

Editor,

I'm writing this letter on behalf of the American Red Cross and the area patients to say thank you for the tremendous joint effort that resulted in our being able to collect 127 units of blood at Penn State Hazleton campus on October 21. This is the first time in nine months since the end of the Gulf War, that we not only met our target of 110 but exceeded it by 17. For this we have many people to thank:

Of the donors registered, 125 were Penn State students with 54 of them being first time donors. This is certainly remarkable!!! Thank you.

Faculty and staff who encouraged their students and donated themselves. Mr. Georges Haddad (Math 5, 6, 7) made that extra effort to recruit his classes... thank you.

Mrs. Linda Felton, physical therapy instructor and student Connie Onore who worked together all day during the drive and secured help wherever needed... thank you.

Mrs. Maureen Gaffney, school nurse; Mr. Cy Falatko, student advisor; Mrs. Patricia Ferry, registered nurse; and Med Tech students who helped to see every donor was cared for after donating... thank you.

Also thank you to Mr. Redden and his kitchen staff for supplying juice and cookies and Mr. Daniel Darrow, student advisor, who had the difficult job of getting the building cleared of furniture.

Interestingly enough, probably the two most helpful assets, Lewis Teter and Ann Staudenmeier who gave of their free time to dress up in Buddy Blood Drop costumes to gather momentum and spirit for this cause by registering fellow classmates... thank you.

Christine Giedosh, of Domino's Pizza gave her time all day to make sure everyone had all the pizza and soda they could eat and drink. Thanks Domino's also for the use of your marquee.

Finally, our regular Red Cross Volunteers who worked diligently all day to get the donors through the



donor line; without them we would be sunk... thank you.

Last but certainly not least, I would like to thank Mr. Carl Christopher for allowing us to run a picture in the Saturday edition of the *Standard-Speaker* newspaper. He is always most courteous and helpful. When I explained the problem we are now having in our collections and how they are running 58 percent below the targets and that some blood types are on limited or emergency release, he didn't hesitate to help us.

The only way we can continue to see our collections increase is with the same kind of cooperation and dedication to community as these people have shown. Once again... thank you, dear people, for this successful and all out joint effort to help insure the patients of our area a steady supply of blood whenever needed.

Shirley Ciculya,
blood service coordinator,
Hazleton Chapter Red Cross

Semi-formal to be held Nov. 22

The Penn State Hazleton campus fall semi-formal will be held at Genetti's Best Western in Hazleton on Friday, November 22, from 7:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

Pictures will begin at 7:00 p.m., dinner will begin at 8:00 p.m., and dancing will be from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.

The theme this year is "New Year's in November." The reason for this is that students go home at the end of the fall semester and do not see each other again until the spring semester in the middle of January. This year's semi-formal will be a way to enjoy the New Year festivities while still in school.

Music will be provided by the

professional DJ's of King Sound Productions of Hazleton. King Sound specializes in modern and classic dance music.

The cost of tickets is \$15.00, a substantial decrease from last year. SGA has decided to lower the cost in order to persuade more people to attend than in past years.

Those interested in tickets can contact Amy Luberto to find out if tickets are still available.

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11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
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