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Third annual blood drive a success

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The third annual blood drive was held on November 5th and 6th and, thanks to the students of Behrend, it was a success. There were 121 students screened, and out of those, 110 were able to be donors. However, only 102 full pints of blood were collected out of the 110. This compares to the 108 pints taken last year, which puts Behrend at about the same level for both years.

This year is the second year for the Blood Drive Competition and Behrend was in competition with Gannon University, Mercyhurst College, and Villa Maria College. However, the results have not been given yet because all of the schools have not held their blood drives thus far. For the first time a competition was held between the residence halls and Lawrence came out on top. There will be a pizza party sponsored by Domino's Pizza and the Joint Residents Council (JRC) to award the winners. There was also a competition between the clubs on campus, but the results have not yet been tallied.

There is no AIDS risk in giving blood and the Erie Community Blood Bank confirms this. Some people are afraid to give blood for this reason, but this shouldn't dissuade people from giving. For the people that do give, it doesn't seem to be that big of a deal. R.A. Shelly Ostrander says that, "giving blood doesn't bother me. I've given blood before and it doesn't hurt."

Freshman Kim Stefurak also agrees that "giving blood is no problem. I'm glad to help."

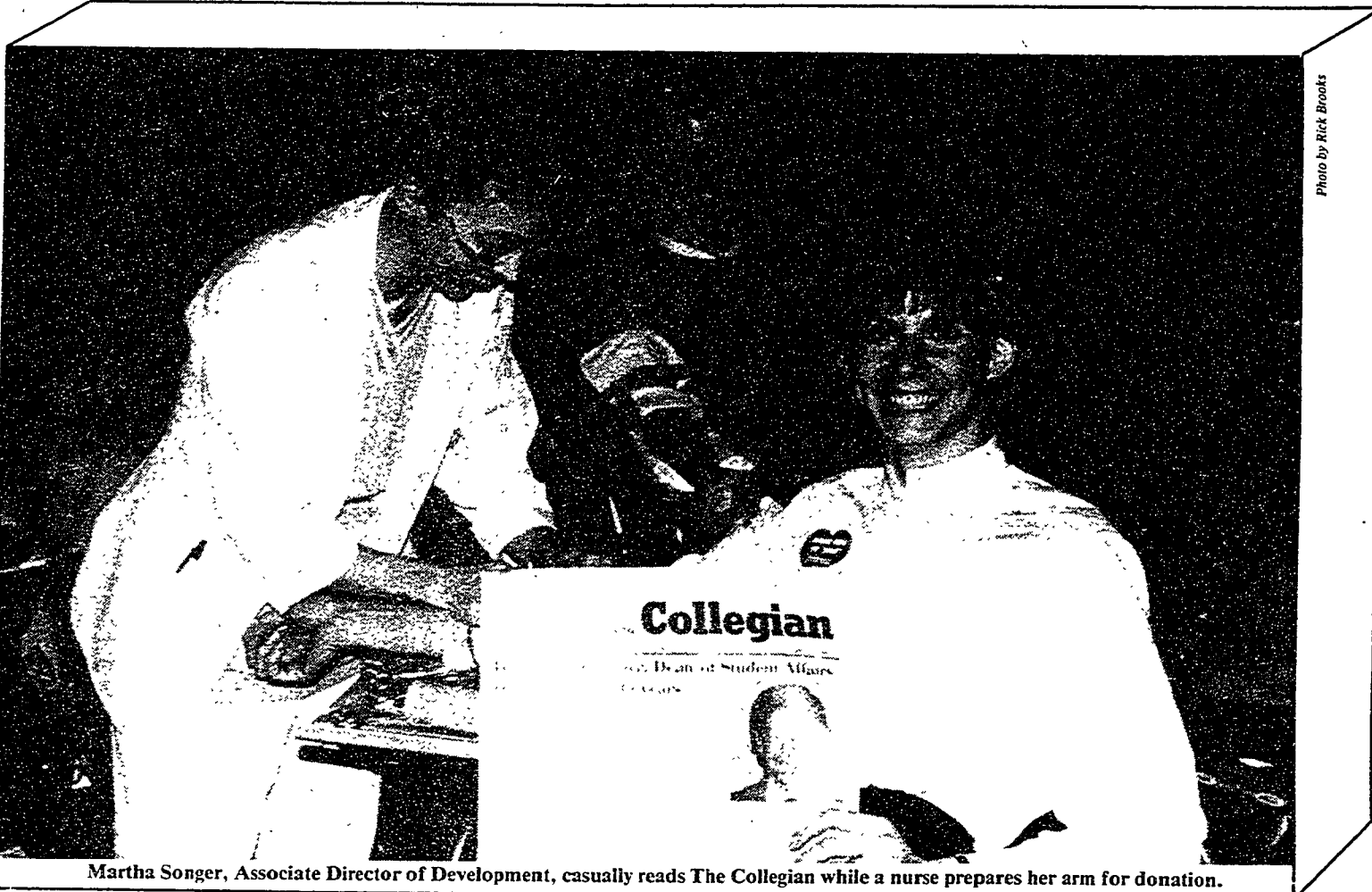
On the other hand, there are some people who don't like the whole idea too much. As Jack Horner put it, "It was very uncomfortable for me. My arm took some time to stop hurting." He, too, was glad to be of service though. No matter how hesitant people are about giving blood, they know the good that comes from it and are happy that they have participated.

For every donation, three transfusions can be given. With the 102 pints that Behrend gave, this means that 306 transfusions were made available. There are three parts to blood that can be given out separately to people for specific problems.

The first part of the blood consists of platelets. These are clotting cells and are given to trauma victims, bad accident victims, people with ulcers, and people who have leukemia.

The second part consists of red blood cells, which are also referred to as packed cells. These are used for people with anemia, or for anyone who has lost a large amount of blood. Trauma victims can also be given these.

Plasma is the last part that blood is divided into. This contains a lot of white cells which kill infection. Plasma is used on cancer patients who are on chemotherapy. Since chemotherapy kills both the bad cells and the good cells, cancer patients need to have the good ones replaced. This is where the plasma comes into place. Burn victims are also given plasma because they have lost a large amount of fluid.



Martha Songer, Associate Director of Development, casually reads *The Collegian* while a nurse prepares her arm for donation.

Barbara Parker from the Erie Community Blood Bank says that getting a transfusion is like getting "a specialized form of medicine. The patient is getting exactly what he or she needs." Because the blood can be divided into different parts, Parker says it is, "possible to help more people that way."

The Erie Community Blood Bank, which supplied all of the equipment for the blood drive, along with the people in the Erie hospitals, wish to thank Behrend College for a job well done.

Kenny to attend School in Nairobi

by Michelle Miller
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Jeff Kenney, a junior, will attend the University of Nairobi in Kenya during the Fall 1987 and Spring 1988 semesters. His trip is made possible through Penn State's Education Abroad Programs, which provides students an opportunity to receive "an international dimension to (their) intellectual and professional development in specialized fields of study."

The Nairobi program is one of several conducted in Europe, the Middle East, Africa, South America, East Asia and Oceania. More than 350 Penn State students majoring in a wide variety of areas annually participate in these programs.

Kenney is majoring in secondary education (earth and space science option.) He first became interested in the Education Abroad Programs because he needed a change and thought the experience would offer adventure and a chance to learn more about the world. His first choice, the Soviet Union, didn't offer classes in English and Kenney doesn't speak fluent Russian. Australia was eliminated as a choice because its university's semester time schedule is too different from Penn State's. That left Nairobi.

To be considered for the program, applicants must have an all-University average of 2.5 or above, must be in good standing and generally be of either junior or senior level during the academic year abroad. Prior to departure, students are expected to complete HIST 191, LA 297 and either SO SC 110 or C Lit 003.

According to a brochure circulated by Penn State, "with careful planning, every Penn State

participant in this program can not only gain regular Penn State credit and maintain normal progress toward graduation, but can often apply the credits earned abroad to general requirements (BDR), electives, and/or major requirements." This is because courses offered abroad are accredited under a course number listed in the Penn State Baccalaureate Degree Catalog. "No transfer of credit is involved since the student remains registered at Penn State."

Tuition costs are the same as the University Park campus and are paid at the Bursar's office in accordance with standard deadlines and procedures. Financial assistance is available through the Office of Student Aid. A Grant-in-Aid Fund exists through the Office of Education Abroad Programs for exceptionally needy and qualified students.

Said Kenney, "These programs offer (students) a lot. People should try to get as much out of school as they can, not just go for four years. This is something to be taken advantage of." Although courses at the University of Nairobi are taught in English, Kenney hopes to expand his knowledge by learning Swahili. During Christmas break he plans to explore Europe. "Maybe (I'll) go on a safari, too," he added.

For more information about Penn State's Education Abroad Programs, contact Mari Trenkle (ext. 6230) or write to Office of Education Abroad Programs, 2nd Floor, Boucke Building, University Park, PA, 16802.

Applications are made one year in advance of the semester one plans to be abroad. March 1, 1987 is the deadline for the Spring 1988 programs.

Chiteman named division head

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Mike Chiteman, new division head

Penn State's Division of Undergraduate studies plays an important part in the academic lives of many Behrend students.

Nearly ten percent of the students at Behrend, or about 205, are enrolled in the D.U.S. program.

The Division of Undergraduate Studies exists for many reasons.

The first function of D.U.S. is to help students who are undecided about academic interests. These students may enroll in D.U.S. until they are ready to pursue a specific major.

About 80 percent of college students change their major at least once during their college career, said Mike Chiteman, head of Behrend's Division of Undergraduate Studies.

"Enrollments in D.U.S. will probably continue to climb as more and more students are honest with themselves," said Chiteman.

D.U.S. is important in a system such as Penn State's, in which over 130 majors are offered, said Chiteman.

Chiteman is encouraging all students, not only those in D.U.S., to use the DISCOVER computer system, which administers a set of questions to students and, in return, tells them which careers they may be interested in.

Another aid in choosing a career is a class being offered this spring through the Career Development and Placement Office, LA 100; Effective Decision Making.

D.U.S. also exists to help students fulfill requirements needed to be accepted into any particular major.

A common example of this is the student wishing to major in Business Administration at Penn State. If she did not take trigonometry, she does not have

the requirements needed to be accepted into that program. Rather than not accepting her as a student, Penn State will accept her under the D.U.S. program.

While under the D.U.S. program, she will fulfill her needed requirement, while taking the same schedule other students enrolled in the Business Administration major are taking.

The Freshman Testing, Counseling and Advising Program (F.T.C.A.) is coordinated by the Division of Undergraduate Studies.

The F.T.C.A. allows students to come to Behrend for one day in the summer before their freshman year to meet with counselors and other faculty members. They are also given information on student activities and campus life, as well as tours of the campus.

Penn State's F.T.C.A. program is nearly 30 years old and is considered so successful that colleges across the country are copying it, according to Chiteman.

Behrend's D.U.S. program is attempting to reach out to advisors on campus in order to help them with student advising problems. "D.U.S. wants to see good advising through the whole University," said Chiteman.

Mike Chiteman, in his first year as division head of Undergraduate Studies, is replacing Ernest Fryer, who retired.

Chiteman is an instructor of English who has been with Behrend for 19 years. He is also in charge of the Academic Services Center in the Turnbull Building, at which free tutoring is available to Behrend students.

D.U.S. is moving to the newly remodeled area where the Records Office was located, in the lower level of the Reed Building. This area will be shared with the Career Development and Placement Office and should be open after Thanksgiving.

Plans approved by trustees

University Park, Pa. --The Pennsylvania State University Board of Trustees approved several physical plant resolutions today (Nov. 7). The approvals are designed to improve facilities at four of the University's campuses.

Sketch plans, designed by the University's Office of Physical Plant, for a heat recovery incinerator at the Milton S. Hershey Medical Center, were approved.

"Disposal of refuse generated by the medical center had been handled by contract hauling," George R. Lovette, vice president of business and operations, told the Board.

However, he said, the fees for contract hauling of the waste had risen drastically, and landfills and incinerators in the area are no longer available for the medical center's use.

Plans approved by the Board call for a heat recovery incinerator, which, Lovette said, will be able to handle all of the center's wastes.

"At the same time, because of the heat generated, recovered energy will be converted to steam and piped into the adjacent central energy plant to provide an additional energy resource," he said.

In other business, sketch plans, designed by Wallace and Watson Associates of Allentown, for a multi-purpose physical education building at Wilkes-Barre Campus, were approved.

"There is no existing indoor physical education facility at Wilkes-Barre Campus now. The need for a physical education building is clear," said George R. Lovette, vice president of business and operations.

"Although there are no resident students at this campus, a number of our students live in nearby private housing and will use the building for recreation."

The 34,066-square-foot building is planned for a grassy area near existing playfields at the campus, he said. Plans call for the building to include a regulation

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