Blood drive starts tomorrow

By David B. Koorez

Early appointments return for the Spring MIT-Rod Cross Blood Drive which begins tomorrow. The drive has been disappointing so far, but the drive's sponsors are hopeful that there will be an increase in interested donors once the drive gets underway.

Because about 400 members of the MIT community gave blood during the emergency "Blizzard Blood Drive" last month and many gave at the Kenmore Rod Cross center, these people will be ineligible for this week's drive.

According to Rob Sedlitz '79, co-chairman of the drive along with Jim McCormack '79, "a really good drive should be around 1,500 pints." The last three major drives have all surpassed that figure, but the chances this spring are slim because of the snow emergency and the resulting large turnout of donors.

As usual, legs of beer will be awarded to the dormitory living groups with the highest percentage turnouts, and to fraternities with the highest percentage turnouts, as well as to the most-improved living group in each category.

Last fall, when 1,689 pints were collected (the highest for an eight-day drive in four years), Russian House (92.7 percent) and Sigma Phi Epsilon (100 percent) took first-place honors.

The drive, which is sponsored by the Technology Community Association in conjunction with the American Red Cross, will run from tomorrow through Friday and from next Monday through next Friday in the Salle de Puerto Rico on the second floor of the Student Center.

Appointments are preferred, as they speed up the donation process for everyone, but walk-ins are always welcome.

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