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OU will refund students called to active duty

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As military reservists begin to be called into service in the wake of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Oakland University is prepared to refund tuition and housing fees for any of its students who must report to active duty, consistent with federal law.

"The university has policies in place in such an event. The policy is to refund 100 percent of the tuition and fees, including the non-refundable portion of the general service fee," said Registrar Steve Shablin.

Students called to active duty that live on campus will be refunded 100 percent of their room and board charges, said Director of University Housing Eleanor Reynolds.

To receive the tuition and room and board refunds, students should contact Associate Registrar Ron Somerville at (248) 370-3455 and present a copy of their call-up orders.

"The reason we request this is to have documentation in the event there is ever a question as to why we processed a refund after the deadline date," Shablin said.

On Friday, Sept. 14, President Bush approved an order to call up to 50,000 reservists to active duty in response to the terrorist attacks on the United States. The reservists will provide port operations, medical support, engineer support, general civil support and homeland defense, according to the **United States Army Reserve** Web site.

The Army will supply 10,000 reservists, the Air Force 13,000, Navy 3,000, Marines 7,500 and the Coast Guard 2,000.

The Ready Reserve last underwent a partial mobilization in 1991, when 265,322 Guard and Reserve members were activated for Operation Desert Storm. OU processed about 20 refunds for students called to active duty at that time, Shablin said.

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