

Saving Lives

... giving someone a part of themselves.

"I want to help save lives. It makes me feel good knowing that I did something to help someone else." These statements were made by several students who gave blood October 23.

Sponsored by the Student Council, the Red Cross unit of Charleston held its annual blood drive with the help and participation of students. In order to donate blood, students had to be 17 years of age and weigh at least 110 pounds.

During the school year, the Red Cross received a large number of donations from high school students alone. "This is very important," commented a participating nurse, "because traditionally during the summer, our blood supply is very low. Thanks to students, we are able

to accumulate blood during the year."

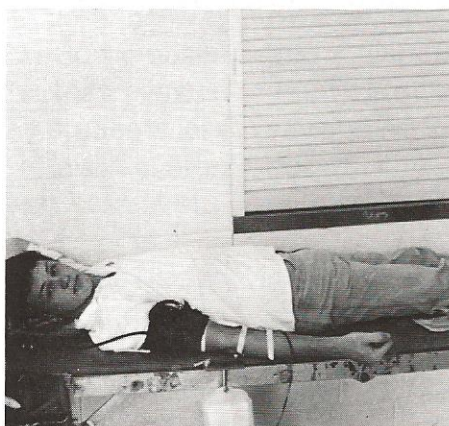
A total of 78 students and teachers gave blood. For some students, giving blood was a first-time experience. Senior Ronald Stewart typified feelings about giving blood for the first time when he commented, "At first I was afraid because of the sight of it all, but it was all right." It was not the same for senior Yolanda Pringle. She firmly asserted, "I have tried to give blood twice, but both times I have not been successful." Then there were those who could be classified as the heroes and heroines. Malachi Snipes represented that position well. He boasted, "Giving blood was nothing."

by Cynthia Salley



CHARLES CAMPBELL willingly donates blood for a good cause. Not only that, but he got out of class for thirty minutes!

TO COMBAT the serious statewide blood shortage, Mark Lemacks helps by giving his fair share". The Red Cross offices in Charleston made weekly appeals for donations and extended office hours to facilitate their benefactors during the crisis.



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