MEMO TO: The University Community

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SUBJECT: Red Cross Blood Drive

On April 27 and 28, all members of the University will have the opportunity to donate blood to the Red Cross between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. Anyone between the ages of 17 and 66 can donate blood without additional consent required. Donors over 66 must have a doctor's permission written within two weeks prior to the blood donation.

Giving blood is a simple and painless process, taking very little time. When the benefits accruing those who need the blood are considered, it involves miniscule inconvenience and sacrifice. However, there is a constant and serious need for an adequate supply of whole blood of all types in this community. Every five minutes, hospitalized patients in the St. Louis area require blood that is immediately available in the proper types. This availability is the difference between life and death, and is dependent upon the generosity of healthy human beings who care enough about their fellow citizens to give their blood. It cannot be manufactured, it can only come from those who care.

Let me offer my strongest encouragement to everyone in the University who is able to participate in this very worthy effort.