

Brenda Nielsen, an employee of the UNC School of Medicine, watches news updates on a television screen in Berryhill Hall while donating blood to the American Red Cross on Sept. 12. Almost a year later, Orange County's blood supply has reached a critical level.

Red Cross Officials Aim to Increase Blood Levels

By JON DOUGHERTY
City Editor

The blood supply for the Orange County region has reached a critical level, Red Cross officials say.

To combat the shortage, the Orange County Red Cross chapter is hosting two blood drives on UNC's campus this week.

The goals for Tuesday and Wednesday's drives are 55 and 50 units, respectively. The drives will be held in the Great Hall. Participants in the drive can receive a calculator, a coupon for a Chick-fil-A sandwich, Domino's pizza and, of course, the traditional cookies and juice.

The blood collection division of the Red Cross operates not by states or counties but by regions. Orange County falls in the Blood Services Carolinas

Region, which extends from Wilmington across the state to Johnston City, Tenn.

Casey Copp, a representative of the Orange County Red Cross, said the area tries to keep at least a two-day supply of each blood type on hand at all times.

"We use about 1,500 units daily in the region," Copp said. "We are currently at a two-day supply for most types."

Copp said the Red Cross has less than a two-day supply in blood types O+, O-, B+ and B-.

Jeff Davis, the donor resources development representative for the Blood Services Carolinas Region, said the blood shortage is not unprecedented.

"During the summer, we're always seeing our lower levels," he said. "When our supply level drops below three days, we start to get concerned."

Davis said the lack of blood is brought about by schools being out for the summer and not holding blood drives, potential donors being on vacation and a larger number of deferrals due to iron deficiencies.

Blood collected by the Red Cross undergoes a number of tests, including one for iron content. If the donor does not have the right amount of iron in his blood, the donation cannot be accepted.

Copp said deferrals can be avoided by taking appropriate steps before coming to a drive. "Get a good breakfast and a good lunch," she said. "Preferably, people should begin monitoring their iron days before a drive."

Copp said raisins, spinach, salads and orange juice are all good ways to boost one's iron level.

Iron is not the only way to be excluded from donating. Travel deferrals are also commonplace. "If you've lived in Europe for more than six cumulative months from 1980 to today, you cannot donate," Copp said.

These stringent restrictions are in place to protect against foot and mouth disease and other ailments that can be transported from other countries.

Donors also can be turned away if their body temperature or blood pressure are too high.

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N.C. Colleges Could Face Restructuring

Study provision included in both budgets

By ELYSE ASHBURN
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Community college budgets have gone under the knife three times in the past year, and the administrations of those colleges might be next.

State legislators have proposed a study that would examine efficiency within the community college system. The study - tacked in to both the N.C. House and Senate budget proposals for the 2002-03 fiscal year - would focus on the potential for consolidating community college administrations.

"The proposal is not to do away with the campuses but with the administrations," said Martin Lancaster, president of the N.C. Community College System.

Some community colleges already operate as members of a multi-campus college run by a single administration. Lawmakers are looking to switch other two-year institutions to this method of

governance in an effort to trim administrative costs, Lancaster said. "It is an efficiency measure," he said. "The intention is not to limit educational opportunity."

But Wanda Winslow, vice

president of institutional support services at Durham Technical Community College, said it is important for two-year institutions to maintain their autonomy to better serve their particular region.

"Smaller schools need to have their own voice because they are serving the people of their area," Winslow said.

Winslow said she worked at a community college in Albemarle - one of the smaller schools in the system - before coming to DTCC and that the college had its own unique culture that deserves preservation.

But Winslow said she understands

that it is the responsibility of system officials and lawmakers to focus on the efficient use of citizens' money.

"As a taxpayer, I think we should do what's most efficient," Winslow said.

Lancaster said legislators often mention consolidating campus administrations but that this session marks the first time they have actually given the initiative teeth.

"They talk about it all the time," he said. "But this is the first time that I know of that they've given it serious consideration."

Appropriations Subcommittee on Education Co-chairman Eugene Rogers, D-Martin, said funding for community colleges - including administrative costs - are a concern because of the tight budget but that trimming costs is not the primary motivation for the community college study proposal. "A tight budget now brings it to mind, but that's not why we're doing this," he said.

The House and Senate will have to reconcile budget differences in appropriations conference committee within the next few weeks.

Rogers said he thinks potential consolidation of two-year colleges' administrations has the potential for

becoming politically charged as legislators defend institutions in their regions.

But college officials and lawmakers alike cautioned that the provision only mandates a study and that no action will be taken to consolidate until findings are adequately reviewed. "They'll try to see if there's any advantage to something along (the) lines (of consolidation)," Rogers said.

The study results are to be reported to the General Assembly during the 2003 long session.

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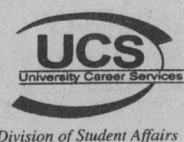
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