

Fox Run

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This past Sunday, Sept. 16, the tenth annual Terry Fox Run was held. \$25,015 was raised for cancer research by Haligonians and Dalhousians. For those who don't know, it is an event where people cover a 10-km course around the upper Dal campus by any means of transportation possible (i.e./run, jog, bike, walk, pushed in a shopping cart, and other variations). The event started at 1 p.m. at the Dal Arts Centre with participants ranging in age from infants to seniors.

Organizers Lori Kent-Howlett (Provincial Run Director) and Tony Martin (Co-Director for Halifax) were both pleased with the turnout, results, and in particular, the spirit of various participants and participating groups. Martin along with Brian MacDougall were the key organizers of the event. Helping them were also Don Miller, Bob O'Neill, Patti Weed, Mary Somers, and Barb Norwood. Of the four years that the event has been held on Dalhousie's campus, this group has been responsible for organizing it the past three years.

This year, there were over 400 registered participants, but a more realistic figure is around 1000. This is mainly because of several families participating (and only one member registering) in what is becoming increasingly a "family-event" according to the organizers. Martin stated the amount raised on Sunday was "on top" of what they had hoped for. Provincially, Kent-Howlett was optimistic in reaching the N.S. goal of \$50,000 in over 310 sites.

For such an event you would think that the best weather hoped for would be that of sunshine and blue skies...but not quite so. Both organizers thought that the weather helped to bring out people, but at the same time had a negative effect because it drew more people to the air show at Shearwater than could have participated. All in all, numbers and spirits were high enough to make a nice total of over \$25,000.

Of particular notice that day, were the number of volunteers visible at every part of the course. Beaver Foods had hot dogs on hand; Coca-Cola, Gatorade, Farmers were there to refresh the thirsts of hundreds; Steve Butler entertained runners with music and jokes from atop of the Arts Centre; Dalhousie Student Union were responsible for the tables; the Physical Plant blocked off the streets; St. John Ambulance was there ready to assist; Dal Security and the President Leadership Class helped to secure the streets from vehicles. There were also many individual volunteers staffing

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