

Be aware of blood

by Gina Carmichael

The Canadian Red Cross Society wants you to spread the word that if someone ever thought of giving blood, now is the time to get it out of their system.

September 19 to 24 is Blood Donor Awareness Week. The question is, Are You Aware? Ask yourself these three questions:

- Is it possible to catch AIDS from donating blood?
- How quickly after donating blood does the body replenish itself?
- What is the blood used for?

First of all, it is impossible to catch AIDS while donating blood, due to sterile techniques and safety measures; secondly, your blood

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has professional people. There's a lot that we can do with each other." In the past, Student Counselling has held training sessions for staff at Student Help.

Student Help describes itself as "a volunteer organization providing informal, confidential service". It provides aid to students in dealing with all the stresses of university life. Its role is sometimes one of crisis intervention, but "it doesn't have to be serious", said Astley. "They can come in if they're just feeling a little down."

Astley believes that the shortage of trained psychologists on campus will pose a dilemma for Student Help. "Ethically, we feel that we have a responsibility to those people that come to us for help . . . but we shouldn't really be able to take over the job of a professional. We can try and find someplace else, but there's nowhere else where they don't have to pay."

will replenish itself in just 24 hours. And most importantly, your blood is used in so many ways.

Donated blood is used by accident and shock victims, surgical patients, as well as for treating leukemia and many other medical problems.

The need for donors is great. The demand for blood is bound to increase each year, as medical

advancements and an aging population mean increased usage of blood and blood components. A constant supply of blood is needed, as only ten percent of the population eligible to give blood actually does. Someone you know may need donated blood, or someday it may be you.

On September 20 and September 21 the Red Cross Blood Center is having Information Evenings at 7:30 p.m. to answer any related questions. Soon to be on campus in October is the Blood Donor Clinic. Be there or be square!



About 100 women marched through rain last Friday to protest sexual assault, part of the seventh annual "Take Back the Night" demonstration.

Women unite against assault

by Jeff Cowley

Approximately one hundred women walked through the rain-soaked streets of the University neighborhood Friday night for the seventh annual "Take Back the Night" march to protest sexual assault against women.

The demonstration, sponsored by the Sexual Assault Centre and the Alberta Status of Women's Action Committee, was held to protest violence against women and to draw public attention to a growing problem, said Jude Major, who helped organise the march.

Bystanders looked on as the women made their way down Whyte Avenue carrying banners. Some passing motorists heckled the demonstrators as they chanted "stop rape now" and "We shall not be moved."

"Women must unite in solidarity because the streets are generally so unsafe," said Dale Taylor, who took part in the protest.

"Violent crimes against women are a growing problem," said Major. "Especially now, in the fall, when the light begins to fade. Women shouldn't have to be afraid to go into the streets."

According to government statistics, a sexual assault is committed somewhere in Canada every 17 minutes.

In Edmonton there were approximately 4000 reported cases of sexual assault last year, said Lenore LeMay, Coordinator of Public Education of the Sexual Assault Center. However, LeMay said that only one in ten incidences were reported.

"It has always been a problem of this magnitude. And now people are speaking about it and reporting it," said LeMay.

According to government figures, approximately one in every two females and one in three males will experience some form of sexual assault before they are 18. LeMay said that inadequate attention in public institutions is the main problem. "The courts, judges, jurors and lawyers all have to be educated about the realities and prevention of sexual crime," said LeMay.

LeMay cited the example of an Edmonton man who sexually assaulted a twelve year old girl received a one day sentence.

Creating a public awareness is the key to the problem, said LeMay.

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