



## Opening Night

By Marco Michletta and Jessica Blocki

Arriving student's were introduced to SSI, and each other, through an ice breaker known as the "Paper Clip Game."

According to Representatives Darren Anderegg and Tim Lowrance "it was dumb and only served to confuse people" and "although it was fun and enjoyable, it was confusing and I don't think it was the best way



to do it." Most people agreed that confusion should have been the name of the game Right from the start it was a messy ordeal with little communication. The new arrivals were clueless as to the nature of the game, leaving many stranded as to what to do. The chaos worsened as everyone was handed a paperclip and asked to hook it to another's. Despite the chaos however, two lines eventually emerged — each vying to be the longest chain. Suddenly one was inexplicably severed—throwing the title to its opponent. As confusing and corny as it may have been, the "Paper Clip Game" served its purpose and the ice is broken.

Once order was restored, Mr. Muffett opened the first formal session of the week with a brief history of SSI and a hearty welcome to all the new and returning students. The goal of the week, Muffett said, was to "have fun, work hard, and grow."



Mr. Visscher took the stage next giving a few guidelines for the week as well as highlighting the sniper tower, barbed wire, and mine field separating the male and female dorms. When questioned about the veracity of the explosive barrier, Visscher stated, "I can neither confirm nor deny the existence of a minefield."

If this evening is any indication the week is off to an unusual start.

## Oaths taken; Dies are cast

Late yesterday evening, 51 Michigan State Representatives and 25 State Senators were sworn into office. No press releases were issued and the ceremony passed without incident. This year's legislative season promises to be stimulating, with both the house of Representatives and Senate reporting a full docket of bills to be considered over the coming week.



## Hair Gets Down and Dirty

By Alice Hart-Davis 5/10/09

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Prince Harry hasn't washed his hair for two years? Eeuw! Or is he just cleverer than the rest of us, with the perfect, credit-crunch, no-care hair-care solution?

It sounds revolting, and he's not the only famous name who's doing it, judging by recent pictures of Alice Dellal, Alexa Chung and the Geldof girls, who all look like they could do with a good wash and blow-dry. But skipping the shampoo isn't necessarily such a bad thing.



"Sebum, the oil we secrete to lubricate our hair, is anti-viral and cleansing," says Kensington hair maestro Valentino, who has had phases of not washing his hair for years on end (at the moment, he washes it around once every six weeks).

"When you wash your hair, you upset the natural pH [acid/alkaline balance] of the scalp and that has a knock-on effect on the whole body."

"What you need to do is invigorate the hair follicles by massaging the scalp, then brush the hair to distribute the sebum and rinse it in the shower to remove any dirt."

Ah yes, rinsing. Saying you haven't washed your hair for two years isn't saying that it hasn't seen a drop of water for all that time.

If you can tough out the initial adjustment phase of not using shampoo, your hair will find some sort of equilibrium, but the transition may not be pleasant.



Whatever, the "deliberately dirty" look is one that has been building up for a while, says top stylist Adam Reed of Percy & Reed, and not just for the festival-going crowd.

"First we had the whole beachy trend," he says, "but now the trend is for hair that looks not exactly dirty,

but well worn-in. Lots of clients are spinning out the time between their blow-dries for financial reasons, and they get this look after a few days - it's a bit powdery, a bit early Brigitte Bardot. If you start with an amazing hair-primer like Shu Uemura's Liquid Fabric, it lasts really well,

especially if you keep it going with a dry shampoo. Some of these have oil in them, which can look filmy on the hair. One that doesn't is Klorane's, because it's made with oats."

As for not washing your hair at all, Reed is more dubious. "I know lots of boys who do that, but girls will never go for much longer than two weeks without washing their hair. It starts to look greasy and it smells - and nobody wants that. And if you use too much dry shampoo, it starts to go into a paste. It isn't pretty and it's not good for the scalp."

So dirty is good - up to a point. And even if it looks dodgy, well, you often have to suffer to be cool.

## Police say Woodland Mall Stabbing is Gang-Related

By [Chris Zoladz](#) - WZZM13.com

KENTWOOD - A 17 year old will be arraigned Tuesday on felonious assault charges after being arrested in connection with

a gang-related stabbing at Woodland Mall.

Kentwood Police say the chaos that erupted at the mall on Saturday was the result of a fight between two gangs: the Bemis Street Boys and Eastern Avenue Boys.

17 year-old Jon Tae Mayberry was stabbed during a large brawl. Security officials evacuated shoppers when the brawl grew on the main floor of the mall.

Kentwood Police say the violence may have been in retaliation for the shooting death of 16 year old Kenneth Dear. Dear was killed in November at the Funspot Skating Rink on South Division Avenue in Kentwood.

Police Chief Mattice says many of the people caught on surveillance video at Woodland Mall were also captured on tape at the Funspot in November.

The stabbing victim suffered minor injuries. He is expected to be released from the hospital Tuesday. A mall security guard was also slightly injured.

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