

Down wid emergency loans, praise plasma

by LaMont Biscuits

When you're low on bread, and you're about to be evicted from your Avanti Park apartment, don't get a \$200 emergency student loan and lay it on a three-team parlay at the Gold Coast. Do like LaMont and donate blood and plasma.

There are many misconceptions about the "type" of people who donate blood. Sure transients are the primary source of "Red Gold," but a 1992 study on the topic conducted by Vlad Drac & Associates says college students are running a close second.

What better way to supplement your monthly income of student loans and Pell Grants? I read in *The Rebel Yell* that some plasma center offers some serious green for a little red. Lets say the average yearly tuition for an in-state student is roughly \$2,000. At \$10 per pint, you would only have to donate 200 pints of blood—that equals about 22.2 pints a month in a nine-month school year to get you through. Of

course that would just cover tuition.

Tack on another five large for room and board and \$400 for books and you're looking at donating at least 80 pints per month. So what if you're light-headed, emaciated and a bit anemic after contributing, it's a substance free high. Consider it a freebie courtesy of your local phlebotomist.

The only problem is, college students are especially prone to blood donor addictions. As of now, there is no Plasmatics Anonymous or Plas-Anon, so college students are left to fend for themselves against this potentially dangerous addiction.

If the lure of big bucks and a tasty buzz aren't enough to make you roll up your sleeves and say "Ahhhhhhh-

hh," then a recent episode of Sally-Jessy Raphael featuring a bunch of freaks who get-off on sucking blood might motivate you to jump on the CAT and head straight down to your nearest plasma center for an orgasmic experience.

"Oooh Mr. Phlebotomist, touch me there, oh yes, God, you have such a big needle!"

I think they should put a drive-thru plasma donation center in the horseshoe in front of the Moyer Student Union. You drive up, they stick a needle in your arm and use one of those car wash vacuums to

suck your blood out and then reward you with a lollipop.

This fifth grade science fair concept would rival drive-thru liquor stores in Henderson. Everyone knows you don't get much hipper than Henderson, especially for those who just can't wait to consume a 40 of O.E. and drive their car straight into Lake Mead.

You just have to be careful not to get carjacked in the MSU horseshoe. The other day this transvestite midget dressed as a nun came out from behind some shrubbery with a Swiss Army knife cork-


screw and tried to jack me of my hooptee. Like DJ Fresh Breath says, "I hadda bussa cap in 'em."

Now as far as transfusions go, transient blood is a hot commodity because it consists of two parts alcohol, one part plasma.

"Hey nurse, another round for me and the guy over there in traction with the colostomy bag."

Give up your plasma, it's the gift that keeps on giving. And if you must gamble to pay the rent, do like LaMont says and always bet on red.

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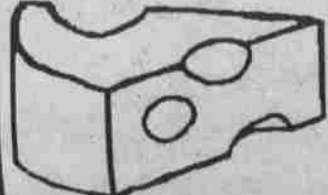
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