

Sunday, April 13, 2008

CAMPUS SAFETY ALERT: OU CLOSED

Sunday, April 13, 2008
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Oakland University is closed Sunday, April 13, and Monday, April 14. Campus will reopen at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 15. Following the **campus safety alert sent Saturday evening**, two additional threatening graffiti messages were found in separate locations on campus. All classes and campus events are cancelled. Residential facilities will remain open and the Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) will provide extra patrols throughout those facilities during the closure. However, residential students are encouraged to go home if possible.

"We are committed to the security of Oakland University. We are taking this threat seriously and are closing to ensure the safety of the entire campus community," said Sam Lucido, OU Chief of Police.

Instances of threatening graffiti were found Saturday, April 12 in men's restrooms in O'Dowd Hall, Kresge Library, and the Oakland Center. The Oakland County Field Office of the FBI has been made aware and is monitoring the situation.

Similar messages were found at Saint Xavier University in Chicago this week, and they are also closed as a result.

Only essential health and safety staff members should report to work on Monday. Supervisors will notify individuals identified as essential. Other staff and faculty are asked to stay home.

Faculty members will reschedule missed assignments and tests. Vandenberg Dining Center will remain open for food service. All buildings and non-essential services will be closed, including the Lowry Center for Early Childhood Education, Oakland Center, Kresge Library, Meadow Brook Hall and the Recreation and Athletic Center. All classes and campus events --- including athletic events, student productions in Varner Hall, and Meadow Brook Theatre performances --- are cancelled.

Extension sites will be open Sunday and Monday. The **MaTiIda Awards** will be held as scheduled on Monday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at the Marriott at Centrepont.

Updates will be posted at www.oakland.edu.

Anyone with information on the graffiti is urged to call OUPD at 911 from a campus phone or (248) 370-3331 from a cell phone. As always, report unusual or suspicious activity to OUPD.

Saturday, April 12, 2008
9:17 p.m.

The Oakland University Police Department (OUPD) is investigating a written message placed on a restroom wall in one of the academic buildings. The message was discovered on Saturday, April 12, 2008.

The brief message may be interpreted by some as being somewhat disturbing, but it is quite vague and contains no specific threat of any kind.

Over the next several days we are asking members of our campus community to remain alert and report any suspicious behavior or occurrences to the OUPD by campus telephone at 911, or by cell phone at (248) 370-3331.

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