

# Red Cross officials make blood appeal to students

by Mike Spindloe

"We'd like to have every healthy person on campus donate blood," pleaded Nancy Sarich of the Red Cross. The Red Cross is making a final appeal to U of A students to donate blood this week at their clinic in CAB.

The clinic, on the main floor of CAB, runs through Friday with daily hours from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

According to Sarich, clinic coordinator and spokesperson for the Red Cross, "it's important that people come in because it's been slow for the last few days."

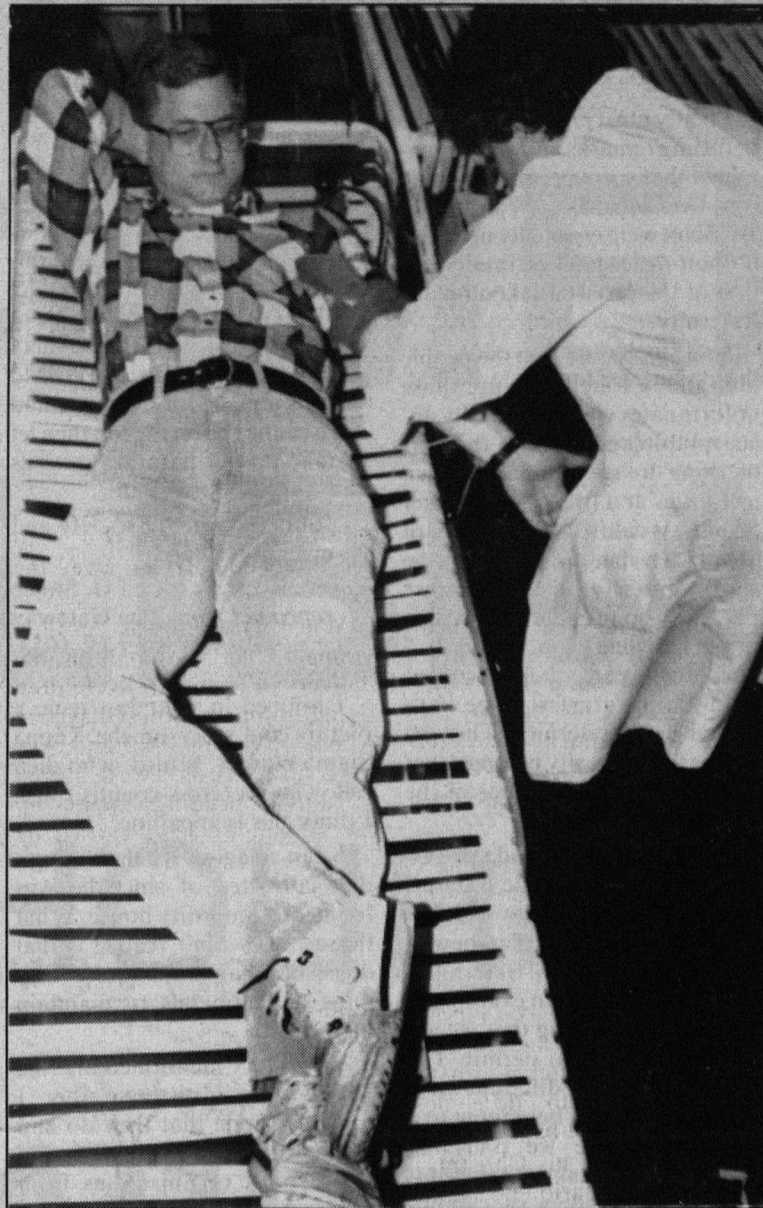
She is concerned that response to the clinic, which is usually strong, has been slow because students are concentrating on studying for upcoming exams.

The Red Cross has been low on blood supplies since the Easter weekend, when the two days of holidays resulted in less clinics being held than usual and increased weekend issues to hospitals drained supplies.

Sarich says that "three or four times a year we face something that draws the supplies lower. The reason can be anything from the weather to a hockey game."

Although the situation is not yet critical, Sarich is "hoping that donations will pick up. Our supplies are lower than we would like them to be."

Most healthy people can safely donate blood.



Kevin Meyer has been giving blood for over a year.

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# Animal House image taints frats

by Dawn Lerohl

The fraternity system on campus at the University of Alberta today is being tainted by an image years out of date.

The ten men's fraternities and three women's fraternities on campus are suffering under an "Animal House" image which is no longer accurate, say many members.

Derek McIntyre, treasurer of Theta Chi fraternity says, "Before movies such as *Animal House* fraternities were admired. Now they have become subject to stereotypical images."

The fraternities have been trying to increase their numbers but are restricted by people's perception.

According to Ross Scott, Interfraternity vice president, an organization which mediates all men's fraternities on campus, "It's hard to prove if more people would join fraternities without these inaccurate beliefs, but people think we're all beer drinking slob, and we're not."

The 600 active members of the fraternity system are highly in-

involved on campus. Mike Evans, a fraternity member says, "The fraternity system has done more for the welfare of the University than any other identifiable group on campus."

Fraternity members have played an active role in student politics for years.

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Fraternity members are also found in organizations such as Student Help and Housing Services.

Susan Goddard, Panhellenic president for 88/89 says "Fraternity alumni are found in many levels of university administration." Panhellenic Council is the governing body for the three women's fraternities.

In the past year, the fraternities on campus have donated over \$7,000 and numerous hours of labour to various charitable organizations.

Scott says, "Fraternities are involved in many different philanthropic organizations. Some examples are Canadian Red Cross, the blood bank, the Veterans Poppy Fund, the Hazeldean Boys and Girls Clubs, and the Burn Unit."

Goddard says "Fraternities are an excellent opportunity to get involved in the university community on a number of levels."

Unlike many clubs which tend to have one focus, our interests are diverse and range from athletics and academics to social and philanthropic activities."

Scott says "Fraternities offer a chance to develop leadership skills and meet new people."

Steps are currently being taken to make amendments to the Code of Student Behavior regarding fraternities. Peter Miller, dean of Student Services, is chairperson of the committee to establish better guidelines to deal with fraternities.

Scott says "Presently fraternities are listed as a student group, but we're unique because we are established off campus, and we own property."

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