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## James Carville and Mary Matalin coming to OU Sept. 29

By **Kelly Smith**, *OU Writer*

Washington's original at-odds couple, **James Carville** and **Mary Matalin**, will deliver a special lecture at Oakland University on Wednesday, Sept. 29. Presented by the **Oakland University Alumni Association** (OUAA), Starr Commonwealth and OU's Student Life Lecture Board, this lecture will be held at OU's Shotwell-Gustafson Pavilion.

With their differing viewpoints from the far left and far right, Carville and Matalin will give audience members an entertaining and enlightening look at today's most important political issues. As key players on the national political stage for more than two decades, they offer unmatched insight about what's going on in Washington.

"We're honored and excited to host this remarkable couple," said Adrienne Bass, director of Alumni Relations. "James Carville and Mary Matalin will engage us in today's hottest political topics. This is a great chance for OU students and alumni, as well as the entire community, to come together to learn more about the political process."

Carville, a Democratic party political strategist and adviser, is known for his enthusiasm for debate and political savvy. He successfully guided Bill Clinton to the presidency in 1992 and was honored as Campaign Manager of the Year by the American Association of Political Consultants.

Co-host of CNN's "Crossfire," Carville also has appeared in many films, including "The War Room," "The People vs. Larry Flynt" and "Old School." He is the author of six books, including "All's Fair: Love, War and Running for President," a national bestseller that he co-authored with Matalin.

Matalin, a hard-hitting political commentator and Republican party adviser, is a veteran of numerous national campaigns, including campaign manager for the 1988 re-election bid of George Bush Sr. She formerly served as counselor to Vice President Dick Cheney and assistant to President George W. Bush, the first White House official to hold that double title.

Matalin also appeared with her husband on "Crossfire" as well as HBO's critically acclaimed series, "K Street." Her new book, "Letters to My Daughters" was named a "Washington Post" bestseller and reached #14 on the "New York Times" Advice and How-To Book List.

Doors open at 5 p.m., and the program begins at 6:30 p.m. General parking and a shuttle service will be available at the Meadow Brook Music Festival grounds.

Admission is free for OU students. Tickets can be picked up starting Thursday, Sept. 9, at the CSA Service Window, 49 Oakland Center, and at Student Life Lecture Board information tables. Tickets must be picked up no later than Friday, Sept. 24.

Advance tickets are \$15 for OUAA members, \$20 for the general public and \$25 at the door, if available. For tickets, please call (248) 370-4350 or fill out a **registration form** online.

Pre-reserved general admission tickets for OUAA members and the general public will be available at the will-call table at the event or may be picked up from OU's John Dodge House Sept. 9-28. Tickets will not be mailed. When reserving multiple tickets, please be advised that only the person reserving the tickets, or a designee, will be able to pick up the tickets. Multiple tickets must be picked up as an entire group.

To take advantage of the special OUAA member discount price by becoming a member of the OUAA, contact the Alumni Relations Office at (248) 370-2158 or join online at the **Alumni** Web site.

This lecture coincides with the Celebrating Liberal Arts: Presidential Leadership theme, developed and supported by the College of Arts and Sciences, offices of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs, Center for Student Activities, Student Program Board and Student Life Lecture Board. The theme examines how presidential leadership efforts affect society and democracy through books, classes, lectures and events.

For more information, visit the **Celebrating Liberal Arts: Presidential Leadership** Web page.

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