



Tuesday, September 11, 2001

OU response to national crisis

A letter from Oakland University President Gary Russi:

We have had a number of parents calling with concerns about the safety of students on campus during today's national terrorist crisis. Please encourage all students you come into contact with to call their parents as soon as possible to assure them that they are safe. Should you see any unusual behavior on campus, please alert the Campus Police (3331) immediately.

If you get calls, please assure callers that:

- We have the best interests of our students and employees in mind during this tragedy.
- Classes have been cancelled for today, Tuesday, Sept. 11.
- The Graham Health Center has counselors on hand for students who need to talk to a professional.
- The campus is on alert for any possible safety problems.
- Parents with specific questions should call the Housing Office (for residence hall students -- 3570) or the Office of Student Affairs (4200).
- Any calls from the media should be routed to Media Relations (4346 or 4345).
- Some campus events are being canceled. Interested persons should call ahead to see if events will proceed as scheduled.
- This message and further updates will be posted on the university's Web site, although web traffic is difficult at this time.

Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult period.

SUMMARY

Oakland University President offers advice for students, parents, faculty and staff in this response to the recent national crisis.

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