

Blood driving full force

Students donate more than their time

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Friday, February 24, the Gregory Center looked more like a hospital than a gymnasium. The University of Cincinnati Hoxworth Blood Center, with the help of Student Council, ran an all day blood drive. In charge of the event was Student Council secretary **Rebecca Maher**.

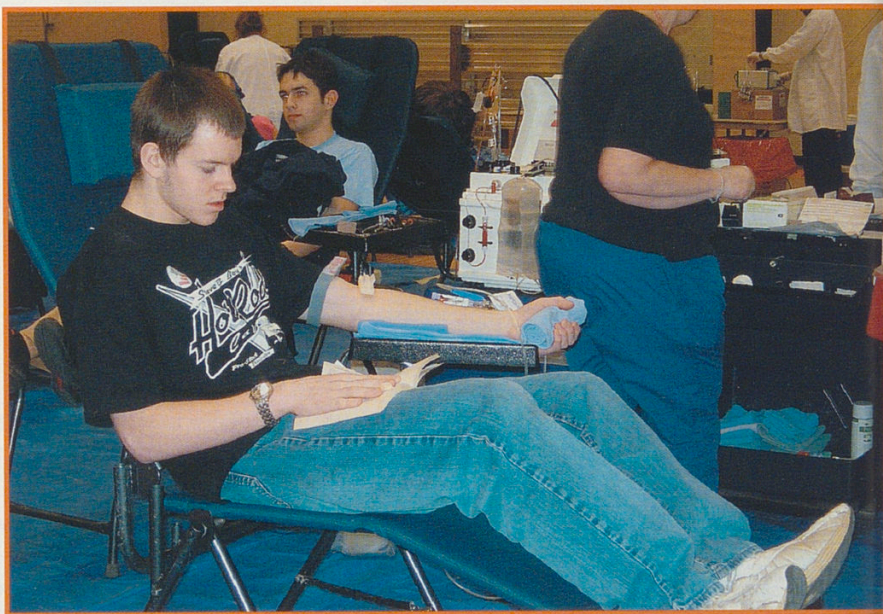
"The blood drive was a huge success. Becca did a really great job coordinating the event," said **Jennifer Grossman**.

Over 150 students and staff tried to donate blood. Of course, there were limitations to who could donate and who could not. The donor had to be at least 17 years old and 110 pounds. Some could not donate because they were sick that day or they got a piercing within 12 months prior to the donation.

"Unfortunately, I wasn't allowed to give blood that day because I had a cold," said **Scott Morris**.

It was a record breaking event. Over 120 pints of blood were given, which was more than any other high school in the area. Students were amazed and proud of their effort.

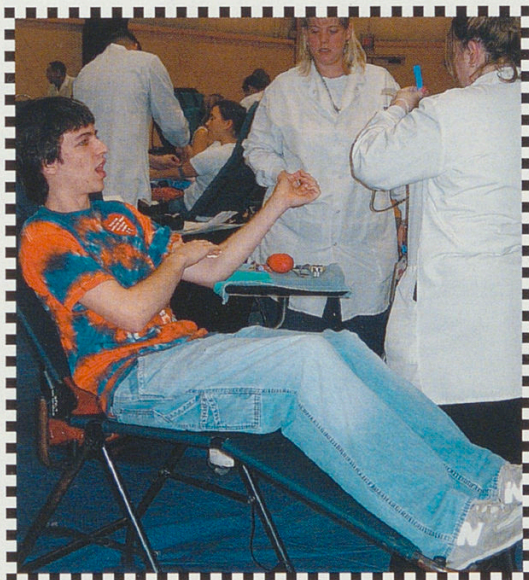
"I'm really glad I gave blood. It didn't hurt at all and I got to save lives!" said **Nicole Hall**.



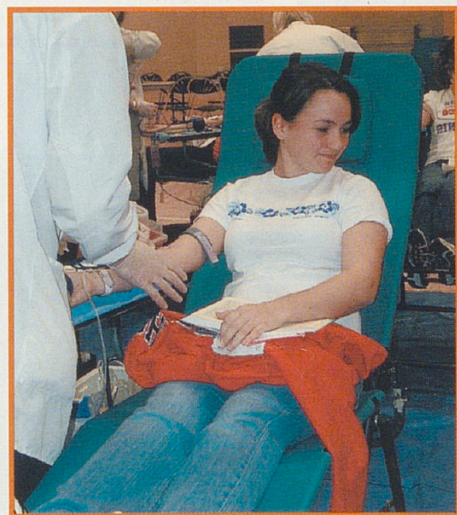
Charles Suggs reads a good book until he feels ready to stand up and get a snack. It was recommended that the donors relax for five minutes after they gave blood before they stood up to walk around. While Suggs read, others decided to listen to their CD players or iPods.



Claire Mondro and Kristen Barngrover relax and grab a bite to eat after giving blood. Snacks, pop, and juice were given to students after donating. Food supplemented the loss of sugar in their bodies.



Ouch, that hurts! Max Glassner winced in pain from a sore arm. Most students said the pain was gone after a day or two. Others, however, said their arms were sore for a week!



Don't look! Janet Schibler turned her head from the sight of the needle in her arm. Some students got a bit queezy from the absence of blood. Others got sick from the mere sight of it.



Sipping on some pop, Catherine Dessauer tries to relax. While drawing blood took about 10 minutes, some students waited over an hour before returning to class. The screening process and the abundance of donors caused the waiting period to last longer than expected.

Christopher Holscher jams to some tunes while he donates two pints of blood. In order to give double, guys had to be at least 5'1" and weigh 130 pounds. Girls had to be at least 5'5" and weigh 150 pounds.

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I was surprised at how many students were there giving blood. It's great to see the student body giving back to the community.

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