

BLOOD DRIVE

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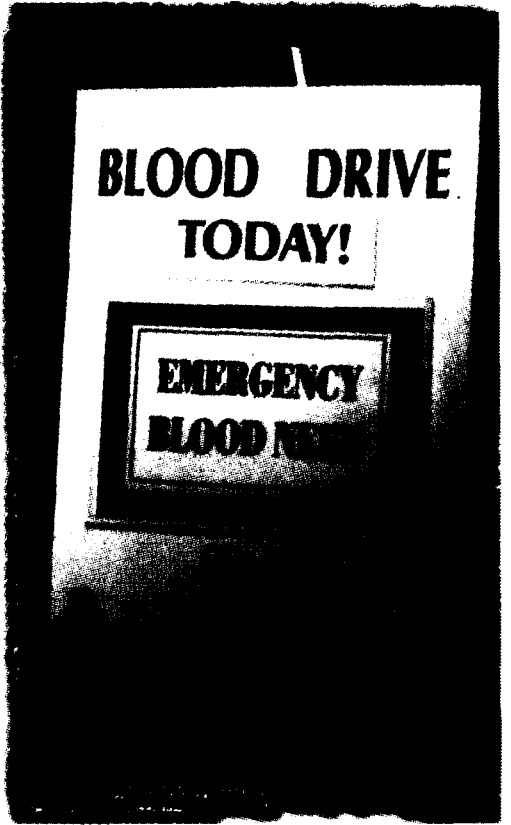
On Thursday, October 3, students, faculty, staff, and alumni gathered in the Gallery Lounge to support the XGI blood Drive. The blood drive was held to assist the Central Pennsylvania Blood Bank's blood shortage.

In an effort to get as many members of the PSH community to donate, their names were entered into a drawing to win a number of prizes including Cher tickets. Also as an incentive, there was an abundance of food offered to those who donated, in addition to the usual juice and confections, there were hotdogs, cheese, crackers, and fruit along with with other tasty treats.

The CPBB staff felt that this drive had a good turnout, with 77 people regerstering. Of those 77, 53 people actually made it to the point of donating and 24 deferrals (including the authors of this piece). Deferrals were based on the donor's health, weight, travel experience, medications, body art, and recent vaccinations, along with a host of other regulations.

The staff of the CPBB has traveled extensively to aid in the obtainment of much-needed blood and has visited locations such as high schools, other college campuses, businesses and churches.

According to seasoned staff member Trudy Grant, who has been with the CPBB for 3 years and counting, this was a good turn out. Grant said that that there was a bigger turn out of men at this drive, which she says is common. Despite the fact that more men donated, Grant adds that it is the women who have a stronger tolerance for pain (when it comes to the needles).



Above: Jay Browning, XGI Advisor shows that he supports his club and the need for blood donations. Assisting Browning is CPBB staff member, Noelle.
Below: PSU Alumni and former member of XGI Jon Kashatus.
"Just because you graduated doesn't mean you can't keep showing your support." - Kashatus



Mike Brehm of Maintenance and Operations has no problem giving up a pint to help out the CPBB



Above: Dave Welteroth must have some deep veins, this CPBB staff member had to stick him twice! At least he kept smiling.
"This one didn't work so we'll try the other" - Welteroth