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Dr. William S. Carlson, president of The University of Toledo, has designated the week of April 10 to April 16 as Sickle Cell Anemia Detection Week on the University's two campuses.

His proclamation recognizes the University's chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi national social fraternity, the University Health Service and St. Vincent Hospital and Medical Center for their cooperative effort in setting up a sickle cell detection center in the University's Student Union on April 10 and on April 12.

"Sickle cell anemia has come to public attention as a disease which endangers many young people and adults," Dr. Carlson notes.

"I congratulate all those who are involved in this worthy project and declare the week beginning Monday, April 10, as Sickle Cell Anemia Detection Week."

The UT center will operate in the Student Union's Ingman Room from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on each of the two dates. It will be staffed by a counselor and two laboratory technicians from the St. Vincent Hospital Sickle Cell Detection Center, by 24 members and pledges of Kappa Alpha Psi, and by 12 members of the fraternity's affiliate, the "Kappa Kittens." The simple blood test for the sickle cell genetic trait will be administered to students, faculty and staff of the University and to the public, free of charge.

Sickle cell anemia is caused by a gene primarily found among black persons and less commonly among persons of Mediterranean and other dark-skinned ancestry. It can produce painful crises and has been demonstrated to shorten the lives of its victims. An estimated 13 per cent of black Americans carry the trait, and about one in 400 to 500 black Americans has the disease itself.