**Blood drive ends successfully**

By Jay Glass

Saturday's conclusion of the fall Red Cross Blood Drive brought to an end a community effort that was short of its original goal, but still resulted in one of the largest donations at MIT in the last four years.

The drive, organized and operated by the Technology Community Association (TCA), collected 1535 pints of blood during its eight days of operation. TCA Blood Drive Chairman Tom Crowley '79 labeled the drive as "somewhat successful." Crowley referred to the drive's failure to collect its hoped-for 1750 pints, saying "it's not bad, but we could have done 150 pints better.

The amount of blood donated was still sufficient to support the planned elective surgery at area hospitals.

Few problems were encountered during the course of the drive. The Red Cross committed enough personnel and equipment to cover almost all of the demand. According to Crowley, "very few people had to wait, since there were plenty of nurses"

A minor conflict developed early in the drive at the beginning of the day's collection on November 3, when cigarette smoking by several Red Cross personnel upset several people and caused a prospective donor to leave. Again this year the Intrafraternity Conference (IFC) and the Dormitory Council sponsored blood donation contests. In each organization, the first, second, and third place living groups along with the living group displaying the most improvement over their spring 1978 performance will each receive a free keg of beer.

Winners in the IFC donation contest were Theta Chi, in first place with 87 percent of total living group participation; Theta Xi, in second place with 86 percent.

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