MIT song had popular appeal

Professor of Civil Engineering G.E. Rousel '00 won a $500 prize for composing this song for the 1923 Tech Show. Entitled "A Palm for M.I.T.," it was described as having the "popular appeal, rhythm and spirit that will satisfy the demands of a group of engineers, who quite naturally put life and spirit instead of musicality." (Reprinted from The Tech, April, 1923.)

Blood drive chairman hopeful

By David B. Koezet

A Tech Yodl had thought—

"Life is a duel.
I do nothing but study that cruel—
He decided to repeat.
And now he's content,
For he has donated a pint of his—
None.
—The Tech, circa 1975

Blood drive chairman Lucy Everett '78 is optimistic about the turnout for the week's blood drive; increased cooperation from the Personnel Relations office as well as an IFC challenge to the Dormitory System should ensure a successful drive.

The coordinators of this fall's MIT blood drive are hopeful that the drive will be the first in over four and a half years to collect 1,000 units.

The drive's chairman is Lucy Everett '78 of the Technology Community Association, the group that sponsors drives on campus throughout the year in conjunction with the Technology Matrons and the Red Cross. Everett said the Tech, amidst the pressure of pre-drive preparation, that with increased cooperation from the Personnel Relations office, this fall's drive should put a better turnout from faculty, staff and other employees.

A higher turnout is also expected from students, particularly the dormitory residents, due to a challenge issued by the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) to "the members of the dormitory system, . . . to exceed the amount (in absolute number of pints) of blood donated by the fraternity system during the upcoming blood drive."

In previous drives the fraternity system has consistently outdriven the dormitories, even though more students live in dorms than in frats and there has been no direct competition between them. Competitions for highest donor percentage are held among dormitory living groups and among fraternity chapters, however. Last spring, when a total of 1,595 pints were collected, Theta Chi and Phi Delta Theta each had 100 percent participation. Among the dorms, Conner 4 led Conner 1 and French House for the traditional kugs of beer. Everett emphasized that students and others are encouraged to make appointments in advance, so that the Red Cross might more easily estimate the number of nurses to provide.

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