

10% of students participate

# Blood donor clinic best yet

by Les Reid [Pharmacy] and Lois Gibson [Nursing]

930 donors registered at the two day blood donor clinic at Dalhousie last week. This number represents an all time high for Dal. The previous record of 826 was established at the January 1975 clinic.

When the Red Cross sets up a clinic, their aim is to have over 10% of the eligible population register. Last week for the first time ever, about 10% of Dal's 8,926 students turned out. Other universities have been able to get 75-90% of their student body to attend Blood Donor Clinics. Why can't we? Should we be satisfied with only a minimum contribution to this life-supporting cause? Now that we have managed

to get over the 10% mark, let's keep on going! Dal's next clinic is on Feb. 14-15, 1978 in the McInnis Room at the SUB.

In the hope of attracting more donors, an interfaculty competition was set up, with the winning faculty being determined on a percentage basis. The Nursing School challenged all other faculties and schools to out donate them. Although the nurses put up a valiant effort, they weren't able to defeat the determined School of Physiotherapy. Fifty percent (50%) of the physio students registered at the clinic. Nursing managed to place second with 40.9% and Pharmacy placed a respectable third with 34.3%.

The "Bloody Cup", the new trophy for the Blood Donor Clinic Champions, will be presented to the victorious Physios, at the "Bloody Boogie Bash", a dance at the Dal SUB on Saturday Nov. 19 from 9 p.m. - 1 a.m.

Many thanks to all those Pharmacy and Nursing students, and all others who helped out in anyway with the clinic. Special thanks to CKDU for providing 'on location' music during the clinic.

Pharmacy and Nursing are working together to come up with new ideas that will encourage an increase in the number of blood donors. Plans are to continue the present competition and possibly

expand on this idea. Any suggestions or ideas would be welcomed. Please pass them on to either Les Reid (at the College of Pharmacy) or Lois Gibson (at the Philae Temple).

So keep up the good work and we'll see more of you in February!!!

## Be wise - immunize

by F. D'Eon

Many people after leaving school fail to get immunized, perhaps thinking that as adults they are no longer susceptible to certain diseases such as polio and tetanus. This of course is not true. The Department of Public Health recommends that every adult be immunized against tetanus and polio every ten years. Failure of many people to do so could result in an increase in that disease in Nova Scotia. Polio in its paralytic form is still around in many parts of the world. Many health officials are worried that if people continue to fail to get immunized against polio an outbreak of the disease will occur.

November has been declared immunization month in an effort to get Nova Scotians to immunize. On November 21, (10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.), in the Tupper Medical Building and on November 23, (10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.), in the SUB lobby an immunization clinic will be set up. A combined vaccine for polio and tetanus will be available to all Dalhousie students and staff. If you wish to get other vaccines or want to be vaccinated at another time, see Dr. Service at Student Health.

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dollars. According to Louis G. Vagianos, vice-president of University Services, the bookstore's losses last year amounted to \$70,000. The most that has ever been lost in one year period is \$100,000.

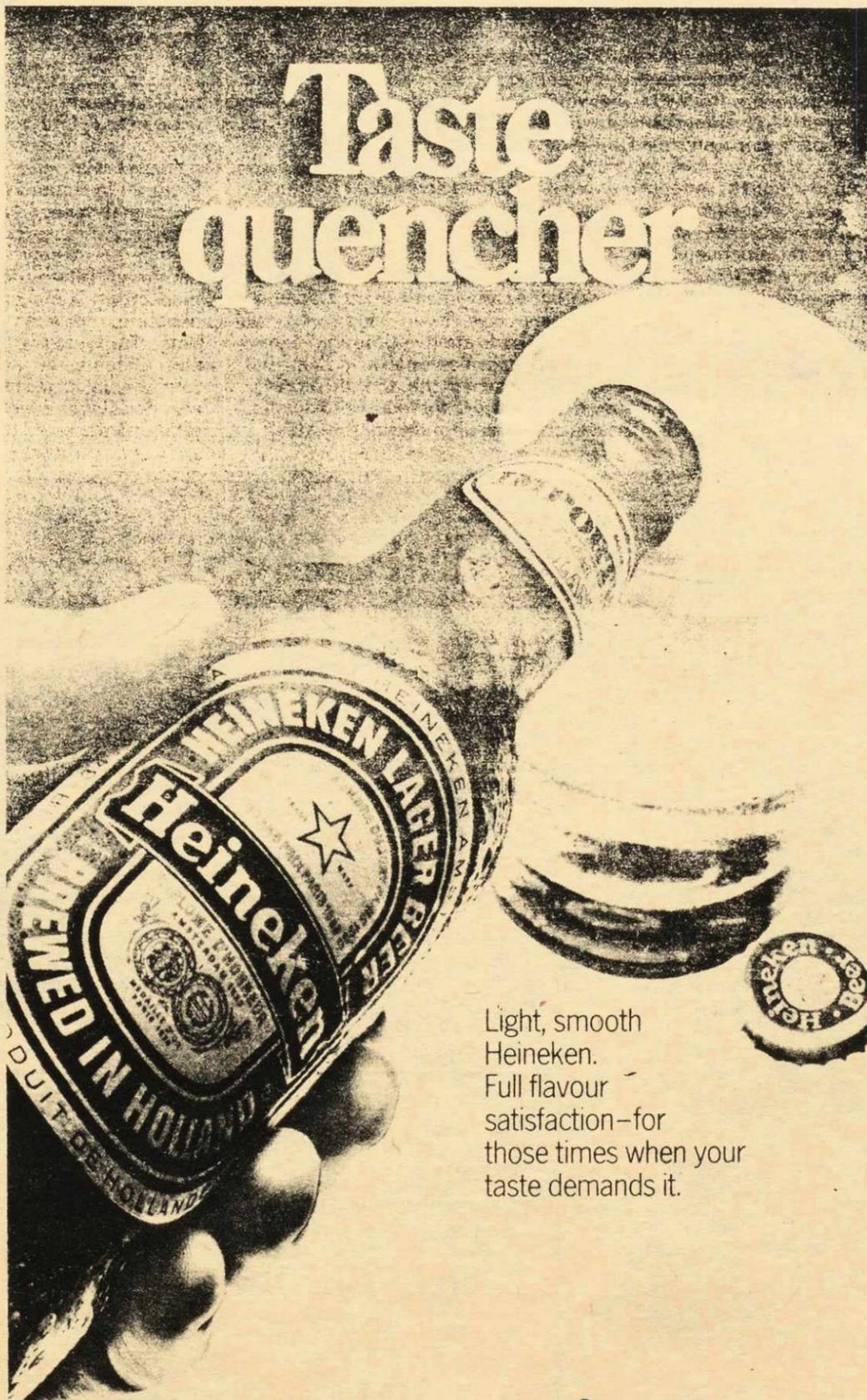
So far this year, the bookstore is in a break-even position. It is anticipated that there will be no great financial losses and that there may even be a profit.

The bookstore is presently being studied by a systems analysis group, in an effort to improve efficiency. The bookstore's equipment is out of date. A computerized system in place of the manual system in current use would greatly increase efficiency, but the cost would be considerable.

Lineups at the beginning of the school year are just one problem. This year, some students were forced to wait in lines for as long as two hours to purchase their texts. Says Kirk, "this is the students' problem. There is no reason why they all have to come at once—if they waited until after the first week, when lineups commonly occur, there would be no problem."

An attempt was made to alleviate the problem by having as many extra cashiers as space and budget would permit, but this did not eliminate the long lines. Next year, the bookstore is considering extending its business hours during the first week of classes, perhaps even staying open 24 hours.

The bookstore management is open to criticism and welcomes any comments, suggestions, or complaints. In the words of Ted Marriott, chairperson of the bookstore committee, "We've got a lot to learn."



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