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Campus turns out to give blood

Students poured into Cate Center yesterday to give blood at stations sponsored by the American Red Cross.

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Over 70 members of the Meredith community turned out to give blood at a drive sponsored by the American Red Cross and the Office of Campus Ministry yesterday in the Cate Center lobby.

The donations from the drive will go to benefit the injured victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C.

Margaret Powers, representative of the Red Cross, directed the blood drive and was

pleased with the amount of blood that was given by students, faculty and staff.

"We are actually short staffed. There are more people who want to give blood than there are people who can work the blood drives," she said.

Powers said the normal goal of any blood drive is 50 pints. The Meredith blood drive brought in 58 units of blood from 71 members of the Meredith community.

Powers said another drive may take place in the spring, but the details have not yet been worked out.

Because of the dire need for blood due to the attacks, another drive may be done on campus later this fall.

Sam Carothers, campus minister, said that at the close of the drive he had a large stack of papers of people who had signed up to give blood but who could not wait the two hours it was taking to give

blood. A flux of people made appointments by contacting the Office of Campus Ministry.

Twin sisters Jennifer and Sarah Falco, sophomores, gave blood yesterday at the same time.

Sarah said that she donates whenever she gets a chance. Jennifer, a first-time donor, said that the New York events influenced her to give blood yesterday.

Freshman Jennifer Derenge gave blood yesterday because she has Type O blood, known as the universal type for its ability to function with all other blood types.

Most of those who came to donate agreed that it was a worthy cause not only because it was urgently needed at this time but because it was an easy way to save lives that almost anyone could do.

Apart from the Meredith blood drive, most of the blood drives in the area have been

filled, according to Powers.

There are two sites in Raleigh where individuals can give blood.

One site is near Wake Medical Center on Peartree Lane, and it is open this morning and tomorrow afternoon.

Another site is located in North Raleigh at the intersection of Creedmoor Road and Sawmill Road and is open this morning, tomorrow afternoon and Friday afternoon.

Interested donors can all 231-1602 to schedule an appointment.

Donors should be over 17 and weigh at least 110 pounds. Donors also should not have had non-sterile body piercings or tattoos in the last year and should be off antibiotics for at least two days.

Registrar releases reminder of changes to academic policies

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Now it is more difficult to graduate cum laude. Registrar reminds students of changes to 2001 catalogue.

The Registrar's office released a reminder to students about changes to the 2001-02 Meredith College Catalogue this week. Changes to the catalogue were approved last year by the Academic Council, a board whose purpose is to approve academic changes such as new majors, changes to major requirements and adding courses to the catalogue, according to Registrar Sue Todd.

The council is composed of

academic leaders across campus as well as one representative from every department. The council is headed by Dr. Rosalind Reichard, Vice President of Academic Affairs.

Departmental representatives vote on changes to the catalogue.

Several significant changes are in effect this fall.

For seniors graduating in May 2003 and after, graduating with distinction will be more difficult.

Currently, to graduate cum laude, a senior must have a 3.2 grade point average. To graduate magna cum laude, a student must have a 3.6 and a 3.9 to graduate summa cum laude.

The new scale is as follows: Cum laude is 3.5, magna cum laude is 3.7 and summa cum laude is 3.9.

Changing the standards for graduating with distinction was

delayed "because students were well into their programs," according to Todd, and the Council felt it would be unfair to abruptly raise the standards.

The decision to change the standard came about after the council did a study of Meredith's similar institutions to see how the college compared.

Another important change in the catalogue concerns what courses are transferrable from other institutions.

The college will now accept credits only from "regionally accredited schools," according to Todd.

The college will accept credits from courses in which the student makes a C or better. Courses graded on a pass/fail scale will transfer only as credit and will not fulfill major or general education requirements--with the exception of dance and physical education

courses.

Other changes include the new name for the chemistry department: Chemistry, Physics and Geosciences.

Also, business courses have new course numbers and descriptions of music ensemble courses are now listed under MUE call letters.

For more information, contact the Registrar's office.