

Computer giveaway



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SU President Greg LeBlanc and VP of Student Services Lynette Manderson show off computers intended for the Great Computer Giveaway.

Student Union offers computers

by Lynette Manderson

It's the start of another school term but UNB has something new for you this year.

It's "The Great Computer Giveaway," sponsored in part by the UNB Student Union, UNB Financial Services, and Information Technology Services (ITS).

"The original idea for the Student Union computer giveaway came during a meeting of the Student Technology Fee Committee. The Tech Fee Committee, in which I was involved, meets to decide how to spend the \$50 tech fee that every student pays," said John Campbell, former VP Executive for the Student Union.

"Few students are able to financially afford computers. Although the cost of a computer is now being worked into student loans, this doesn't help those who do not qualify for a loan," said Campbell.

"Also students with families are becoming much more common. These students need to do more work at home, and therefore, don't work in a computer lab. The Great Computer Giveaway is an attempt to address the problems that students face today. Students, because of jobs and family commitments, cannot go to the well-

stocked computer labs on campus to do their work," said Campbell.

"I hope this program will place a free computer into the hands of those students who need it most," Campbell said.

The giveaway program was not up and running before Campbell graduated, however "the current Student Union has picked it up and are seeing it through fruition. I'm sure this program will be very successful in the coming years. The only problem I expect to see is that not enough computers will be available to meet the needs of all the students at UNB," said Campbell.

The program is self explanatory: the Student Union is giving computers away - free.

There are about 40 reconditioned computers (donated by ITS) that are in the Student Union offices by Room 126 in the SUB.

Along with the IBM 300 G1 Pentium 111 that contains a 450mhz processor, a system memory of 128 mb, an 8.4gb Hard drive, a floppy drive, and a CD rom, each unit comes with a 17" IBM monitor, keyboard and mouse. The computers are internet ready and have WordPerfect installed.

UNB Student Union President, Greg

LeBlanc is excited to see the outcome of this service. "I think this will be a great aid to those students who need it most," said LeBlanc.

"The Student Union is always looking for more ways to serve its students the best that it can. The Great Computer Giveaway will no doubt be a big success," he said.

John Mercer at ITS and Financial Aid's Shelley Clayton helped the Student Union out with the program.

In order to apply for one of these computers, you can get a form at Financial Aid in the Alumni Memorial Building or in Room 126 of the SUB, fill it out, and return it to the Financial Aid office by the 30th of September.

The winners of the draw will be contacted on October 12, via e-mail, as the actual draw will take place by the 8th of October.

There are three simple rules; in order to qualify for the draw you:

- Must be a full-time UNBF undergraduate student
- Must demonstrate financial need
- Must be in good academic standing

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about this service, please contact services@unb.ca.

Run for cancer honours Fox's memory

by Clarissa Andersen

"Even if I don't finish, we need others to continue. It's got to keep going without me."

Those words spoken by Terry Fox have inspired thousands of people to run in what is now an annual event to raise money for cancer research.

Cancer, a disease that affects an estimated 145,000 Canadians each year, took the life of a young man Canada, and the rest of the world, should always remember.

Fox, who had always been outgoing and athletic, was only 18 when he was diagnosed with bone cancer in 1977. The disease left him with his right leg amputated six inches above his knee. That surgery fueled his spirit of hope to find a cure for the disease that claims so many lives.

After witnessing the suffering of others living with cancer, Fox felt an overwhelming need to do something to raise money for research in this field.

On April 12, 1980, in St. John's Newfoundland; with only a few people to send him off, he began his *Marathon of Hope*; a cross country run he intended to end in his home province of British Columbia.

Although media attention was minimal in the beginning, the significance of what he was trying to accomplish drew the country in and the donations began to grow.

After a staggering 5,373 km and 143 days on the road, he brought his run to an end in Ontario; the cancer had spread to his lungs. He died June 28, 1981, at the age of 22.

Although Fox wasn't able to personally continue raising money and awareness for cancer research, \$340 million has since been raised in his name through the Terry Fox Foundation and its annual Terry Fox Run.

The Run began the year he died and has become a major event in cities and towns across Canada and around the world. The money raised provides the National Cancer Institute of Canada with upwards of \$65 million annually to support cancer research.

Although many charities do not disclose where and how their money is distributed, the Terry Fox Foundation makes this information readily available to anyone who asks.

Will Dickeson, Provincial Publicity

and Volunteer Co-coordinator for The Terry Fox Foundation branches in New Brunswick and PEI explained exactly how each dollar is broken down.

"The Terry Fox Foundation is the second largest non-governmental funder of cancer research in Canada...87.2 cents of every dollar donated to the Terry Fox Foundation goes directly to cancer research...10 cents go to fundraising costs, and 2.8 cents cover administrative costs, salaries for the 24 foundation employees across Canada."

In 2003 the city of Fredericton raised \$9,806.16 - a 30 percent increase from the previous year.

"This increase was due to the generosity and community spirit of UNB students, a high number of whom not only showed up to participate in the Run itself but also came out early

to volunteer," Dickeson said.

"This year again UNB... [showed] its commitment to The Fredericton Terry Fox Run's success. Various sports teams, the Faculty of Computer Science, and McLeod House... registered as special teams to come out to the Run," said Dickeson.

The 2004 Fredericton Terry Fox Run took place this past Sunday.

Cancer statistics:

- 2,798 Canadians will be diagnosed with cancer every week.
- 1,313 Canadians will die of cancer each week.
- Cancer is the leading cause of premature death in Canada.
- 38% of women, and 43% of men, will develop cancer during their lifetimes.



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