

A dream as vast as this country

Fredericton Terry Fox Run raises \$7,974.54 with money still being counted

by Alison Clack

On an ordinary morning, April 12, 1980, a young man began an extraordinary journey that would raise awareness of a debilitating disease and move an entire nation into action. Terry Fox started his Marathon of Hope to little applause and recognition. The scene this past Sunday at the Small Craft Aquatic Centre, however, was a completely different story.

People young and old were gathered together on the small patch of waterfront green all hoping to make a difference and be a part of Terry's dream. His dream was simple: he wished that he could raise one dollar from every Canadian for cancer research while he made his way from the furthest most eastern reach of our nation to the west.

The crowd at the Aquatic Centre seems was buzzing and eager to continue the story that Fox was never able to finish. With runs and walks a common trend in raising money and awareness for a variety of different charities, the Terry Fox run has remained important twenty six years after its inception.

"It's a Canadian story," says Brian Doucet, coordinator in charge of registration of Fredericton's Terry Fox Run. A Canadian story it is, too: from the time they enter elementary school, most Canadian youth are introduced to Terry Fox's story and join their school's own Terry Fox Walk.

Fox has won many awards and accolades from his country including being named 'Canadian of the Decade' in the 1980s and became a 'Companion to the Order of Canada.' He was also



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Runners rush to the finish line of the 2007 Terry Fox Run in downtown Fredericton

voted the second place winner by the general public on the CBC's 'The Greatest Canadian'.

Although it is a Canadian story, the Terry Fox Run is no longer only held in Canada; international runs are held in forty-eight countries world-wide including, Cuba, Portugal, and Afghanistan.

Although the first Terry Fox Run in 1981 raised only \$3.5M, a bit short of Fox's original dream, it has now managed to raise over \$400M CND world-

wide and is one of the highest grossing one-day charity events in the world.

As Fredericton's own Terry Fox run was finishing up, a sign was posted at the finish line stating that the day's run had raised \$7,974.54 in cash and cheques alone, although more money was still being counted.

One touching part of the day's run was a simple sign laying on the ground by the registration tent. The sign simply said, 'In Memory Of...', and was covered

with the names of loved ones of the participants of the run.

The Terry Fox Run reminds us of what we all wish we could do.

"It's what one individual can do when they put their whole heart into [something]," says Doucet.

Terry Fox remains inspirational to this day because of his courage and hope. Terry's dream was his own, but it was a dream that all Canadians, and the world, can run for.

Bookstore manager gives back to students

by Jessica Grzesik

After 26 years of serving students, Sharon Fillmore has retired from her position as manager of the Bookstore in the spring of 2007. Taking over her position is Shelley Gagnon, who has been managing the store since June. Gagnon is grateful to be allowed the opportunity to give back to the students who frequent the Bookstore on a regular basis.

"I have a great time with the students," says Gagnon, "they are just great."

To show appreciation for the students, the Bookstore is holding its first ever 'Student Appreciation Day' which will be held Thursday, September 20 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Student Appreciation Day will allow students from UNB and STU to come in and be eligible to win many great prizes, including a GPS navigation system, a digital camera, gym bags, and a slew of other prizes.

Students can fill out ballots for the prizes before 2 p.m. on Thursday in the centre of the clothing section in the store. While there, students can preview some of the prizes that are already on display. Students who are not able to make it to Student Appreciation Day can still enter their name for the draw, but will have to do so before 2 p.m. on September 20, as the drawing will be held at that time.

There is an added treat during this draw: Gagnon's staff will be dishing out ice cream. This is another effort by Gagnon and the staff to show their gratitude towards the students who make the Bookstore successful. The tasty delight should ensure that students

attend and recognize the day of appreciation that is set out for them. The ice cream is available only while supplies last, so students should come early to ensure a more pleasurable outcome.

"Everyone wants to help out," Gagnon says about her staff with regards not only to Student Appreciation Day, but with every other day of the year. She encourages everyone to make suggestions to help run the UNB Bookstore more smoothly and effectively.

"There is always room for improvement," she says. "My duties are to serve the campus and the students."

The Bookstore has pushed back their hours from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., to serve the first week's rush. Gagnon wants to see a lot more staff and students participating in the success of the store. She says there are more plans in the works to have more events to promote student activity. These events will most likely hit the same time as holidays and other days important on campus. There will also be a winter term appreciation day for the students. Gagnon says she wants to stay creative, but also says she can only hold events if they continue to be a success.

The Bookstore is home to more than just books, says Gagnon. Along with textbooks, they have a wide variety of student clothing and accessories, which students are encouraged to check out. There is also a technology pavilion where students can purchase MP3 players, computers, and other technological equipment. They have snacks for students on the go and an assortment of school supplies.

Hours for the Bookstore are between 8:30 a.m., Monday through Friday, and between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday. Gagnon asks that students give their feedback generously, as improvements can always be made. Anyone with suggestions, compliments, or more information regarding Student Appreciation Day or other events can either meet with Shelley Gagnon in person or call her office at 458-7909.

Campus safety: it's everyone's responsibility

by Reg Jerrett

Director of Campus Security

University is an exciting time for students. It's a time to grow, both academically and socially. As director of campus security at UNB Fredericton, my job is to ensure that our campus is safe for students, faculty, staff, and visitors. The university is fortunate to have a dedicated Campus Security Team who work diligently patrolling the campus and responding to situations that put the safety of our community at risk, but we can't do it alone. Everyone needs to play a role in promoting a campus that is safe and welcoming for everyone, a campus where all UNB students can live, work, study and socialize.

We recognize that an important part of the university experience is participating in on-campus activities, whether it be a concert at the Student Union Building or a gathering in one of the residences. With over 10,000 students and visitors on campus every day, there is potential for damage to university property and general misconduct. This is where our students play an important role: They are the eyes and ears of the campus and are encouraged to report any incidents to Campus Security.

The over-consumption of alcohol is often a factor in the disruptive and disorderly behaviour that occurs on

campus. The legal drinking age in New Brunswick is 19, and UNB strictly adheres to the New Brunswick Liquor Act. Students are encouraged to drink responsibly and to discourage excessive alcohol consumption among their peers. UNB also has a Student Disciplinary Code that defines standards for student behaviour and makes provisions for student discipline. The Student Disciplinary Code and regulations on conduct can be found at www.unb.ca/current/disciplinary_code/ and in the UNB undergraduate calendar.

There are a number of safety initiatives in place on campus. Safewalk, operated during the academic year by UNB's Student Campus Police, provides students with an escort home after dark. Each Safewalk team consists of a male and female Student Campus Police member who will walk students to their campus residences or to their home if they live within a block of campus. SafeRide, operated by the Student Union during the academic year, operates Sunday to Thursday and will drive students to their off campus apartments after dark. UNB Security offers safety presentations to residence students, as well as self-defense training for women.

Over the past several years, improvements have been made to exterior lighting on campus. Emergency phones have been installed at seven locations around campus and every pay phone on campus has a direct, no cost link to Campus Security. For students walking to Forest Hill after dark, there is a well lit pathway located at the far end of Chapman Field.

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