

STUDENTS AID AIDS SCARE

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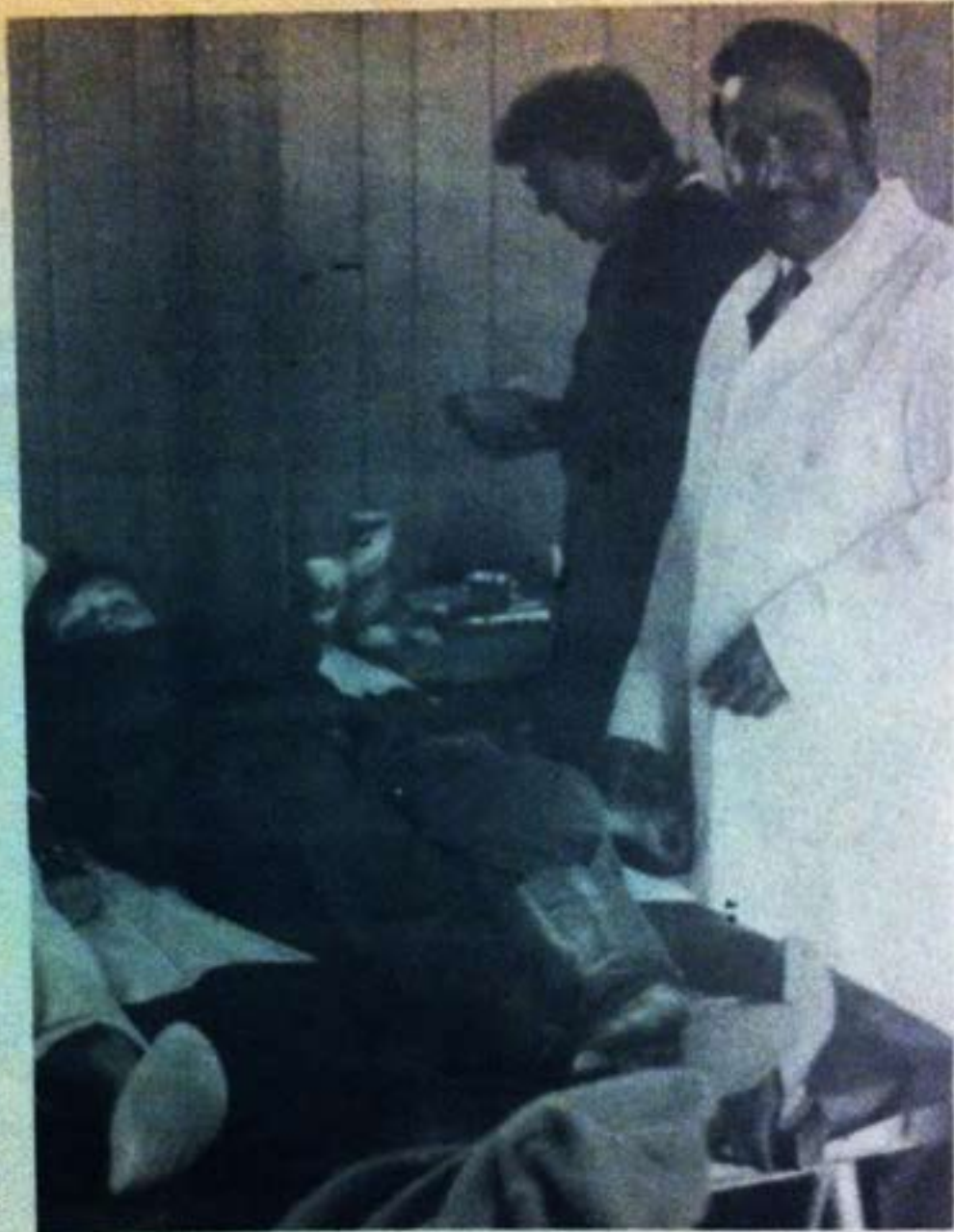
The vampires, as they are affectionately known, have had some bloody good news.

Their recent attack on the University collected a record amount of blood — 1234 units or about 1000 pints.

This is particularly welcome for the Blood Transfusion Service who are hoping, because of the AIDS scare and the threat of Hepatitis, to make Britain self-sufficient in blood.

At the moment we import blood from the USA and Germany and until we cease to do so we cannot hope to eradicate the risks this involves, said Mr Brian Goodinson, Regional Donor Organiser. "We in Liverpool hope to be self-sufficient by the end of 1986", he added.

Every unit of blood that was donated will be put to good use.



About 30 per cent is used immediately for accidents and major operations, and the remainder is broken down into components. These are then used to treat specific diseases and for research.

Blood donation is a serious business with each unit costing the transfusion service about £25. Once the blood has been processed and frozen it can cost several hundreds to perform a transfusion.

Last week's Guild Council had a rural air.

The partisan-sheep syndrome was again in evidence with both sides block voting for the motions of their own breed, and against those of the neighbouring herd.

The Tories tried unsuc-

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There was a new face among the political animals. Simon Watson spoke in favour of a motion which sought to "quash" an Executive decision to ban a poster advertising the Vets annual review.

A motion proposing a letter for freshers stating the Guild's opposition to the loan system was passed and one demanding a better financial deal for students going on field trips was defeated.

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