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379 UNITS OF BLOOD DONATED AT UM

MISSOULA--

A total of 379 units of blood, 79 units above the quota, was donated during the fall quarter blood drawing Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 16-17, at the University of Montana.

Harriet Veazey, manager of the local Red Cross office, said most of the donors were University students, and there were a number of UM faculty and staff members and townspeople who also contributed blood. She said 421 persons volunteered to give blood, but there were 42 deferments for health and other reasons.

Commenting on the donors themselves and the blood drawing, Veazey said: "They were a marvelous group. They were just great. What amazed us this time is that we obtained so much blood during a total of 10 hours, when previous drawings have lasted 12 hours."

Veazey, who said she is apologetic because so many people had to wait so long to give blood at UM last week, indicated that the number of donor beds will be increased to 18 from the usual 15 in order to help reduce the time it takes to give blood.

Three veteran blood donors received donor pins last week for donating varying amounts of blood. Mrs. Dale Speake, senior secretary in the UM Campus Recreation Department, received a two-gallon pin, and Karen Redman and Larry Maier of Missoula each received a one-gallon pin.

The next blood drawings in Missoula will be Nov. 6 at Hellgate High School and Nov. 7 at First United Methodist Church.

About a dozen UM students who are members of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity at UM assisted in last week's blood drawing.

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