "Monday Night Football."

Benjamin C. Bradlee is the vice president at large for the *The Washington Post*. Bradlee is also the vice chairman of the SMCM Board of Trustees, as well as the chairman of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission.

The third member of the forum will be Zach Messitte. Messitte was named director of the Center for the Study of Democracy in September 2002.

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