

# Free Press who does it

# 'He's determined' — volunteer

By Wilma Blokhuis

"Terry is very shy, easy to talk to, and very determined," said Joan Gibb, public relations volunteer with the Oakville unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, in a telephone interview Monday. His early evening arrival at Sheridan College culminated in at least two months of preparations and fund raising, and all of it seemed so fruitless and frustrating Sunday, until she heard that Terry Fox would make an appearance at Sheridan College before having dinner and calling it the day at the Holiday Inn. His arrival, by van, was two hours behind his scheduled 4 p.m. appearance, but, Joan convinced a crowd of at least 200 to await their hero.



A hero's welcome: Terry Fox arrived at Sheridan College Sunday to meet several hundred people who had come to meet the coast-to-coast marathon runner for cancer research.

Joan waved a large-format cheque to keep herself cool, as she stood beside Terry, smiling non-stop. "Last Tuesday (July 8) I had \$245, so I had this big cheque made up. I changed that to \$8,600 when Darrel came (initially on behalf of his brother) at 4 p.m. "And when Terry came himself, the total was \$11,291." Within two hours, another \$3,000 was donated by the crowd. "I began the day with \$6,000," said Joan, "and we raised another \$5,000 on Sunday." Hence, Terry received about \$12,000, "and there's more money coming in!"

In appreciation for all her efforts, Joan had dinner with Terry and those who accompanied him, and learned more about this courageous one-legged runner. "He's very determined to meet his goal," Joan said, "and he's going to achieve it." Terry began his trek across Canada, from St. John's, Nfld., to Vancouver, B.C., on April 12. "He was scheduled to be here by June 14," Joan said, adding he has fallen one-month behind schedule because of numerous side-trips, fatigue, ice and snow, and the wind throwing him off balance.

Yet, in Oakville, he appeared "quite normal, not obsessed with being tired," Joan said. "We talked about normal things, sports—hockey and football, the things that interest any 21-year-old." She found Terry to be extremely outspoken about the lack of money for cancer research in this country, and very definite about planning his route, only accepting directions from place to place.

"He is down to earth, a nice boy, and very well-mannered." Terry's goal is to raise \$10 million in his 5,300 mile run across Canada—a dollar from every Canadian adult.

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## Hero welcomed in Halton

BY KELLY FRANK

Opening ceremonies for a makeshift reception for Terry Fox were conducted by his brother Darrell at Sheridan College, Sunday.

Terry, who's jogging across Canada to raise money for cancer research, was late for the reception. The one-legged jogger got behind schedule after being held up on his trek through Mississauga.

Darrell was nervous but managed a well-rehearsed speech about brother before turning the microphone over to Doug Alward who's been driving the van for Terry since they started out from Newfoundland. Speaking on Terry's behalf Doug related the hardships Terry's endured since losing his right leg to cancer and his purpose in running the Marathon of Hope.

He said after Terry had his leg amputated he had to go through a year and a half of chemotherapy treatment "to kill all the cancer cells."

"The drugs used on Terry gave him a fifty per cent chance of living," said Doug.

"Two years earlier the drugs hadn't even been developed and Terry would've only had a 15 per cent chance of living."

This led to Doug's next point, that money is desperately needed to combat other forms of cancer for which no treatment has yet been developed. And that's what Terry's jogging for—hope for cancer stricken patients everywhere.

"The chances of you getting cancer some time in your life is about 25 per cent since one in four people eventually get it."

## Library 'looseleaf'

by Esther Taylor

According to the Oxford English dictionary a Paladin is one of the 12 peers or famous warriors of Charlemagne's court, of whom the Count Palatine was the foremost; also, fig. a knightly hero, renowned champion, knight errant. Recruited as a schoolboy by Winston Churchill, Christopher Creighton (a fictitious name) became the British war leader's Paladin under the code name Christopher Robin. His extraordinary adventures as Churchill's personal warrior are chronicled as a novel by American writer, Brian Garfield, who has been writing full-time since 1963.

In his foreword to the Paladin, Garfield notes that the hero of his narrative is a real person now in his fifties. "He is a remarkable man." The boy who became a remarkable man was 15, when he first encountered Churchill. The encounter was more of a crash confrontation, after Christopher in search of adventure tried to scale a wall of fresh red bricks. The bricks gave way, and Christopher tumbled, rubble falling around him. He heard a bellow and a clatter, both noises emanating from a large, fat furious man beside a barrow full of wet mortar. Thus, Christopher Robin met the man who was his parents' landlord, Britain's war prime minister, who recruited the boy that same year to make his first try at espionage while a guest of his Belgian school friend Prince Paul.

Christopher's first harrowing assignment on Belgian soil began an incredible wartime career under the leadership of Churchill (code name: Tiger) which include assassination, murder, torture and pursuit. To quote one critic: "The Paladin is truly the most amazing, shocking and fascinating story to come out of World War II."

Other Garfield novels in the library are: The Hit; Reckon; Tripwire; and Wild Times. A couple of long-time patrons were overheard trading notes recently on favorite authors of whom Wilbur Smith and Jack Higgins topped their respective lists. Said one bookworm: "If I could write—which I can't—I would hope to write like Smith. He's a master storyteller. No one can surpass his novels set in Africa."

The Pro-Higgins speaker conceded that Smith is a craftsman. "But Higgins would be my literary guide. For one thing, he never wastes a word. His prose is lean and taut, with little was-

ted on description. If I could write like Higgins, I would be happy as a coon in stolen jam."

Wilbur Smith's newest novel, A Falcon Flies, evokes the "vanished Eden that was the African interior." It is peopled by extraordinary characters, notably Robyn Ballentyne, who in 1854 enrolled in medical school as the "nephew" of Uncle William, with whose help and connivance, she succeeded in obtaining her medical qualifications from the Royal College of Surgeons. The hospital governors discovering her deception after the event immediately petitioned the Royal College to withdraw the honor as it was unprecedented and scandalous for a woman to become a doctor. A perceptive editor championed her cause and fascinated readers learned that the unconventional Dr. Ballentyne was the daughter of Dr. Fuller Ballentyne, "famous explorer, traveller, medical missionary and author." In the end, the august governors had to back-pedal.

A Falcon Flies opens with Robyn and her brother Zouga aboard Mungo St. John's ship, en route to the interior to find their father. Mungo, a man's man, but a natural charmer to whom Robyn is drawn, is revealed later as a slave trader. The author graphically describes the horror of slavery and its impact on traders and victims. Robyn, like her famous father, dedicates herself to fighting what she considers to be commerce at its most loathsome. The suspense, with old Africa as a backdrop builds up to an unexpected climax. Once launched on A Falcon Flies, readers will curse interruptions.

Jack Higgins' Solo is the story of a duel between two evenly-matched characters, world famous pianist John Mikali, and Asa Morgan, professional soldier, with Britain's Special Air Service. Mikali, an international hit man on the run after shooting a prominent London Jew, unavoidably knocks down and kills Morgan's young daughter. Working completely in the dark, Morgan at last identifies his daughter's killer. Motivated by hatred, with revenge as his goal, Morgan hunts Mikali. Complicating the situation, Dr. Katherine Riley, America's foremost authority on the terrorist mentality is attracted to Mikali. Morgan, after meeting the psychologist becomes interested in her as a woman. Solo can be read piecemeal, but Higgins' fans will plot to finish it at one sitting.

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