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Student prepares to give blood at the XGI-Red Cross Blood Drive Oct. 30 in the Gallery Lounge.

PSH places 2nd in blood drive

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XGI, a social service fraternity for veterans, raised 79 pints of blood at their semi-annual blood drive on October 30. XGI has sponsored these blood drives twice a year since the early 1970's. David Baustert, President of XGI, said the blood drives get better every year.

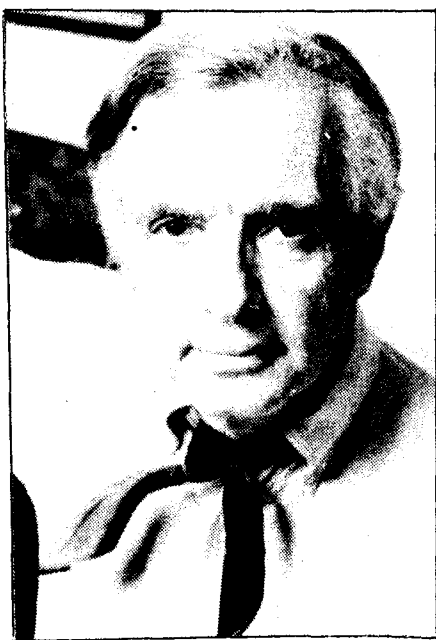
In this semester's blood drive, Penn State Harrisburg came in second in a competition between local campuses. The York campus placed first with 84 pints and the Allentown campus came in third with 65 pints.

Last spring, XGI raised 132 pints. This was the highest number of pints they ever raised. Penn State Harrisburg will have another chance to beat this record at this spring's blood drive. To donate blood you should weigh at least 110 pounds.

The blood is donated to the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank who distributes the blood to area hospitals.

Sue Billett, Donor Resource Consultant of the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank, urges everyone to donate. "Donating blood is the only way the need can be filled," she explained. "There isn't a substitute for donated blood."

Psychiatrist urges connectivity



file photo

Dr. Robert J. Lifton, Psychiatrist was the third speaker in the Lecture Series. Next: U.S. Representative Pat Schroeder, Feb. 4, 1990.

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Robert J. Lifton, a noted psychiatrist, examined the contemporary self and the struggles for human connection and openness as the third speaker in the 1989-90 Penn State Lecture Series.

Staying with the "Alternative Visions: 2001" Lecture Series theme of the developing state of the individual and society, the distinguished psychiatry and psychology professor discussed the contemporary self through a sense of immortality and the "Protean" man.

Lifton has a particular interest in the relationship between individuals and historical change, and in problems surrounding the extreme historical situations of the twentieth century like the Nazi Holocaust, the nuclear bombing of Hiroshima, and the Vietnam War.

"One must look into the abyss in order to see the human future beyond the abyss," Lifton said.

Speaking before about 100 people at the Capital Union Building, Lifton

More Lifton on 2

Late faculty, late books says bookstore manager

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High prices and out-of-stock conditions are traditional student bookstore headaches. Students pay up to \$250 a semester for books then have to wait two to three weeks to get them.

Students often blame the bookstore for their problems, but bookstore manager, Sue Williams said it's not the bookstore's fault. Publishers set the prices and faculty determine when the books are ordered.

"Our primary goal is to serve the students and faculty here," Williams said. "If books aren't on the shelves, it may be because of the faculty members' lateness."

To assure delivery, book orders must be placed two to three months in advance, according to Williams.

"If faculty are late submitting their requests, the books may not be on the shelf when classes begin," she said. "Nearly 20 percent of professors submit their orders late."

Of nearly 300 courses offered for spring semester, only 47 requisitions had been submitted by the ordering deadline of Oct. 13, she said.

Books for fall semester should be ordered in April. However, some faculty use the summer to review new books before deciding on a text. This can delay shipments.

Books for spring semester are a special problem. They are ordered in October and arrive in late December. But there are fewer part time student employees then and the stocking must be completed during Christmas vacation. Williams said both situations can cause complaints about books not being on the shelves.

As for complaints about high prices, Williams said the bookstore doesn't

control prices. Mark-up on books is 20 percent plus shipping.

"I agree, prices are high. That's why we try so hard to get the used books," she said.

Usually 25 percent off regular prices, used books help offset ever-increasing new book prices. But because faculty sometimes submit book requests late, the bookstore can't get as many used books as it would like. Campuses across the nation have the same demands for used books. Those which order first receive them.

Asked if he had any problems finding his books this past September, Doug McMillan, a senior, said, "Hey, I've learned. I've been at Penn State 5 years. You get there early, you get the used books."

Another junior, Matt Hagelgans said. "I'd like to know how the professors decide on which books they order. Is a \$75 book better than a \$35 book?"

Hagelgans, a professional accountancy major taking 15 credits, paid \$250 for books this semester.

Despite the high prices, Williams said the bookstore doesn't get rich on its profits.

"Money earned beyond operating costs goes into the general scholarship fund," she said.

Some students were surprised to learn that profits go toward helping students.

"I feel a little better knowing that," remarked grad student Barb Lewis. "Maybe the bookstore should post a sign explaining that to the students."

The business office at University Park would not disclose exactly what contribution the bookstore system makes to the scholarship fund.

The bookstore is owned and operated by the University as an auxiliary service much like Police Services, and Housing and Food Service.

The Black Student Union is sponsoring the Film
"Do The Right Thing"

November 21, 1989

BCAC - 12 o'clock noon and the CUB - 7:00 p.m.

A panel discussion will follow
the 7:00 p.m. showing.

All are welcome for both showings!

No charge for admission!