

Privacy!

Barry wants anonymity

By Pat Murphy
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Barry Sanders may enjoy being in the spotlight as an all-pro running back.

But it looks like he'd just as soon fade into the student body when it comes to his student status at Oakland University.

Sanders last week signed a right-to-privacy form that, in essence, prevents OU from even acknowledging the famous Detroit Lions all-star is a student, according to Maura Selchowski, director of campus information.

"The form prohibits the university from listing a student in the directory as well as giving out any information about class, awards, addresses or personnel data," said Selchowski.

Any student can sign such a form, she said, guaranteeing anonymity as far as the official school record is concerned. But only 280 of the more than 12,200 students exercised that option this semester.

Sanders is enrolled in a biology class at OU, and attended several classes in relative obscurity — de-

spite the strong temptation to school's news department to tell the world about their famous student.

But Sanders' status as just another student came to an end Jan. 12, during the game between the Lions and the Washington Redskins.

While talking about Sanders' spectacular season — in which he was named all-pro — the announcer mentioned that he was also an unassuming student, concerned about an upcoming biology quiz.

That tidbit led to at least two other newspaper stories, after which Sanders signed the form to assure his privacy.

"Ironically, Barry may have let the cat out of the bag himself," according to one campus official. "As I understand it, he mentioned that he was taking a biology class to John Madden (the announcer) before the game. That's how it got on national television."

"I also understand Sanders was upset about it."

As for the biology quiz, postponed from Tuesday to Thursday, Sanders reportedly answered all five questions correctly.

Women more likely to buckle up

'Our survey demonstrates buckling up is becoming a major priority.'
— Charles Spilman,
Traffic Safety Now

Women are more likely than men to buckle their auto seat belts, according to a survey of visitors at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit.

Traffic Safety Now, Inc., a national non-profit organization to encourage safety belt use, commissioned a survey of nearly 200 auto show attendees Jan. 13-14 for a margin of error of 6 percent. The survey was performed by Research Data Associates of Bloomfield Hills.

Results:

- 70 percent said they always wear a safety belt, and more than 90 percent wear a safety belt always or most of the time.
- 3 percent said they never buckled up.
- 73 percent of women said they buckled up all of the time versus 67 percent of men.
- Those 26 years or older are more likely to wear their safety belts all of the time (73 percent vs. 55 percent for those 25 years and younger).
- 90 percent said it is important to have an air bag in their next vehicle.

Of these, 68 percent indicated they were planning to buy new vehicles in the next year.

"Our survey demonstrates that buckling up is becoming a major priority in the minds of many people," said Charles L. Spilman, president of Traffic Safety Now.

In 1984 a national survey showed belt-use rate was 14 percent. Current government estimates indicate national safety belt use has quadrupled to nearly 60 percent.

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