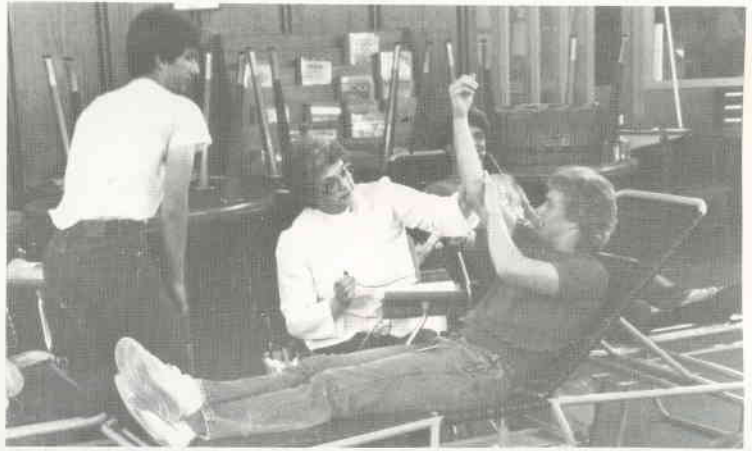


The Needle!

Blood. The essence of life. A liquid which has the power to restore a life or turn a stomach. Since 1977, St. Johns High School has held an annual blood drive in which all eligible students are encouraged to participate.

A lot of the students who are eligible to give each year decide not to for a number of reasons. Most reasons are legitimate but a few are concocted out of a fear many students share—THE NEEDLE! The idea of a person inserting



a needle in your arm and letting it stay in there just doesn't appeal to some. "This seems to be what keeps most of the students who don't participate away," Mr. Larson remarked "but that isn't all that is involved in giving blood."

There is also a positive side to giving blood. People feel good about helping people out. Senior Trent Wickwire remarked "I gave because I know that someday I may need blood and I'd want someone to do the same for me. It was quick, painless, and I had a warm feeling all over when I was done."

Mr. Larson also said "people just feel good about doing something to help other people of the community." St. Johns once again came through with an above average show of responsibility to the rest of the community.

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Due to the help of the student body over 17, the blood drive was very successful, only seven short of setting a new school record. During the time of the blood drive, St. Johns...



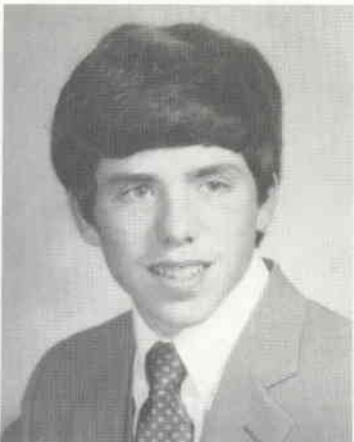
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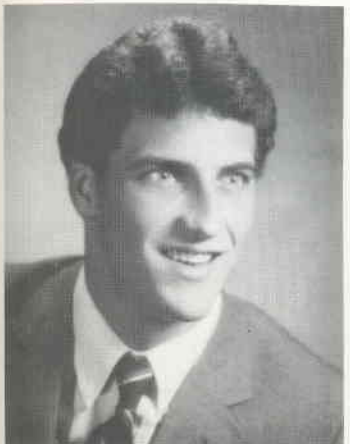
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After giving blood, Students were required to go to the canteen area to strengthen themselves with juice