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OU holding forum to discuss terrorist attacks

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One week after the terrorist attacks on the United States, Oakland University is holding a public forum so students, faculty and staff can come together to discuss the tragic events.

The forum, presented by the **Center for Student Activities**, is from noon to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 18, in the Oakland Center's Fireside Lounge. It is open to all OU students, faculty and staff.

"This is a way for students to discuss their feelings as opposed to hiding them," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs and organizer of the event. "It allows students to talk about what they are feeling, to ask questions and in some cases to answer questions. Faculty and staff also are encouraged to come."

The forum will be lead by a panel of faculty and staff members. Panel members include Vincent Khapoya, professor and chair of the Political Science Department; Todd Estes, assistant professor of history; Peter Bertocci, professor of anthropology; Karen Miller associate professor of history; and James Franklin; a psychologist at Graham Health and Counseling Center.

"I expect the attendance to be very high. I also think that being one week after the event it has given people time to reflect on what has happened, so the discussion should be very good," Franklin said.

The Center for Student Activities has a history of organizing forums like this. The center held a forum for the Oklahoma City bombing and the Persian Gulf War.

"We had very high attendance at each one of those and the discussion was wonderful in all of them," Franklin said.

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