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He looks like a dwarf who fell into a vat of pubic hair.

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Cross needs blood

by Rosa Jackson

The Red Cross is urging students to actively participate in the blood donor clinic which is taking place this week in CAB.

The clinic's hours have been extended this year; it now runs from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday to Thursday, and until 3:30 p.m. Friday.

"We rely heavily on CAB for our blood stock," said Edi Skoropad, clinic consultant at the Red Cross Blood Transfusion Services. "CAB gets number one priority in our planning schedule."

During last April's clinic, an average of 236 students registered at the clinic each day, with 218 units of blood being collected. The difference in these numbers, said Skoropad, is due to people being deferred for reasons such as colds or medications.

This week, the numbers have

Smokers fuming

by Lisa Hall and Dragos Ruiu

Many students and staff are upset over the U of A's new no-smoking policy.

University Board of Governors restricted smoking in university buildings except for designated areas on May 13 of this year.

A group of students has presented a petition with over 1,700 names to the University administration, requesting additional areas be provided for smokers.

"And we have a lot more support out there," said Jodi Eurchuck, a third year education student, and one of the main organizers of the petition.

The group started the petition during the second week of classes when they heard of the no-smoking policy the U of A had passed during summer holiday. "They could at least have given us a warning," said Eurchuck, adding that it didn't seem like students had a chance to give their views on the policy before it was passed.

Several professors and support staff have also signed the petition and expressed the same view that the university seemed to have slipped the smoke-free policy by when they weren't looking. "Perhaps such a policy should have been phased in over several years," said Dr. Peter Miller, Dean of Student Services.

The petition was submitted last week and is now in the hands of Dean Miller. Miller, Eurchuck and the SU president Paul LaGrange met on Monday to discuss the petition. Both Miller and

been far lower than expected: on Wednesday, 177 students were registered and 153 units collected. A unit is 235 cc of blood, or about nine ounces.

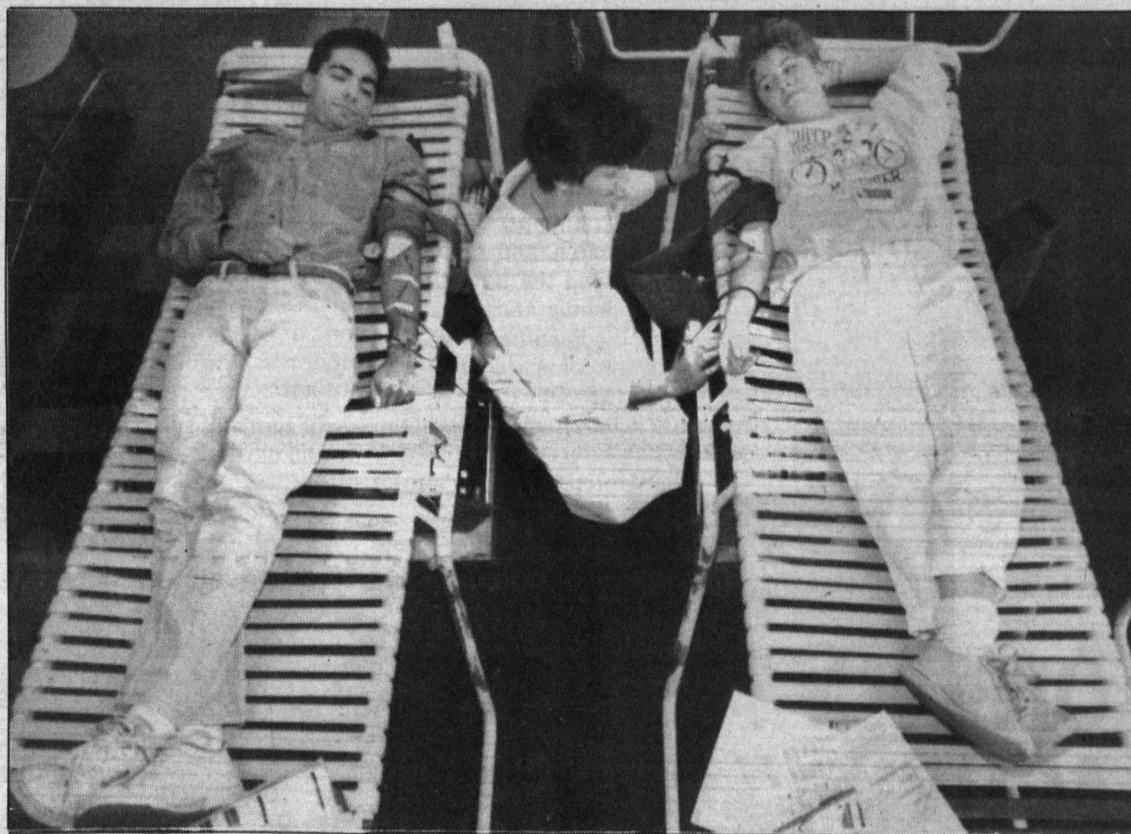
Skoropad was unable to pinpoint a cause for the drop in turnout, but said that if numbers do not rise by the end of the week, the Red Cross will be facing problems. In the past, there has been a steady increase in donations throughout the clinics.

"We are hoping to see 1200 to

1400 units from CAB", said Skoropad. "We are especially looking for O negative and O positive blood."

At the moment, the Blood Bank figures are low; while 1500 to 2000 units are usually kept in stock, there are now only about 1200 available.

With the Thanksgiving weekend coming up, the Red Cross is attempting to build up a larger supply in preparation for a higher accident rate. "We know a lot of people are going away for the long weekend", said Skoropad, "but we're hoping they can come out before they leave."



Donating blood isn't so bad, as Computer Engineering student John Vale and Nursing student Colleen Berean find out — thanks to a friendly smile from Sheelagh Lyttle, R.N.

LaGrange were impressed by the number of names, and said the amount warranted considering trying to change the policy.

There are some areas designated for smoking such as the Arts Lounge in HUB and a section of CAB cafeteria. But the protesters felt that these areas are not adequate. "What we really want the most is a place where we can smoke and study at the same time," said Eurchuck. The Chinese Library no longer accommodates smokers, although the "smoking permitted" signs are still up.

"We're willing to put up with crowded areas. We're willing to put up with a lot of things," said Eurchuck. "We just really need that library. We got 1,700 names in two weeks for a library. Surely that is a large enough indication that one is needed."

Eurchuck emphasized how hard it is to quit smoking while going to university. "There is already enough pressure in university, we don't need more," said one student.

The petition asks for one smoking area to be permitted in each building. Students who do not have time to go to a designated

area for a cigarette often abuse the policy and smoke where they are not supposed to. "It would be unfortunate if we would see students being charged for violations of the Student Code of Behavior for smoking," said Miller. Eurchuck felt that more smoking areas would reduce the abuse of the policy.

The policy states that people can go outside to smoke when there isn't a smoking area in the building. The lack of ashtrays has created some problems however, and in some places like the U of A Hospital the entrances have to have cigarette butts picked up three times a day.

The existing policy allows for 12 designated smoking areas, which would have ventilation to the exterior for fresh air supply. According to Gordon Weir, Occupational Health Coordinator, only one area, on the fourth floor of the Chemistry Building, has proper ventilation. Three of the areas, in the GSB, Arts and BioSci Buildings, have significant haze problems.

The Physical Plant is now doing research to see how much the renovations would cost to

Phys. Ed. sets quotas

by Kevin Law

The Physical Education department will begin limiting enrollment next year.

Approval has been granted by the General Faculties Council to limit enrollment next September in two programs within the department: physical education and recreation and leisure studies.

According to Dr. A. Quinney, Chairman of Physical Education and Sports Studies, budget cut-backs during the last five years

have reduced staff to the equivalent of three full-time staff members. At the same time, since 1981, student enrollment in the physical education program has risen from 340 to 580 students. "What we're looking at is an extreme growth of students and a reduction of service," said Quinney, adding, "the bottom line is, we can't do the job."

Quinney felt that the only option to combat shrinking resources "is clearly to reduce the number of students." Part of the process for arriving at a quota is "prioritization based on grades," he said. "And when we come down to cut-off, then we will look at a number of other factors." Quinney listed required interviews for program candidates as one example of other factors.

Dr. G. Swinnerton, Associate Chairman of the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies, echoed Quinney's sentiments. "Generally speaking, the same situation applies," Swinnerton said. "The numbers in enrollment went up substantially."

Here, too the quota is based on the numerical limit of people coming into the program, and students are ranked on a grade point average.

In recreation and leisure, however, there is not only a quota system, but a revised program. Swinnerton explained that a pre-professional year will be required, here or at a regional college. Then students can come into the program.

If a student takes a pre-professional year at the U of A, the student registers in the Faculty of Arts and then, after the first year, applies for the recreation program.

Swinnerton noted, "we have a provision in conjunction with the Arts department. If it's a no-go for the student in our program, they can stay in Arts without penalty."

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