

Fox Run for fun and money

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Why was there a hoard of people doing aerobics in front of the Dalhousie Arts Centre on Sunday afternoon? This past Sunday, September 15 was the date of the 11th Annual Terry Fox Run for cancer research. The Halifax run started at the Dal Arts Centre and followed a course of 10 km covering parts of the Dal campus. The run attracted participants and groups of all sorts who ran, walked, biked, jogged, and even roller-bladed their way through the course.

The reported total as of Sunday was \$22,296.16, however final figures won't be known for quite some

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time. Last year, over \$21,000 was the Dalhousie run, Tony Martin Ken-Howlett, the Terry Fox Run's Provincial Director, commented that "a lot of money came in after [the run date]" and expects the same to happen this year. She has already received calls from people who missed the run because of the Moosehead Grand Prix, but still intended to make a donation towards the run.

By the end of the week, Ken-Howlett expects to have a better idea of how the Terry Fox Run did province-wide, as more regional reports come in.

Ken-Howlett extended congratulations to the coordinators of

made on the day of the run. Lori and Patty Weld, both of Athletics and Recreational Services at Dal. "The run was very well-organized and participants had a marvellous time.

She estimated the number of participants to be about 1000. In the Terry Fox Run, rather than having monetary goals, goals are set for participation "especially since times are so bad" stated Ken-Howlett. "We don't like to set monetary goals. Instead we try to set goals for increased participation each year." Across Nova Scotia, approximately 45,000 to 50,000 people were expected to participate in the run this year.

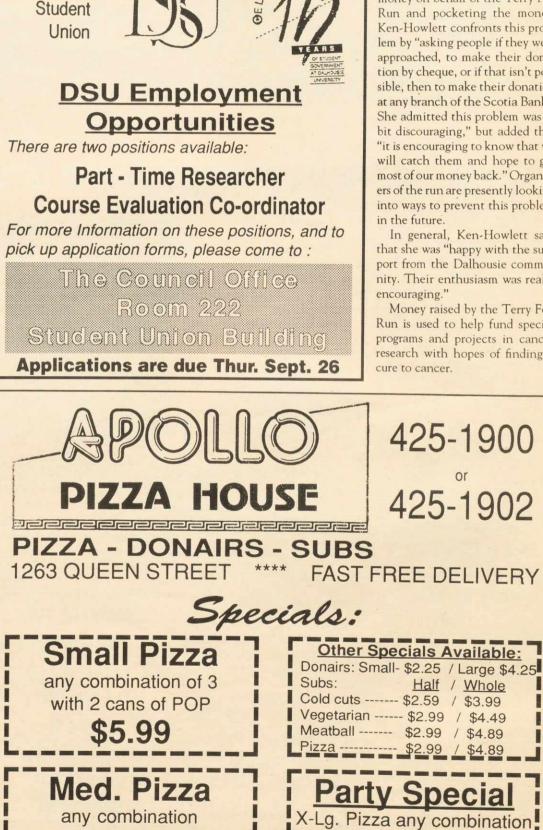
This past summer, there were police reports of individuals in Halifax, Dartmouth and Sydney who were supposedly soliciting money on behalf of the Terry Fox Run and pocketing the money. Ken-Howlett confronts this problem by "asking people if they were approached, to make their donation by cheque, or if that isn't possible, then to make their donation at any branch of the Scotia Bank." She admitted this problem was "a bit discouraging," but added that "it is encouraging to know that we will catch them and hope to get most of our money back." Organizers of the run are presently looking into ways to prevent this problem

In general, Ken-Howlett said that she was "happy with the support from the Dalhousie community. Their enthusiasm was really

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