

Yellow alert Type O blood needed

by Heleen Veenstra
Editor

"The reason we are on alert is because people are afraid to donate blood. There is no way you can get AIDS from donating blood. We use sterile equipment, which is only used once," said Janna Kinkade, Red Cross representative.

Clackamas Community College will have a blood drive, in the community center, Wednesday Oct. 28 from 10 a.m. 'till 3 p.m.

Kinkade expressed she would like to see many donors, since the Red Cross is on yellow alert. Yellow alert means that only 50%-80% of the red blood order will be delivered by midnight, to supply the regional hospitals.

The yellow alert was issued Oct. 5, still being short 250 units of blood. September 30 the blood supply was on red alert. The blood inventory was 800 units below the optimum level of 4,800 units. On red alert hospitals only received 50% of the blood orders.

The American Red Cross needs to collect 540 units of blood each weekday and 135 on Saturday to meet the patient needs in the Northwest.

Two thirds of the shortage was type O blood, which is the most used type. Type O blood is used in emergencies and given to infants who need blood. Type O blood can be used as back up for any other blood type. Out of 100 people 38.4 are O positive, which is the most common used type. "That's what we need the most of," Kinkade said.

An analysis done by the

University of Stanford shows that there is a 97.6% chance that a person living to the age of 72 will require a blood transfusion. Red Cross statistics show that only 5% of the population donates blood.

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All the donated blood goes through five tests, which are: H.I.V. screening (Aids testing), Hepatitis screening, Syphilis screening, type and RH factor screening and Antibody screening. Every unit of blood goes through these screenings. It doesn't matter how often the same person gives blood, it will go through those tests each time, Kinkade said, to point out that donating blood is not dangerous for one's health.

"We have blood mobiles going everyday and the blood center is open six days a week. And then we have six teams of nurses who are on the road throughout the region everyday."

Student nurses help man

by Michelle Walch
Staff Writer

Three Clackamas Community College nursing students were the first to arrive at the scene of an auto-pedestrian accident.

Karen Hamilton, Marie Yager, and Sharon Wartel were coming back from Providence Hospital in Milwaukie, when they saw 26-year-old Ronald Spendahl of S.E. Portland lying on the road in front of a car. The car was driven by Mark Allen, and passengers were Michelle

The blood mobiles go around in Multnomah, Columbia, Yamhill, Washington and Clackamas county. Every couple of hours somebody picks up the blood collected in the mobiles and brings it to Portland for processing.

"We draw blood in high schools and colleges, which are mainly the places we get our first time donors." The first time donors are very important because young donors will see donating blood is a natural thing to do, Kinkade explained.

"I've been working for the Red Cross for a year and a half and I've been doing this job for three weeks. I handle Clackamas, Yamhill and Columbia county and set up blood drives." Before that Kinkade was a phlebotomist, the person who draws blood.

The blood center is located at 3131 N. Vancouver Ave., Portland. It is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday from 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Moreland and Monica Allen. The accident took place Monday, Oct. 7, at 12:50 p.m., at the corner of Johnson Road and Lake Road, in Milwaukie.

"We were coming back from Providence, when we saw a man in front of a stopped car. We covered him with our lab jackets, and asked if anyone called paramedics. We checked his pulse, respiration, and for any bleeding, and comforted him until paramedics arrived. He was in a lot of pain."

The car was moving at 30 m.p.h., and apparently Allen was watching the traffic and unaware of Spendahl, who had the right-of-way. Spendahl had a fractured pelvis from a motorcycle accident six months prior.

The Clackamas County police and a Willamette Falls Hospital ambulance arrived and took him to Kaiser Hospital. Spendahl had minor injuries, and Allen was issued a citation for failure to yield to pedestrians.



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Baker new press liaison

by E.A. Berg
Staff Writer

"It's real strange. You have to look at things completely different," said Nancy Baker on the difference of being a reporter and the college's News Service Coordinator.

Baker, 30, was hired in September to serve as a liaison between the college and area newspapers, radio and television stations. She replaces Ken Koopman, who resigned in June.

From 1985 until her hiring here, Baker covered higher education for the "Charleston Gazette" in West Virginia. She covered education and city government for the "Chandler Arizonian" in Arizona after earning a Masters of Arts in Journalism from the University of Oregon in 1984.

Baker graduated from Indiana University in 1979 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. She worked as a

paralegal and served as a volunteer editor with Amnesty International, both in Washington D.C.

Baker currently writes freelance stories for "Oregon Magazine." She interned there during the Summer of 1983.

"My goals are completely different here than as a reporter. Here I work for the college. My job is to promote the college," said Baker. She also added that she is busier in public relations than she was as a reporter.

Her current work is more varied as well, Baker said. "I have a much greater range of responsibilities," she said, "I can learn more about publishing, advertising, and colleges."

Baker said she accepted the job here to move back to Oregon, not necessarily to leave reporting.

"The college is the most comfortable environment I've worked in," She said, "I really like the people."

Financial Aid requests increase

by Carole Hussey
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You say you haven't heard anything about your financial aid yet? This delay is due to the fact that the Financial Aid Office has received, as of Aug. 30, 1067 Financial Aid Forms; that's 187 more applications than were handed in during the entire 1986-87 school year.

Part of the reason for this increase are the changes in Federal Student Aid Programs due to the Reauthorization of Higher Education that took place in Congress in October 1986. Some of these changes require students who apply for Guaranteed Student Loans to apply for Financial Aid on a Financial Aid form prior to completing the GSL application.

The Federal Financial Aid funds sent from the U.S. Department of Education in the form of Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), Perkins loans (NDSL) and College Work Study funds have not increased significantly, so students whose applications were completed from mid-August on

have been placed on waiting lists for Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants and College Work Study funds. Sometimes other students decline these funds so additional awards are being made to students on waiting lists. Students are awarded on a first come first served basis by date of completed application.

Money is still available from Pell Grants, Oregon State Need Grants and Guaranteed Student Loans. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours to qualify. Applications for Federal Aid (FAF) and Guaranteed Student Loan applications are available in the Financial Aid Office. The Financial Aid Office also has scholarship applications so that students can look at funding opportunities that may not be based on federal requirements.

The Student Financial Aid Office is located next to the counseling department in the Community Center building. They are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The phone number is 657-8400 ext.422.

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