

Enter for a chance to win a \$25 cash prize: Test your knowledge of Halloween with our quiz on A4.

THEFT BREAKS OUT ON CAMPUS

Fifteen students' cars vandalized in OU parking lot

By KRISTIN SOMMER
Senior Reporter

Three non-students are under investigation by the Oakland University Police Department after a series of larcenies on campus.

In the month of October, 15 students' cars were vandalized, and aftermarket CD players, speakers and other audio equipment were stolen, according to OUPD.

All incidents occurred in parking lot P-5 at Meadow Brook Road and West Oakland Drive across from Vandenberg Hall.

Police found broken windows on many of the cars. The other cars had the windows forced away from the door frames.

The alarm on one car went off after the passenger window was broken, which is thought to have possibly discouraged the theft of the CD player inside.

Other cars suffered damage to the dashboards, which were severely broken while trying to remove the CD player, according to OUPD Administrative Lieutenant Mark Gordon.

The total amount of stolen and damaged property is at least \$7,500, according to Gordon.

"At this time, we're not really sure what they did with (the stolen items)," he said.

Along with increased patrols from OUPD, University Housing has taken steps to prevent further thefts by informing students of the situation.

"We encouraged our resident advisors to share this concern with the residents," said Christine Engel, assistant director of residence life.

"Specifically, we encouraged the residents to lock their doors, remove valuables and check on their car throughout the night," she said.

Students voiced concern about the vandalism and thefts, but said they felt they had nowhere else to park.

"I don't think I have much of a choice," sophomore Sean Buono said. "I have to park my car on campus. I'm counting on luck or the OUPD."

The 730-space lot is one of three lots on campus with overnight parking. Students can also park overnight in parking lots P-3 and P-11, located west of lot P-5 and near the Upper Fields, respectively. The lot is used predominately by students who live in Vandenberg and Hamlin halls.

Tips on vandalism
Is your car safe on campus? Consider the following to protect your car.

- Alarm your vehicle to discourage would-be thieves from breaking into your car.
- Secure your expensive items or purse in the trunk.
- Park in a well-lighted areas or a busy spot, if possible.
- Check your car periodically for any signs of foul play.

If you see something suspicious or witness any acts of vandalism, call OUPD at (248) 370-3331.

Source: Oakland University Police Department

Please see THEFT on A8

Thousands pay respects to Rosa Parks in Detroit

DETROIT (AP) — Most of the people who came Tuesday to pay their final respects to Rosa Parks never met the civil rights icon.

But thousands of people ranging from children in school uniforms to city workers and retirees lined up on a brisk November day to catch a glimpse of her body and say goodbye.

The line stretched outside the Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History and wound through a pathway of metal fencing set up nearby. Despite a chill in the air and a threat of rain, the mood was upbeat and nobody seemed to mind the wait, which was averaging about 40 minutes late Tuesday morning.

By 12:45 p.m., an estimated 25,000 people had been through the museum, said Raymond Tate, its director of public relations.

Darlene Flowers, 40, of Detroit said it was of the utmost importance for her to take time off work to honor the person who sparked such tremendous change in the world.

"It's very symbolic. You feel the love. You feel the history. It's almost sacred," Flowers said. "It was peaceful. She looked beautiful."

Parks was 92 when she died Oct. 24 in Detroit. She lay in honor in Montgomery, Ala., and in the Capitol Rotunda in Washington before her body was returned Monday night to the city where she had lived since 1957.

Members of the Michigan Army National Guard placed her mahogany casket in the museum's rotunda Monday night for round-the-clock viewing through early Wednesday.

Music played softly Tuesday as people filed past Parks, who was dressed in the deaconess uniform of the AME church, her hands clasped and covered with lace.

She was surrounded by floral arrangements and enlarged photos from her life. Two white-gloved sheriff's deputies stood motionless at either end

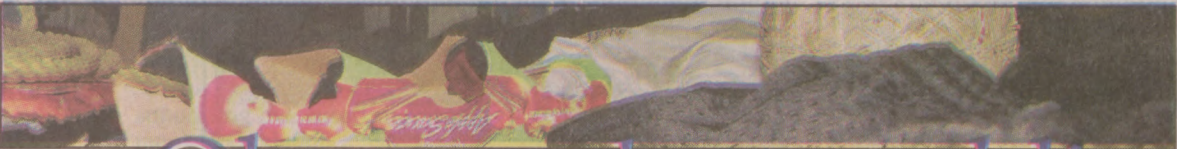
Please see PARKS on A8

Up in smoke



Dante Ciullo/The Oakland Post

Smoke poured out from under the hood of a dark red Buick Regal Monday afternoon in the Oakland Center Parking Lot 2. Oakland University student Duane Byers watched as firefighters put out the fire from his car, and students and faculty gathered around the lot. The Auburn Hills Fire Department said the serpentine belt broke and caused the car to overheat. Then the wiring caught on fire. Byers parked his car and planned to go to class when he noticed smoke coming from under its hood. "I knew it was something, and then it got bad," he said. "I was just praying that it wouldn't blow up." OUPD said there was a "very slim" chance of the car blowing up. OUPD and the Auburn Hills Fire Department reported to the scene after Byers called 911. No one was injured.



Oh, our cluttered lives



Dan Wilkinson/The Oakland Post

Freshman Kyle Bankston stands in his cluttered dorm room in Vandenberg Hall. A laundry basket full of dirty clothes sits in the doorway, and items are scattered everywhere. "I've been like this forever," Bankston said. "I'm too lazy to pick up."

Experts estimate 3 million Americans are pack rats

By ALICIA SOSSI
& JOSEPH B. VERRENGIA
The Oakland Post
The Associated Press

Take a look inside sophomore D'Mario Smith's dorm room in Vandenberg Hall. An empty milk carton rests on a chair in the middle of the room, dirty clothes cover the floor, and the bed is a place for miscellaneous items such as golf balls and candy bars.

For Smith, clutter is a way of life.

"I just have so much stuff, but I can live like this," Smith said. "I spend a lot of money on all this."

The only time Smith likes to be organized is when he has a test or if he knows someone is coming over.

Freshman Kyle Bankston also lives a life of clutter in his dorm room in Vandenberg Hall. He does laundry once a week, and it piles up on his floor until it's washed. A bright orange cone, a rubber band ball and other random items clog his living space.

"I've been living like this forever," Bankston said. "I'm lazy, and I only clean up a little bit when people are coming over."

Smith and Bankston are not unlike the tens of millions of Americans who live under the anarchy of their possessions.

Ralph Schillace, associate professor of psychology at Oakland University, says he has observed cluttered lives for more than 30 years.

Please see CLUTTER on A8



"I don't have clutter because I need to organize my thoughts to know what I am doing."

Rania Almufti
Sophomore
Elementary Education



"I blame clutter on not thinking ahead of time. My room at my house is not organized. Clothes are scattered in my room."

Chris Zayid
Senior
Health Sciences

"Clutter is looked at as a pattern they can't overcome, but the key is to start organizing."

— Mary Eberly, Associate professor of psychology


The Oakland Post is not owned nor operated by a media conglomerate. Our copy is generated by writers, not shareholders. Our stories are determined by editors, not investors. Our commitment is to our campus, our society and our environment. Our goal is to report fairly and accurately the events and issues of our community, fulfilling the vital role a newspaper plays in a vibrant democracy.

INDEX

Volume 32, Number 11

Campus News	A3
Local News	A5
Perspectives	A7
Environment	A9
Nation/World.....	A10
Life	B1
Money	B4
Health	B5
Sports	B8

News tip? Call (248) 370-4268.



Pondering what to do in your free time?

Read

THE OAKLAND POST...

and see what you've been missing!

IF YOU SAVE A HERO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE YOU?

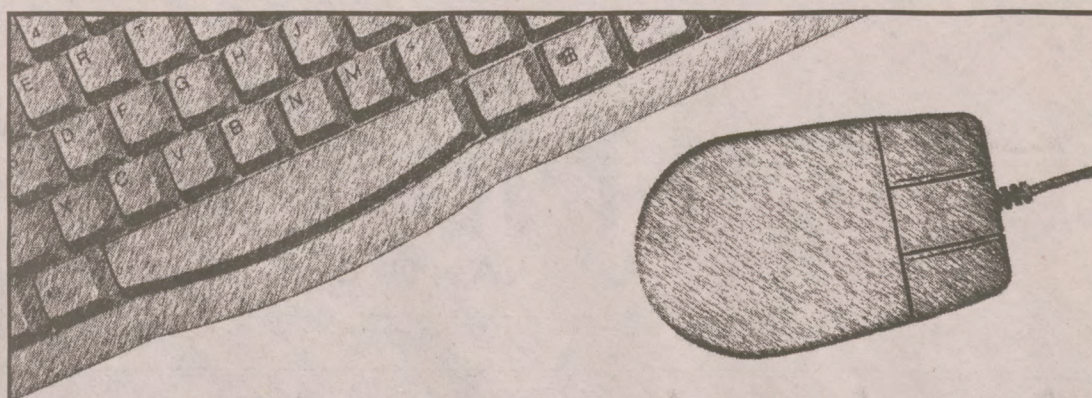


U.S. AIR FORCE
CROSS INTO THE BLUE

©2005 Padgett & U.S. Air Force. All rights reserved.

More men and women on the front lines are surviving life-threatening injuries than ever before for one reason: We have the most elite nurses in the world. As a U.S. Air Force nurse, you receive the most advanced training and have access to the best medical technology on the planet. And whether you're treating Airmen on foreign soil or their families on bases here in the U.S., you can put all of that training to use. If you're interested in learning more about a better place to practice medicine, call or visit us online.

1-800-588-5260 • AIRFORCE.COM/HEALTHCARE



REGISTER FOR WINTER 2006 CLASSES

Oakland University SAIL Web registration, by class standing, for Winter 2006 begins Monday, November 7, 2005.

Winter 2006 classes begin Wednesday, January 4, 2006.

See more information about the Winter 2006 important dates on the Office of the Registrar Web site at:
<http://www2.oakland.edu/registrar/id.cfm?semester=22>

Check the online schedule today

Visit www.oakland.edu, click the SAIL button, select "Class Schedule Search."

To view the printed schedule of classes, visit:

http://www2.oakland.edu/registrar/course_main.cfm

Tuition Refund Information

Last day to drop full-semester classes for 100% tuition refund is Tuesday, January 17, in the Winter 2006 semester.

QUESTIONS

Call the Registration Office at (248) 370-3450 or e-mail registra@oakland.edu

For information about the student e-mail policy, see www3.oakland.edu/oakland/studentemail/



Office of the Registrar
101 O'Dowd Hall
Rochester, Michigan 48309-4490
(248) 370-3450
Fax: (248) 370-3461
E-mail: registra@oakland.edu
Web: www2.oakland.edu/registrar

SpiritCard PLUS Access Just For You.

Great news for Oakland University Students, Faculty and Staff! Oakland University recently expanded its relationship with Credit Union ONE to provide the following:

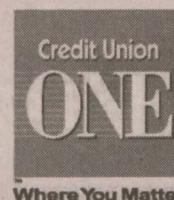
- Full service branch on campus
- 4 surcharge free ATMs throughout the campus
- Additional benefits to your *SpiritCard* that will give you financial freedom



SpiritCard PLUS benefits:

- Totally Free Checking with no minimum deposit
- MasterCard Debit purchase power nationwide
- Unlimited free ATM transactions at the four Credit Union ONE ATMs on campus
- Free first order of checks
- Free online banking and bill payment
- Free electronic statements and account alerts
- Access to a full range of financial services and products

Get your *SpiritCard PLUS* today. Simply stop by the ID Card Office at 112, Oakland Center or contact the branch at (248) 475-2607 or visit www.ouspiritcardplus.com.



Everyone is welcome to join. 24 branches throughout Michigan with access to over 20,000 surcharge free ATMs nationwide.
(800) 451-4292 • www.cuone.org

