Blood Drive goal, 1,700 pints

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Tomorrow brings the beginning of the Technology Community Association's (TCA) Fall 1978 Blood Drive. The ten-day drive, staffed by the New England Red Cross and TCA, is expected to yield 1,700 pints of blood. TCA hopes that new and continuing blood drive activities in an effort to get more first-time donors, as the dorms and fraternities have succeeded in signing up donors from every living group.

The faculty is getting officially involved this year by sponsoring a beer keg contest. The department with the highest percentage of faculty and academic staff donating blood will be awarded a keg at the faculty meeting on November 15. Many students are already urging professors in their departments to give.

The dormitories and fraternities are also having beer contests, with the Dormitory Council (Dormcon) and the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) giving kegs to the top three givers and most improved living group in each category. In recent years, the dorms have been approaching the freshmen in number of pints given, and the final drive may be the first time that the dorms give more. According to Tom Crowley '79, this year's Blood Drive Chairman, "The appointment forms haven't been coming in fast enough, so it's hard to say who is all right now."

TCA relies on the yellow appointment forms to pre-schedule the donors in the drive. Although walk-in donors are welcome, the forms facilitate better planning and shorter waiting times. The number of scheduled appointments for this week are low, and walk-ins are encouraged to help fill in time slots. Most living groups have distributed these forms to residents, and many of the forms have been deposited throughout the Institute.

Assistant Blood Drive Chairman Jim Mahoney '81 explained the reasons for the big publicity push in the Fall Drive: "Many freshmen and others who have never given before don't realize how easy it is to give. Once people give once, they often come back." He reminded students that New England Red Cross requires those who are 17 to have a form (available in the TCA office in W20-420) signed by their parents before giving blood.

Doctors are reminded that they should have at least six hours of sleep the night before giving and should have eaten within four hours. Crowley stated, "We expect to see more living groups and department staff donating together this year, and we hope that the contests help to get hesitant people out to give."

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