

# Red Cross blood donor clinic at UNB

by Erin Campbell

On November 12 and 13, the Red Cross Society will be holding a blood donor clinic on campus.

The need for blood in New Brunswick is very urgent. In fact, 650 units of blood are needed each week in order to supply 26 hospitals around the province. The situation becomes even more pressing as the Christmas holiday grows near.

According to Catherine Giles, the clinic organizer, the need is precipitated by number of people travelling during

this season, therein increasing the amount of accidents.

Universities have always been seen as a viable solution to the donation problem. The Red Cross holds two blood donor clinics each year. Organizers of the event, which is being co-sponsored by the Red Devils hockey team, hopes to attract at least 250 students and staff members each day.

Giles says that the turnout at clinics on the UNB campus in the past has been "touch and go" but in recent years participation has increased. This is due mainly to the introduction of competitions

organized by the Red Cross and Varsity Mania.

One such contest involves the percentage of campus residents that donate blood per house. The frequent winner of this event over the years has been Aitken House. There is also a competition to find the

"Best Bloody Faculty". The last two years have seen the Nursing and Forestry faculties take the honours.

Students and staff members are strongly urged to come out next Tuesday and Wednesday and fill the quota of 500 units the Red Cross hopes to meet.

If this goal is not reached, more pressure is placed on other clinic sites to make up the difference.

The clinic will be open each day, 1:30-4:30, 6:00-8:00 and will be located in the Student Union Building.

## Football brawl in Sackville

Mace used by police

Press Release

Last Saturday's football game in Sackville resulted in police action and the arrest of five students when Mace was used to control brawls between fans from Mt. Allison and St. Mary's.

The brawls took place in a parking lot beside the football field after the game which resulted in a win for Mt. Allison.

According to the *Daily Gleaner*, five students from St. Mary's "face a total of six

charges, including damage to a police vehicle and obstructing an officer."

In reference to the use of Mace to control the fights, the *Gleaner* reports police chief John Clarke said "it was like a bunch of bush fires all over the place. They're authorized to use Mace - I authorized it - and they're covered under the police act."

Another game between Mt. Allison and St. Mary's is planned for Saturday, with an increase of security personnel.



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The UNB Red Devils support the Red Cross by co-sponsoring next week's blood donor drive. Shown are Murray Nystrom and Robbie Bolden, two members of the hockey team, with the Red Cross flag.

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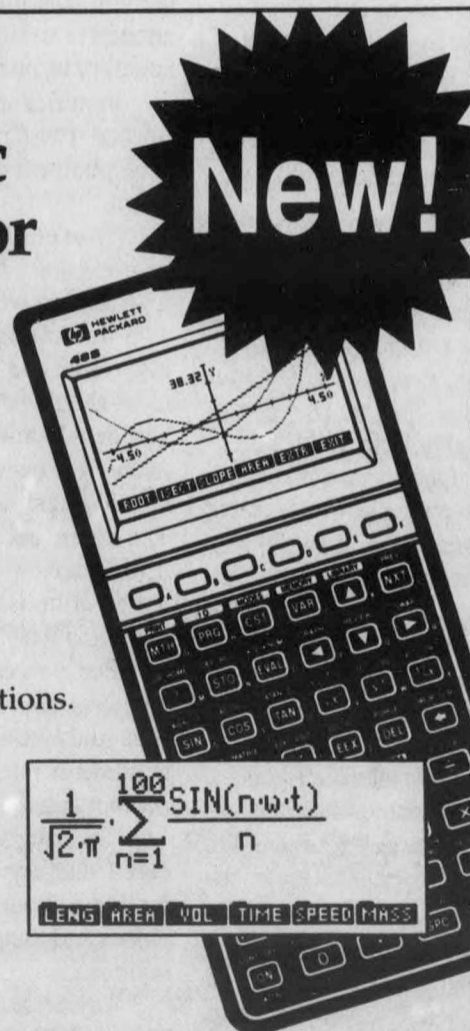
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