

Red Cross Gets Delco's Blood

By Jennifer Holland

On October 20, 1994, the American Red Cross came to the Penn State Delco Campus for volunteer blood donations. Many students and faculty members gave their time to come out and give blood. A total of 74 pints of blood were collected.

Fran Vance, Volunteer of the American Red Cross, said, "I would like to thank all of the students and staff for the help they gave today. Each pint of blood donated will help five people's lives."

Only 5 percent of the population gives blood, while 50 percent is eligible to do so. Donors may give as often as every 56 days. Blood cannot be purchased at the corner store, and that is why it is so important that there are enough volunteers out there to help other people.

Rich Schaffer, Campus Security Officer, said, "There is a friend I have whose brother contracted leukemia. Everyone here at Penn State did a lot for him. When it happens to people around you, you become more aware of the need for blood. If you paid you blood in, then you'll be able to take it back out. It's all due to fairness."

People do not give blood for many reasons. Some physically cannot. Others do not because they were never personally asked. Gideon Teklegiorgis, Political Science, said, "I have never given blood before and I am scared of needles. I do not know anyone who has ever given blood."

Damien Lanza, Pre-Dentistry, stated, "I do not want to give blood because God put 8 pints in me and

that's how many is going to stay."

According to Ginny Miller, Volunteer of the American Red Cross, "There is nothing to fear about giving blood. Rumors about passing out and fainting are nothing but a fallacy. There is so much need for blood in the hospitals."

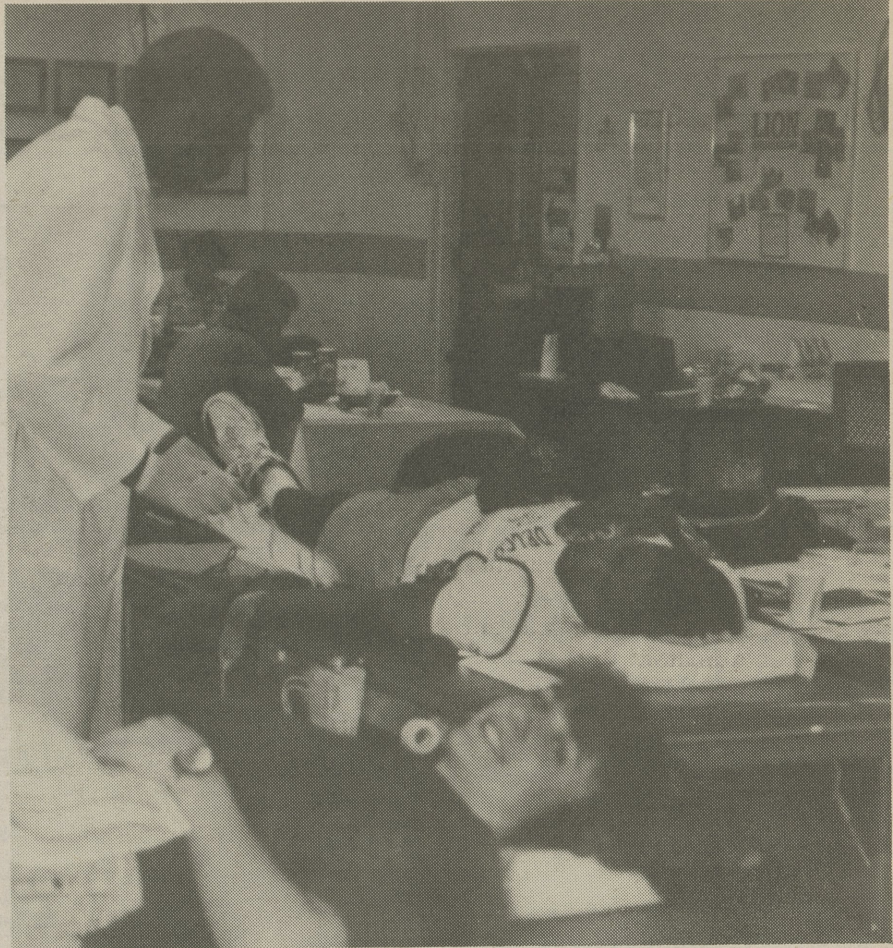
O'Brian Moore, DUS, said, "I never gave blood before and I figured that I should now, since I finally have the opportunity to do so."

The students and staff who did give blood on Thursday began by filling out a registration form to help the American Red Cross determine their eligibility to donate through a health history interview. Volunteers then checked the donor's temperature, blood pressure, and hemoglobin levels. Donors then proceeded to the donation area, where a little less than a pint of blood was drawn from their arm. The process took from eight to ten minutes. When the donors were done giving blood, they rested at the refreshment area.

Jeff Pollock, President to Student Activities, stated, "This will be my first time giving blood. I am doing it because I know there are a lot of needy people who will benefit from it."

"This is my fifth time giving blood. By doing this, I know that I can save a life. I am repaying back a favor because there was a time when I was sick and I needed blood," said Rita Varano, SGA President.

For more information concerning donations, contact the American Red Cross Blood Services. To find a convenient location, call 1-800-26-Blood.



Business major Jen Siegfried and Lion's Ambassadors President John Pathapoppoillil joined forces with other students and faculty to donate 74 pints of blood for the Blood Mobile.

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Delco Hosts Discovery Day; Robots, Food & Chemistry

By Bob Lewis

On Saturday October 29th, Penn State Delco Campus played host to Discovery Day. This event was an exhibition sponsored by the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. The goal of the exhibit was to introduce young students to the world of technology and the opportunities offered.

The big attraction and hit of the exhibit was the interactive self-propelled Robot that made its appearance through the cooperation and support of Independence Blue Cross. The interaction between the Robot and the visiting students captured their undivided attention. The Robot met and greeted students in a very relaxed manner, kidded with them and interacted in quite a normal fashion, while at the same time imparting valuable information concerning drug abuse and the importance of keeping yourself healthy. The kids really enjoyed this.

Instructional Services of Penn State Delco played a large part in the set up and technical support services needed to make the entire Discovery Day a success. In addition, many campus clubs lent a hand in organizing and volunteering their services. The Camera Club worked in setting up the food stations in the cafeteria. The SGA, SAA, and SAC all participated in various ways to bring about a successful event. A large variety of food was made available to the visitors. Profits from the food were sold and donated by campus clubs and organizations. The French Club donated a large cake for the sale; the Adult Student Organization donated

100 pretzels for sale. The Engineering Club participated in the Discovery Day exhibit with a operational robotic arm. The Cheerleading Club volunteered their services and helped out in the cafeteria, the *Lion's Eye* had one of their staff reporters taking photographs of the visiting students with the Nittany Lion. Ms. Marianne Rhoades was there along with other members of the Lion Ambassadors to assist when needed and help usher the visitors.

The large turnout of club members contributed to the success of the day. All profits from the sale of baked goods and pretzels was donated to the Leukemia Society. The organizational success of the Discovery Day can be attributed to the efforts of Ms. Nancy Trainor, Student Life, Matt Bodek and Theresa Walls, Instructional Services.

The entire event was sponsored by Pennsylvania State University, Delaware County Intermediate Unit, Bell Atlantic, USDA Soil Conservation Service and Fitzgerald Mercy Hospital.

The following organizations were represented and had display booths set up of the visiting students. Arco Chemical; The Magic of Chemistry, students participated in a chemistry demonstration and made "slime", Bell Atlantic; Distance Learning and Video Conferencing, Boeing Helicopter, Technology, today and tomorrow, Delaware County Intermediate Unit; Using the Internet in the classroom and at home, along with the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Unit; using technology to solve crime, along with twelve other Companies and Educational Institutions.



Connie Kirker, Art Department and Dr. Madlyn Hanes, Director of Academic Affairs examines a chemistry exhibit at Discovery Day.

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SGA Opens Up For Freshmen

By Kristen Zak

A new Student Government Association treasurer has been elected. Jean Conboy (junior), Jamila Johnson (sophomore), and Mike Hyde (freshman) were the three candidates running for the office. In elections held Monday, October 24 Hyde was elected to be the new SGA treasurer.

Rita Varano, SGA president, said "All three candidates were equally qualified for the position." Mike Hyde had the advantages of being qualified

and having freshman status. "Mike is a freshman, so transitions will be smoother," said Varano. Another freshman, A.J. Russo, has also been elected to the SGA. He will be the replacement for current SGA secretary, Colleen O'Malley.

Since many current sophomores will be transferring to other campuses within the year, the SGA is looking ahead and planning for the future. By having freshman officers the SGA is insuring smooth transitions from one semester to the next.

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