

# Message from SRC president

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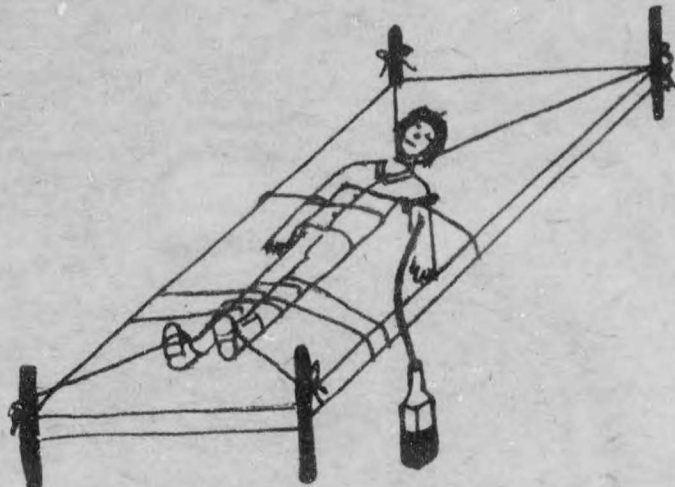
It is part of the job of all SRC Presidents to promote worthy causes. For myself, I sometimes wonder about the whole business of charities, and whether in a rationally-run society, there would be need for the sort of frantic competition in advertising of ways to give money and ease one's conscience.

There is one "good cause", however, which advertises only very quietly, does not come round soliciting your help, and yet will always remain essentially a matter of individual initiative. Blood is - well, as precious as our proverbs suggest. All our knowledge and techn-

ology, our know-how and our sophistication and our money have not so far enabled us to synthesise it. Hopefully, some day... But meanwhile the art of blood transfusion has become a routine medical matter, nothing to be wondered about, complex and tricky though it is. And that's the trouble; there are far more people used to the idea that if they are unfortunate enough some day to go flying through the windshield of their car (and its all too likely) or suffer some such bad accident, their life may be saved by transfusion - than there are people who even think where the blood comes from, or that they themselves might be regular donors.

I have been a regular donor myself for nine years now, and it has become completely routine. I know there are many to whom the idea is unattractive. To them I would say, once again: There's nothing to it. Any reasonably healthy person who has not had jaundice or malaria will more than likely be accepted. If for any reason, either because your blood count is low, there might be even the faintest of risks to you, you will be very politely advised not to participate. So there is nothing to be afraid of, nothing whatsoever.

Alastair Howard Robertson  
Acting President, SRC.



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## It takes all types

Out of 100 donors: 46 have O blood, 42 have A blood, 9 have B blood, 3 have AB blood. Of these: 85 have Rh positive, 15 have Rh negative.

Red cells can be divided into four main groups: A, B, AB and O. Blood groups are inherited from one's parents in the same way as other characteristics, such as hair or eye color.

The ABO blood groups are easy to distinguish by certain lab tests using human serum. Serum contains substances known as blood group antibodies that react with the different types of cells.

For example, if serum containing the antibody, anti-A, is added to group A cells, it will react with them and cause them to clump together. However, if it is added to B group cells, no reaction will occur and the cells will remain separate. By using anti-B as well, four blood types can be identified.

These antibodies are important for another reason. If blood of a different group is received in a blood transfusion, the red cells may clump together in the same way with dangerous and possible fatal results.

A number of tests must be completed in the hospital lab before blood can be found that is safe for the patient. First the cells of both the donor and the

patient must be tested to be sure they're the same group. The donor's blood and the patient's must be cross-matched to see if they're compatible. This is done by mixing red cells of the donor with serum of the patient. If the cells do not clump, the donor blood is said to be compatible and the transfusion will be safe. If they clump, it is incompatible.

## I didn't know that...

In 1961 50% of the campus gave blood - while 15% gave last October!

The body recovers its loss of blood in less than 24 hours - only seven hours to re-establish the red-blood-cell level.

A blood donor gives three quarters of a pint, not a whole pint, as most people think.

Mt. A usually wins the annual intercollegiate blood donor competition, even though UNB has almost four

times its population. FORESTERS HAVE SAP IN THEIR VEINS. NURSES VILLED MORE THAN ANYONE

Prof Allan Boone has given over 50 pints - if he can do it, why can't you?

Blood can't be manufactured and there's no substitute.

LBR has won the residence competition for the past several years - what's wrong with the other residences?

## Your pint can help six people

from the mcgill daily

One donation of blood from a volunteer donor will result in a patient's receiving all or one of six products. On the other hand, one donation may help six different people with different problems.

The first is fresh whole blood which is usually used for exchange of jaundiceserythoblastosis (blue-baby) babies. Also fresh blood may be used for blood volumes increase in severe hemorrhaging patients.

Second, whole blood may be concentrated to only red blood cells to be given to patients with severe anemia.

When one concentrates whole blood to red cells, the plasma part is not wasted but used in the treatment of patients with hemophilia, severe burns and those in shock.

A fourth by-product of blood is (AGH) cryoprecipitate made from fresh plasma. It is a relatively new concentrate used in the treatment of classical hemophiliacs.

Concentrated latelets is yet another product made from very fresh whole blood. This is used in the treatment of leukemia patients.

Fresh blood can also be used for open heart surgery and heart transplant operations. For this purpose, fresh blood is specially modified by adding certain substances and is used in the heart-lung machine during the operation.

Blood that is not used for the above materials is stored for as long as 21 days and used as needed for transfusions, in cases of post-operative bleeding, patients with anemia and so on.

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## Administrative board approves paying Murphy half

A motion approving the payment of half of Tom Murphy's legal fees, up to a maximum of \$3,000, was passed at the Tuesday meeting of the Administrative Board.

Murphy, presenting his case to the board, listed his expenses at \$1900, with a projected maximum of \$3950. He also stated John Oliver's expenses as being \$1057. Oliver was not present and the motion passed concerned only Murphy.

\* Wayne Charters, SRC Administrative Manager, gave as an "educated guess" a \$9,000 deficit for Winter Carnival. He recommended that firm steps be taken to re-organize Carnival, emphasizing campus participation events rather than the

big-name groups. That way, "everybody would get something out of it".

\* The budgets of the Brunswickian, SIA, and Camera Club were reallocated. A motion was passed to reimburse presidential candidates for mimeographed

materials used in campaigns.

\* A recommendation by Mr. Charters, SRC business administrator, that \$577.78, owing to the Brunswickian and SRC for advertising by various organizations, be taken as a bad debt was accepted.

## Brigadier Knight censured

Council passed a motion censuring A. F. Knight, university personnel director. Knight had addressed a letter to SRC business administrator Wayne Charters concerning ID cards.

The letter mentioned an SDC case of misuse of ID cards and reprimanded the SDC for not considering the case which he had presented.

Acting SRC president Alis-

tair Robertson said Knight's letter was an insult to council because Knight had attempted to instruct the SDC on its business. Robertson also pointed out that the letter was addressed to Charters rather than the SDC chairman. "Knight knew that the letter should have been addressed to the chairman because there had been a previous misunderstanding and I had informed Knight of the correct procedure," he said.

Several council members regarded the matter jokingly at the beginning of discussion.

Three more councillors, John Wood engineering rep, Grant Godfrey, engineering rep, and Padraig Finlay, grad rep, submitted their resignations to council. The resignations were accepted.

Council set March 2 as take-over date for the new council.

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