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## Terry Fox: We've got to keep going

by Brendan Doyle

They came to run, walk, bike, roll, and wheel. People of all ages and walks of life gathered on Sunday near the Delta Hotel to participate in the 25th annual Terry Fox Run.

United by their fight against cancer, the Run's participants braved intermittent rain to show their support for a truly Canadian charity.

UNB students Natalie, Brad, Chantal, Graham, and Jonathon all came out to volunteer for the first time. "It's a good cause, a lot of people are here. It's good to get up, get out, and do it," said Graham.

Though UNB had strong representation at the Run, STU left them in the dust with sheer numbers - well over 200 students from our neighbouring campus participated.

One of those participants was Lillian Drysdale.

"Darryl Fox came to Fredericton in July and hearing him speak was just phenomenal. You really understood what Terry went through and it's different hearing it from a family member's account of who Terry was and why he did it. As soon as I knew more about what Terry did and how many kilometers he would run in a day - why wouldn't I be a part of this," said Drysdale.

Support for Terry's Marathon of Hope has been going strong for 25 years and shows no signs of slowing down. This year alone, the Terry Fox Foundation will donate over \$19 million to Canadian cancer research. The Foundation has raised over \$360 million - \$260 million from within Canada.

\$11 million has already been earmarked for project grants, which will explore new cancer treatment methods including some innovative approaches and techniques designed by past recipients of Foundation funding.

McGill University researcher Dr. Nahum Sonenberg has been working for decades on anti-cancer treatments that include gene-therapy and the use of viruses to attack cancer cells. Dr. Sonenberg was one



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of two Canadian researchers to receive the first Terry Fox Cancer Researcher Scientist Awards from Marathon of Hope funds.

Andras Nagy, from Toronto, has been awarded one of 18 new research grants provided through the National Cancer Institute of Canada. Dr. Nagy and his team will receive \$7 million over five years to study angiogenesis - how tumors form new blood vessels. This will give researchers insight into how best to slow or stop production of new blood vessels by tumors. One way the team plans to achieve this is to deprive

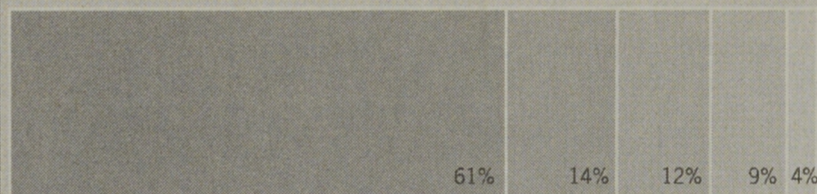
the cells of the oxygen they need to survive and reproduce.

And even though the cancer cells may not be able to continue, Terry's run will. Even though many participants choose to walk, wheel, bike, or roll, Terry was adamant that he was running.

"Some people can't figure out what I'm doing. It's not a walk-hop, it's not a trot, it's running - or as close as I can get to running - and it's harder than doing it on two legs. It makes me mad when people call this a walk. If I was walking it wouldn't be anything."

### Canadian cancer research funding

This year, The Terry Fox Foundation is funding almost \$19 million in Canadian cancer research through the following special programs:



Funding shown as percentages of total in 2005/2006

- Program project (team) grants: \$11.6 million
- Research grants to individuals: \$2.6 million
- Research grants to new investigators: \$2.2 million
- Post-doctoral fellowship awards: \$1.8 million
- Research studentships: \$700,000

### TERRY FOX: A TIMELINE

**July 28, 1958** - Terrance Stanley Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba. The Fox family settled in Port Coquitlam, BC, in 1968.

**September, 1976** - Terry enrolled at Simon Fraser University, studied kinesiology and tried out for the junior varsity basketball team.

**March 9, 1977** - Terry went to a doctor complaining of a pain in his right knee. Test revealed he had osteogenic sarcoma, a rare bone cancer. Within days his leg was amputated; soon after he began walking with an artificial limb.

**April, 1977** - Terry underwent chemotherapy for the next 16 months.

**February, 1979** - Terry began training for his Marathon of Hope, running over 5,000 kilometers in training.

**April 12, 1980** - Terry dipped his artificial leg into the Atlantic Ocean in St. John's, Newfoundland. He ran an average of 42 km per day.

**September 1, 1980** - After 143 days and 5,374 km Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ontario, because the cancer had spread to his lungs. Terry returned to BC for treatment but vowed to "do my very best. I'll fight. I promise I won't give up."

**September 2, 1980** - Isadore Sharp, Chairman and CEO of Four Seasons Hotels and Resorts telegraphed the Fox family and committed to organize an annual fundraiser in Terry's name.

**September 9, 1980** - The CTV Network hosted a telethon that lasted 5 hours and raised an astounding \$10 million. Terry watched the event from his hospital bedroom but fell asleep.

**February 1, 1981** - Terry's goal of raising one dollar for every Canadian citizen was reached when the Marathon of Hope funds totaled \$24 million.

**June 28, 1981** - Terry died at the Royal Columbian Hospital one month before his 23rd birthday.

**September 13, 1981** - More than 760 sites in Canada and around the world hosted the first Terry Fox Run. Over 300,000 participants raised over \$3.5 million for cancer research.

**April 13, 1982** - In a fitting tribute, Canada Post issued a Terry Fox Stamp; prior to this, no stamp had been issued until 10 years after the death of the honouree.

**September 18, 2005** - For 25 years, the Terry Fox Run has continued Terry's brave fight against cancer.

### Supplemental fees for you & me

by J.R. Bradford

The new UNB budget contains six year low tuition hike, but students will still feel the financial pinch due to increases in student supplemental fees.

In April of 2005 the finance committee of the University of New Brunswick Board of Governors delivered a balanced budget of \$150.2 million. While this budget managed to cover the increasing costs of business in a tight fiscal environment it was done so, in part, thanks to a new "mandatory, supplemental infrastructure renewal fee."

In this budget, tuition increases were held at a comparatively low five percent, within the framework of a three year commitment to keep increases under a six percent level. To many students who

have witnessed tuition costs skyrocket in the last decade, this is indeed a laudable attempt. In part this commitment to minimizing tuition increases was implemented to allow UNB to remain competitive with universities in other provinces like Ontario and Nova Scotia. The province of Ontario is in the final year of a two year commitment to tuition freezes and will likely be supplementing its universities with increased funding to offset the need for rises in tuition in the future. In Nova Scotia, the provincial government has committed additional funding to universities in return for a three year cap of 3.9 percent on tuition increases.

When prospective students are selecting which university to attend the financial cost is often a determining factor. In this envi-

ronment, especially with the increase cap in neighboring Nova Scotia, UNB needs a competitive tuition cost in order to attract students. It is to this end this year's relatively low tuition increase is aimed. When the budget's 5 percent rise in tuition is factored in with the new mandatory infrastructure fee however, students will be feeling the bite of an 8.66 percent actual increase over last year.

The infrastructure fee was introduced as part of UNB's overall strategy to tackle the university's \$108 million of deferred maintenance. In the early 1990s federal education funding to the provinces was cut and reorganized into a large fund intended to help cover the costs of various social programs. The result of this was that the

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