

## Students, staff donate blood to save lives

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On Friday, February 23, 155 students and staff gathered in the Gregory Center Gym on a universal mission: donating the "gift of life."

The annual University of Cincinnati Hoxworth Blood Drive sent out to collect blood from any student or staff member above the age of 17 who weighed more than 110 pounds and, more importantly, wished to donate.

"We had a non-stop flow of people all day. Everything went really well," said Jillian Steinberg, 12, student council treasurer.

With the help of Student Council, about 155 students volunteered themselves to donate, and of those about 121 students were qualified.

"90 percent of the blood donated they can use. That's a big percent," said Hilary Fingerman, 12, senior vice president of student council. The total amounted in an overall 121 pints of donated blood.

"I felt weak afterwards, but you get a lot of free cookies, and I mean A LOT!" said Carley Schweet, 11.

### Did you know?

Every two seconds someone needs blood!

### quickquiz

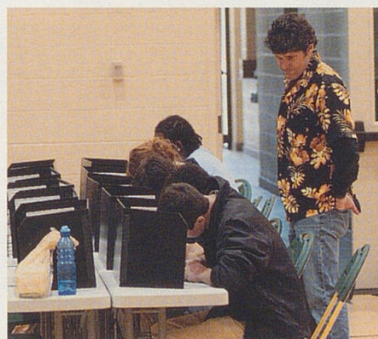
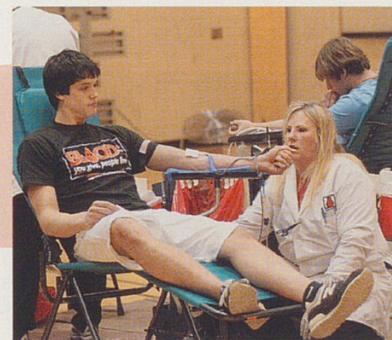
- 1) What are the four main blood types?
- 2) How many pints of blood does the average adult have in his/her body?
- 3) Approximately how many units of blood are used each day in the U.S.?

Answers: 1) A, B, AB, and O. 2) 10. 3) 35,000.



Samantha Schwartz, 12, Christine Coleman, 12, Brian Conner, 12, Brian Shrimpton, 12, and friends gather around the table after donating. Many students took a few minutes to recover from their blood loss by drinking juice and eating cookies. They also took the time to discuss their donating experience.

Andrew Hancher, 12, sits back as a Hoxworth Staff member begins the procedure. "I didn't even feel a thing. It was definitely worth the time to save people's lives," said Hancher. The process only took students about ten minutes each with any additional time to relax and regain energy.



Mr. Kevin Wittman watches closely as students fill out the qualification forms. Students could be denied participation for many reasons, including if that student had been out of the country or gotten any unprofessional piercing recently. After all forms were reviewed by the Hoxworth Staff, a total of 34 students were denied.

James Lipsey, 11, raises his arm in order to allow the blood to flow. "The initial prick hurt but everything else went smoothly, even my blood," said Lipsey. Many of the students agreed that the blood donation process is much quicker and easier than most people think.

