

# It's blood drive time again

■ Drive organizers are on the lookout for rare type A negative blood, though all types are welcomed

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Students who want to help out the Lane Memorial Blood Bank will have their chance today at the University's 17th annual blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the EMU Fir Room.

Senior Norine Madden, University director of the drive, said she expects a high turnout of students. The drive is now in its second day.

"The Northwest is very short on blood, and I am hoping to break my record, which is 273 units," Madden said. "We're expecting at least 200 students."

Junior public policy and management major Olivia Cox was one of those student donors.

"I think it's good to donate blood because there are people in need, and if I have something to give, then why not?" she said.

The blood drive trying to seek out more donations of the blood type-A negative, which is one of the more rare types, said Chris Stockdale, the donor recruiter for the Lane Memorial Blood Bank.

"The most common blood types are O positive and A positive," she said. One in 16 people has A negative blood, she said, while the ratio for people with A positive or O positive blood is one to three.

"We're hoping that anyone



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Sophomore George Pryor, a psychology and anthropology major, looks on as the needle goes in.

with A negative blood could make a special effort to participate in the drive," she said.

Stockdale said the blood bank has a system for donation that differs from other banks. Donors to the blood bank are given credit for the blood they give and decide where they would like that credit to go. Donors who give a pint, or unit, of blood receive a credit worth \$15 that they can donate to a specific person, donor club, blood assurance plan or a community fund.

According to Stockdale, many students at the University choose to assign their credits to the Uni-

versity of Oregon Donor Club. This credit system was initially implemented to assure that blood is available when needed without wasting units.

"If a person is sick, then blood can be very expensive, so credits are a good system," she said. "For the donors, there is an extensive list they can choose from when deciding where to put their credits."

Stockdale said all donated blood goes to patients in Lane County hospitals.

For more information about the blood drive, call 346-3086.

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