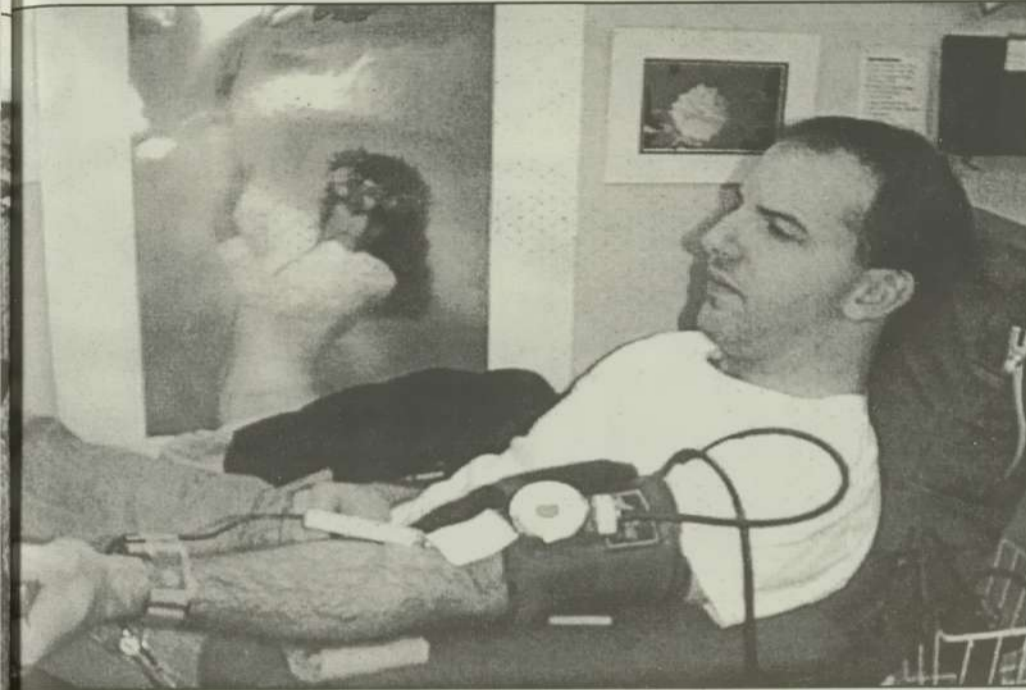


Fifty-five people donate in ASG-sponsored blood drive



Clackamas student Jack Spencer donates blood during the ASG-sponsored blood drive Monday. The American Red Cross collected 55 pints of blood during the drive.

Seventy-five people originally signed up for Monday's event

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The Associated Student Government-sponsored blood drive was held on Monday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. inside an American Red Cross bloodmobile, which was parked next to the Gregory Forum. About 55 people showed up to donate blood.

"I started donating when I was in high school, and decided to continue doing so whenever the opportunity came about," commented Clackamas student Jenifer Gile. "This is the eighth time that I have donated blood."

Meeting the sign-up goal of 75 people within a week, the members of the ASG were hopeful of a great

turnout for the blood drive.

"After meeting our goal so quickly, I had great aspirations for the turnout," said ASG Public Affairs Officer Jennifer Lowe.

One of the most important things to remember when preparing to donate blood is to drink plenty of fluids and eat before coming in.

"I skipped breakfast this morning, so I feel about ready to pass out," said Gile after donating.

While dealing with blood, certain precautions must be taken to insure its quality and the safety of the donor.

"Everything we use here is disposable, so we are sure it is sterile. Also, before drawing the blood, we have the donors fill out a question form to make sure their blood is usable," said Randy Strutz, assistant head nurse. "We rely mainly on the honesty of the donors and thorough testing of the blood in making sure it is clean and useable."

Holiday Craft Fair to be held Dec. 3-4

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Students can get their holiday shopping done very easily just by going into the Community Center on Dec. 3-4, where vendors will set up tables by the cafeteria with their unique merchandise.

The vendors hear about the opportunity to sell their products by word-of-mouth or when the Student Activities Office advertises its community and craft fairs. Michelle Waggoner, Secretary of Student Activities, rents the tables and schedules the vendors.

Vendors pay 25 dollars or 25 percent of their proceeds to a club on campus of their choosing.

Phone companies, credit card companies or other service vendors are not allowed to have tables here during the Christmas Fair. During the community fairs, which are twice a year, they can rent

tables.

Usually 20 to 25 vendors come during a term, said Waggoner. The vendors are diversified in their wares. Some sell jewelry, beads, knickknacks and rocks, such as crystals. Others sell clothes, candles, wreathes, pictures, plants and dolls. Food is not generally sold.

Not all vendors are from off-campus. On-campus school departments, clubs and school activities use it too. The horticulture department sometimes uses it to sell wreathes and plants, according to Waggoner. Some clubs, coordinating with the cafeteria, have sold food for fundraisers.

Some students seem to be indifferent to the vendors, while others stop and look but do not buy anything. Some students look at the merchandise and talk about it with the vendor.

CCC student C r y s t a l

Castleman likes the vendors. The tables have a "Saturday Market feel" to them, she said.

Dan Rokosz, alias "Da Rockman," is a regular vendor in the Community Center. He sells fossils, crystals, petrified wood, handcrafted jewelry and agates.

Rokosz said how many "real" customers he gets depends on if the students have money and on the time of year. If it is near holidays when people need gifts, then vendors get more customers.

Rokosz calls how he gets his stones as "self-collected," either trading, buying or collecting them in the United States. When he's not selling rocks at colleges, bazaars, fairs and shows, he's studying them.

Not only can students find different gifts or merchandise to buy right here on campus, but our clubs benefit as well. Having the vendors here is good for everybody.

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Bodhi Silver handicrafts by Phetchara Lawson of Seattle will be one of the vendors with goods for sale during the Holiday Craft Fair, to be held in the Community Center on Dec. 3 and 4.

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