Blood drive short of goal

By Robert Elton

At a time when increasing demand for blood is outstripping a slowly increasing supply, MIT's contribution to meeting the blood needs of Massachusetts appears to be heading downward.

The 1973 Spring MIT-Red Cross Blood Drive, now in its second and final week, is projected to net less than 1600 pints, the worst showing since 1965, far short of its goal of 2500 pints. After six days, only 1299 pints have been collected.

Last spring, over 2000 pints of blood were collected, and this fall, traditionally a smaller drive, the entire MIT community pitched in to donate 1524 pints.

Currently, all members of the MIT community and their immediate families, including children and grandparent, receive complete blood coverage as a result of the high level of donations in past years. However, if this downward trend continues, as the community increases its usage of blood, MIT could lose this full coverage.

The poor showing, 25% lower pre-registration than last spring, comes from almost every segment of the MIT community—employees and staff, in fact, it was over four fifths of the total MIT community demand for blood. Only the number of donors from the Dearer Laboratories has remained fairly constant.

Michael Kozinetz '75, student chairman of the drive, is at a loss to explain the poor showing. "Our drive was solicited started late... it seems as if people, in general, don't know what to do or don't care about the drive. We have tried to make the donation process as convenient and fast as possible by pre-typing forms. We have even attempted to bring the Blood with live music."

The Blood Drive will continue in the Student Center Cafe de Puerto Rico from 9-5 pm every day through Friday. It takes only an hour to donate. Appointments can be made by calling x-7911. Donors can walk in without appointments and are advised that the fastest center around 10 am and 2 pm.

There are 16,000 potential donors in the MIT community, but only a fraction take the time to give. Anyone between the ages of 18 and 66, weighing at least 110 pounds, and in good health is eligible to donate. Persons 66 and older can also donate if they have specific written permission from their physicians.

MIT contributes almost half the blood collected in Cambridge and over 25% of the statewide total. It currently leads all colleges and universities in Massachusetts in number of pints donated, through Harvard University's rapidly expanding program is threatening to overtake MIT. In past years, the Spring Blood Drive has been the largest placentation blood drive on the East Coast.

The need for blood is especially acute. Over 1000 pints per day are needed in this state, for only two-thirds are covered through volunteer donations to the Red Cross. The rest must be purchased commercially or brought in from other states. The demand is constantly increasing as medical advances require greater blood usage.

The supply of blood from volunteers has increased but not fast enough to meet the increased demand. Suppliers tend to be especially short during vacation periods and holidays. The Tech asked volunteers who have donated 10 or more pints in the past month.

Wellesley rules against opening school to men

By Caryn Rosens

Wellesley College has announced a $70.7 million fund raising campaign for the next decade in order to maintain its status as one of the nation's leading all-women's institutions.

Wellesley President Barbara Newell named the announcement last Thursday, stressing that "coordination has fallen on the college level. Women have a conflict of roles in the co-educational college; they don't speak as much and tend to go into "women's fails."" Mrs. Newell stated that the major consideration in the decision to remain an all-women's school had been the interests of Wellesley students.

Newell pointed out that Wellesley produces a larger number of economics majors than any other coeducationally-sorted school in the U.S., although economics is generally considered a male field.

Wellesley plans to use two-thirds of the $70.7 million for academic and student concerns. The number that will be used for construction of a new science complex, library additions, and remodeling of three buildings. The Tech asked Newell not to consider the construction of the new science complex and that the need for MIT students to take science classes at Wellesley (as opposed to human subjects) is "Yes, I think the good programs, particularly in the area of interdisciplinary studies, might well affect MIT students."

The Wellesley President also appears to be heading downward.

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In other related events, Linda Tufts 74 and Derek Veal, entered the contest for UAP late in the week. Veal pointed out that the nomination were a "dynamic process" and gave a few changes we would be studying daily with regard to people deciding to run or not to run. Excluding the Spring Collective, five candidates are presently seeking nominations for the ballot on March 11. In addition to Tufts and Veal, Roland Jeubneene, Larry Russell 74, and Jerry White 74 are campaigning for UAP.

Tech to run course reports

By Howard D. Stiver

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