

SPORTS

Fox's fight with cancer displayed real-life courage

Heroes in sports are easy to come by. It's as simple as buying a pack of baseball cards to find two or three of these guys in each stack. But, look at who we put up on the hero pedestal — just about anybody who has ever hammered out two hundred hits or twenty-five home runs in a season. It never matters if most of them have big fat mouths and big fat egos to match.

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And then, along comes someone like Terry Fox who makes most of the other guys look pretty small no matter how big their contracts are.

Fox is the young Canadian who ran half-way across his country on an artificial leg to raise money for cancer research. He had lost his right leg to cancer in 1977. When he began his run, early last year, his goal was to raise \$1 million. He was forced to give up the run halfway after 3,340 miles after his cancer spread to his lungs.

Fox died June 29 of pneumonia and cancer just one month short of his 23rd birthday. He had not only raised \$24 million for research but had also raised the inspirations and hope of people in Canada and all over the world.

Wilfred Sheed, in an article in *Family Weekly*, a couple of Sundays ago, said that all of our heroes in real life pale in comparison to the "false saints depicted in movies." He added that once we find them that we feel the most important thing to do is to find their faults and cut their integrity to the quick.

Well, Terry Fox paled to no one in his hop-skip gait for 144 days in his "Marathon of Hope." His plight brought out the very best in people, not the critical worst. The day after his death, the federal government ordered flags lowered to half-staff on all government buildings, all military facilities and all ships in domestic waters, an unusual gesture to a private citizen.

Fox was also the youngest recipient of the country's highest civilian award, the Companion of the Order of Canada. Before he lapsed into a coma the night before his death,

he learned that his marathon would be commemorated by a postage stamp and that a youth center in Ottawa would be named after him.

But, besides the concrete honors, Fox also took a country divided by many issues and united them in one. And that one issue, of hope and courage, makes all the rest seem small.

Terry Fox's story proves that there are heroes in real life. The best thing about it is that he didn't do it for personal gain. It is easy to have courage when it makes you wealthy or prestigious. Every step he took was slow and painful and he had no way of knowing that anything good would come of it at all. That beats the heck out of all the guys who are being heroes for \$1 million a year.

Sports in Brief

Clifford Powell, a tight end on the UNC football team will not be able to play this season. He had surgery to remove a benign tumor in his shoulder this summer.

"The tumor was about the size of a softball," Dr. Joseph DeWalt of sports medicine said. "He's making good progress and will be able to play the season after this one."

UNC football star Steve Streater is doing well and making progress at the Charlotte Rehabilitation Hospital according to hospital publicity director Alice Barnes. "He is still in the halo brace which he has worn since the accident, but it will be removed next month," she said. "He's still in very good spirits."

Four former UNC baseball players will be trying to break into the major leagues next year. Craig Shumock was drafted in the 9th round by San Diego and Mark Ochal was also drafted by the Padres in the 12th round.

James "Peanut" Parks signed as a free-agent with the St. Louis Cardinals. Scott Bradley signed last month with the Yankees.

Anyone interested in officiating for intramurals should attend the officials clinic tonight in 304 Woollen Gym. Clinics are at 6:00 for softball and at 6:45 for basketball.

Deadlines to sign up for intramurals for the second session of summer school are Thursday. There will be a round-robin league in softball and teams schedule themselves as they enter. Play begins July 13th. There will also be a round-robin league in basketball and play also begins on July 13th. There will be a match play golf tournament and pairings will be posted by Friday. Racquetball play will be based on a league followed by a single elimination play-off. Schedules will be posted Friday. There will be singles, doubles and mixed-doubles league play in tennis and schedules will also be available Friday.

'WHY DO THE HEATHEN RAGE?'

Psalm 2:1 and Acts 4:25

Some years ago, a young man around 20 years of age, asked for work on the farm. After he had worked several days I learned he was out of jail on bond, having been charged with taking part in a holdup of a store, which he admitted. I called together the few workers on the farm together with "Mr. Holdup," and advised them of the kind of man we were working with. Mr. "Holdup" sorter "flared up" and said if I did not want to work him it was o.k. "Certainly I do not want to work you. Last Saturday I put you and a high school boy out splitting wood with axes, wedges, and a maul. A man with as much devil and hell in him as you might have split the boy's head open with the axe in order to take his money! You also worked with another man using shovels. Is it right for me to ask that man to work with you when you might knock him in the head with the shovel, since you have chosen to try to make a living forcing people who have made their money honestly to give it to you, killing them if necessary!"

Genuine Christianity don't tolerate evil! One branch of Christianity is charged by God Almighty to take vengeance, and do away with evil and rebellion against law and order. Read the 13th chapter of Romans. The Bible not only says: "Resist the devil;" but it also says: "Give no place to the devil!" "Mr. Holdup" was paid for his time, and asked to get off the place, and stay off. However, we told him that since those who were in authority saw fit to let such a dangerous man "run on the loose," I would cooperate as far as I could. If he thought over the matter and would come back in three days and express his purpose, determination, and make a promise to go right and act a gentleman, he could go back to work. He did not come back, but hope he is going straight.

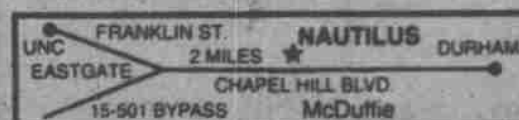
From the President of our great nation on down to the humblest citizen we should be thoroughly ashamed of ourselves for the great crime and violence abroad in our land. We would be much better off if a great drive was launched to make crime and open evil, poverty-stricken, so that it would perish from famine and hunger.

"Take thou away from Me the noise of the songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. But let judgement run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream." Amos 5:23. Boil this passage down, and in plain language God says to us: "Your worship is offensive to Me unless you put away the evil from among yourselves, stop crime, murder, immorality, violence, etc."

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