

Cleanup: Oukland University administrators watch as crews from MPC Environmen-

## 17 hurt fighting OU fire

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One of Oakland University's science buildings, Dodge Hall, was evacuated late Monday as fire broke out in a biology laboratory.

No one died, but 17 firefighters and police officers were trated at Pontine Osteopathic Hospital for smoke inhalation, according to a hospital spokesman. Thirteen

were released Tuesday; four others were kept overnight and re-leased Wednesday.

The fire was reported at 10 p.m. by biology teacher Virinder Moudgil, who was working late, said university spokesman Jim Llewellyn. Fire departments from Auburn Hills and Rochester Hills responded to the alarm, and Troy's hazardous materials team

## OU to honor its students, faculty

Oakland University has selectived its outstanding students and faculty members to be honored April 6 at the Michigan Association of Governing Boards annual dinner in East Lansing.

Cited at the program at Michigan State University will be English teacher Brian Connery of Fermbale, Eye Research Institute Litrector Venkat Reddy of Bloom-lield Hills, engineering student

David Martin of Lake Orion and communications major Lisa McRipley of Bloomfield Hills.

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was called because chemicals were stored in the lab. State police arson investigators are checking to see if the fire was set, McGee said.

The third-floor lab that the fire started in was destroyed. A wall of the fourth floor eye institute was damaged.

There is also water damage on the third and fourth floors, which "could be a big problem," Liewel-lyn said. The cost to repair the damage was unknown at press

Dodge Hall was closed Tues-day, and Llewellyn said it might have to stay closed for "a couple days yet."

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