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MISSOULA --

A total of 374 persons donated blood during the Red Cross blood drawing March 2-3 at the University of Montana in Missoula, exceeding the two-day 300-unit quota by 74 units.

Ninety-two units of blood were donated in behalf of Dr. John H. Wicks, a UM professor of economics, who has a rare blood condition and requires about a unit of replacement blood each week.

Mrs. Harriet Veazey, manager of the Missoula-Mineral County Chapter of the American Red Cross, said 430 persons volunteered to donate blood during the two-day drawing, but 56 persons couldn't contribute because of colds or other conditions.

Commenting on the public response to the blood drawing, Veazey said, "We feel that 430 persons is an exceptional turnout, particularly in view of the inclement weather we experienced early in the week. We are grateful to everyone who volunteered to give blood.

"It was also very nice of the members of the University's Circle K Club to organize the blood drawing and of the members of the University chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority for assisting the donors during the drawing," Veazey said.

The next Red Cross blood drawing in Missoula will be held April 29-30 at the First Methodist Church, 300 E. Main St.

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