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Editorials

An Irony Of Success

Perhaps one of the greatest ironies in all of current American history stems directly from an incident of blood, blood transfusions and the basic need for human compassion.

Some years ago, a brilliant, young medical doctor made what is considered to be one of medicine's greatest breakthroughs. Until the time of this young man's research and this medical milestone all blood transfusions involved whole blood, which is not very easily kept and is of considerable bulk. The young researcher developed a method whereby blood was broken into its component parts. Later these parts were recombined. This the innovation, development of plasma, was credited with saving countless lives during World War II and in the years that followed.

The story could have ended here. It does not. The brilliant medical man's name was Charles Drew. He was black.

Drew, who worked in a noted northern medical center, decided to join some of his colleagues who were traveling by automobile to a southern medical conference. While enroute, Drew and his associates were involved in an automobile accident in which Drew was injured.

Because of his racial origin, Drew, the man who revolutionized modern blood medicine and facilitated the widespread use of the transfusion, died for the lack of one. Denied admittance to a nearby hospital, Charles Drew bled to death before he could reach a hospital that would admit him.

Prejudice and injustice are born out of ignorance. Don't be ignorant of the experience of sharing part of that which is life to you with another who may desparately need it.

It's Possible . . .

If giving up a pint of your own personal blood seems a little on the negative side, perhaps it would be wise to look at the possibilities of avoiding giving any at all.

It is possible that your blood will never be used to save the life of another person. Yes, that certainly is possible.

It is possible that everyone else at Jax State does not have any negative feelings about giving blood and that they will turn out in record numbers and your blood won't even be missed. That seems possible.

It is possible that no national emergency will arise in the near future in which your blood could be used with dramatic import. That is possible.

It is possible that your blood-type is already on hand in great supply. Possibly.

It is possible that you and no one in your family will ever need any blood-transfusions. Hopefully, this is possible.

It is possible that blood supplies will become so great that your blood really wouldn't be needed. Possible, not probable.

It is possible that a list of "possible" reasons not to give blood could be virtually endless. It is also possible that one just doesn't give a damn. Yep, that's possible.



Open Letter

Dear Fellow Students:

My interest in the Red Cross, and especially the blood drive program, has been building up over a number of years—it is not a superficial interest. Like most of you, I have always had a basic admiration for organizations who concentrate primarily on the needs of mankind. My interest, however, grew considerably



STEVE HUNT

within a period of three years because of two personal tragedies.

Last summer I was in an automobile accident and consequently I was in need of blood. The Red Cross supplied this need; without hesitation of any kind, they delivered the blood. The mere fact that another human being was in need was their motivating factor. Without the help of the Red Cross, I could have died.

Over a year before my accident, my father, too, received the help of the Red Cross. He was in need of a donor and regardless of the fact that it was in the earlier hours of the morning, the Red Cross produced a donor within minutes.

I hope that you never encounter either a situation like that of mine or my father. But chances are, unfortunately, that someday you might. Please remember this the next time you pass up the chance to give blood.

Steve Hunt

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The Red Cross is an international organization founded in 1865 by a Swiss Banker named Jean Henri Dunant.

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The Red Cross is chartered by the United States Congress and the Geneva Convention.

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The Red Cross is a non-profit organization.

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The Red Cross obtains housing for displaced persons, medical and similar facilities, and relief programs during the course of natural disasters.

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The Red Cross uses over 2,000,000 volunteers with contributions from 40,000,000 cities.

What Happens To Your Blood After Donation

After an individual makes that all-important decision to donate blood, what happens to his blood?

Once the blood is collected in the pint container, the container is then labeled with the number which corresponds to that on your donor's identification card.

The blood then goes through a series of thorough tests where it is checked for antibodies and the Rh factor. It is next typed and placed on file. Only if it is determined to be acceptable, the blood is sent to the blood tank at the regional center and stored.

Before any blood is ever given to a recipient in a hospital, it must undergo further tests. When someone needs blood, his blood

type is typed. Next a blood bank will take blood of a matching type and check for incompatibilities between the donor and the recipient.

All of the blood is double checked: first in the blood bank of the Red Cross, and then in the hospital where it is examined and cross-matched.

Hospitals usually keep blood in their bank for use in their area from one to 14 days. If for some reason the blood is not used within this time, it is returned to the Regional Red Cross where it is discarded. It is a very rare occasion, indeed, that calls for blood to be discarded.

A Message From Richard

An excellent outlet for demonstrating has been

presented to the University community and each person is invited to participate.

Red Cross representatives are in Leone Cole Auditorium today awaiting the arrival of all concerned faculty and students who share an interest in human kindness.

The expression of giving blood is one of the most noble ways of saying "I love mankind" and one of the few expressions in which the donor is helped.

Give blood today for anything less is not giving a damn.

Richard Reid
President, SGA



And The Winning Ticket Is . . .

BIRMINGHAM REGIONAL BLOOD CENTER
AMERICAN RED CROSS
Birmingham, Alabama

BLOOD DONOR CERTIFICATE

To Hospital: This card entitles the Donor and his immediate family (husband or wife, minor children, parents, parents in-law) to receive blood without obligation to replace or pay for the blood. The hospital reserves the right to charge an administration and/or laboratory fee.



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Let's Top Alabama

The blood drive, which is held three times a year at Jacksonville and sponsored by the Birmingham Regional Red Cross, will be on campus today between the hours of 10 to 4 at the Leone Cole Auditorium.

Steve Hunt, campus chairman for the drive, stated that "it is the obligation of every human being to contribute of himself that which might save the lives of others." Hunt also informed the **CHANTICLEER** that this semester's goal is 150 units of blood and that his fellow workers have expressed a strong desire to top the number of donations on the University of Alabama campus.

The Red Cross of this region is responsible for over 200 hospitals and must supply them with an average of 500 pints of blood daily. They remind students that now persons 18 years of age and older can give blood without consent of their parents. Dick Spencer, a student who has worked with past drives, offered further encouragement, "There will always be a need for blood, donations, and the realizations of these needs. This need can never be fulfilled—the only failure will be ours—if we become apathetic and stop trying."

The **CHANTICLEER** wishes to join with the blood drive workers in encouraging everyone to overlook his personal qualms and give so that others might live.

We Give A Damn

The slogan "Give a Damn . . . Give Your Blood" which appears on the cover of this issue originated from a special edition of the **CHANTICLEER** in November of 1971.

This theme illustrates the dire need for enthusiasm and involvement in the blood donor's program of the American Red Cross which is so vital to every community.

This blunt and meaningful theme has been adopted by the Red Cross as the official state motto for 1972.

And Now There's You

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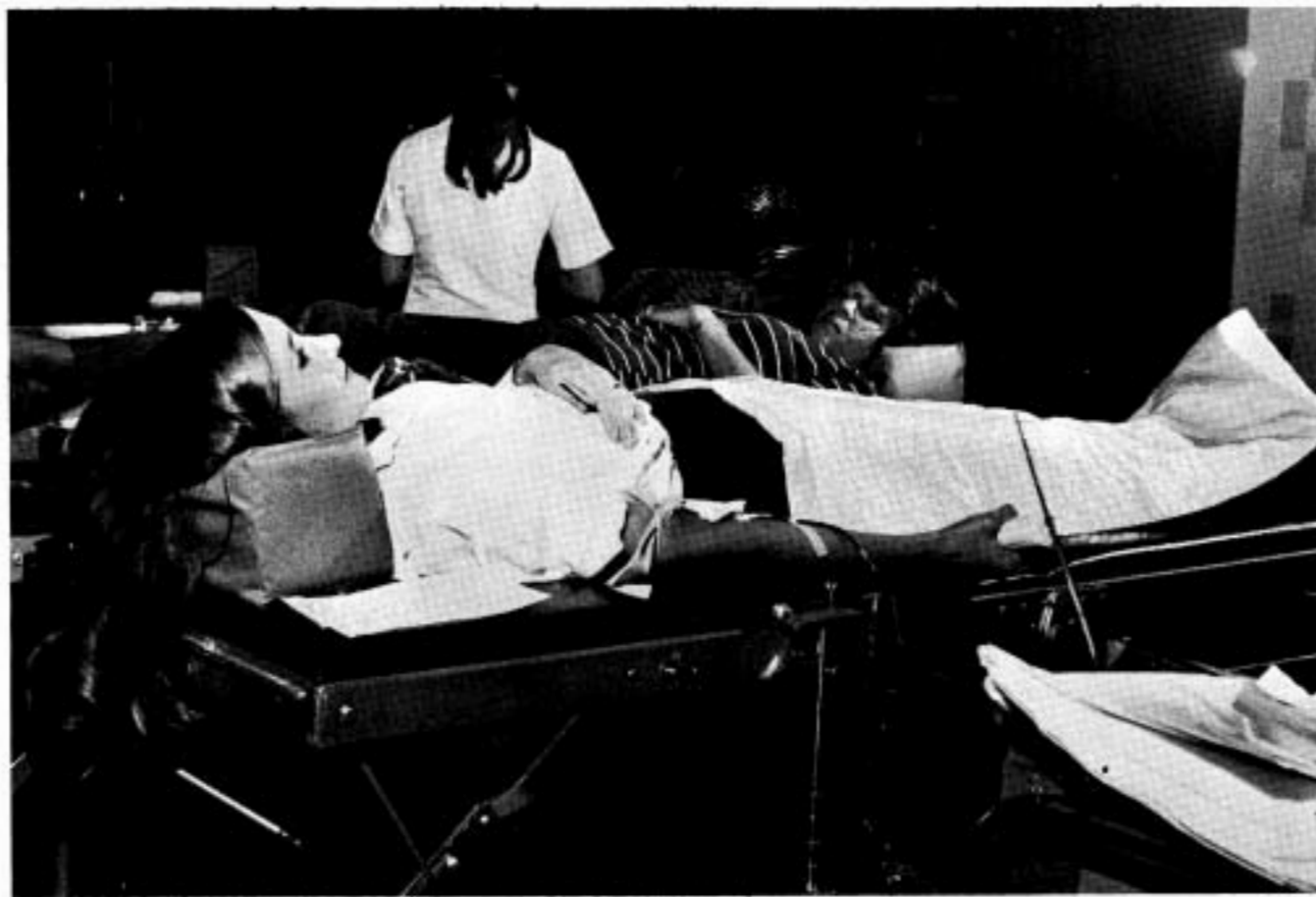
It might save someone's life . . . some face among the crowd.

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This face among the crowd whose life is saved might be someone in your family.

(3)

This face among the crowd whose life is saved might be your own.



a reflection from yesterday . . .

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it is
when you give of yourself
that you truly give

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