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OU winter blood drive runs Jan. 28-30

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The Oakland University community can help the Red Cross by giving blood at the winter blood drive, which runs Monday, Jan. 28, through Wednesday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Oakland Center Gold Rooms.

"After the September attack on America, the Red Cross collected so much blood that, for the first time in history, it had enough blood in its banks," said Paul Franklin, coordinator of campus programs. "But if the diminishing trend continues, soon there will be a critical need for blood."

OU's fall blood drive, which was Oct. 15-17, only a month after the terrorist attacks on the United States, was among the most successful ever held on campus. The Red Cross collected 346 pints in three days. The goal for the winter drive is to collect 300 pints in three days.

"A healthy person can donate blood every 56 days and I believe that there are many people on our campus who are willing to donate their blood again," Franklin said.

To make an appointment, contact the **Center for Student Activities** at (248) 370-2400 or csa@oakland.edu, or register online by going to the **American Red Cross** Web site. For information about other area blood drives or to schedule a blood donation, call (800) GIVE-LIFE.

SUMMARY

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