1031-03-43 **Justin Tatch Moore*** (justin@math.cornell.edu), Department of Mathematics, 555 Malott Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853-4201. The Open Coloring Axiom in ccc forcing extensions.

Ilijas Farah has shown that forcing with a Souslin tree preserves OCA. Recall that, when considered as a forcing notion, a Souslin tree has the property that it is ccc and does not introduce new reals. The purpose of this talk is to demonstrate the following theorem:

Theorem If V[G] is a generic extension by a ccc forcing notion and both V and V[G] satisfy OCA, then either V and V[G] contain the same reals or else $\omega^{\omega} \cap V$ is bounded in V[G] in the order of eventual domination.

While this result is itself somewhat unremarkable, its proof has some interesting features. In particular it seems that it may be a precursor to a proof that OCA implies the continuum is \aleph_2 (if such a proof exists). (Received July 26, 2007)