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Blood Drive

On October 19th 1983, Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity held their first annual Blood Drive in conjunction with the Greater New York Blood Program/Red Cross. The event, which was held from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the Student Lounge (1M), had fifty willing donors of which 41 were accepted to donate.

The blood drive came about when Ms. Clarie Fay of the Office of Student Activities was contacted by officials of the Greater New York Blood Program in reference to holding an emergency blood drive to help out the depleted Blood supply in the city. Ms. Fay then sought out a campus group that would take on this last minute job; Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity volunteered to do it since groups that used to run the Drive were no longer around. To advertise the event the Brothers of Alpha Phi Delta placed up some 100 or so posters and distributed donor cards and signs around the school. Helping them out with this task was the Health Service Office which at the time was temporarily staffed by Mr. Louis Malkin R.N./R.R.T. Nurse Malkin assisted in getting donors and coordinating the activity on 1M.

In addition to all of the regular items used to solicit blood, a letter was distributed to allay student fears that may contract Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) by giving blood. The letter stated that contracting AIDS by giving blood is impossible. As precautions the equipment used during the drive (i.e., needles, tubes, etc.) are destroyed after initial use and the trash left over after the drive is taken back with them and destroyed. The Officials of the Greater New York Blood Program informed SFC that the Blood Shortage (due primarily to the AIDS scare) in New York City has become so severe that 50% of the Blood being used right now is being imported from Europe. The Blood Drive at the College was initially supposed to be in the Spring, however the shortage was so bad that people at GNYBP decided that two blood drives (one in fall, the other in spring) would be necessary.

The Drive started at 9:00 AM on October 19th in 1M. The tables and equipment were ready to roll by 10:00 AM and the donors began to trickle in. To press the need for blood a projector was set up near the cafeteria entrance highlighting the need by showing a film about the use of Blood donations.

Blood donors were given food and drink following their donations of blood. Some 50 persons signed up to give blood but only 41 of them actually were allowed to give blood; the other 9 were turned down for various health reasons. The turnout of 50 was only fair for a blood drive but very good considering the drive was put together in under 2 weeks. The drive ended at 2:00 PM that day and the lounge was left relatively clean. The GNYBP left with 41 much needed pints of blood.

In relation to this Alpha Phi Delta received a special letter of commendation from Dean James C. Adam PhD, Vice President for Student Affairs/Dean of Students. Dr. Adams thanked the Brothers for their "willingness" and their "seeing it through."