

Carey Lapa, Terry Fox Secondary

1959-2011

About Carey Lapa:

Coach Lapa was a dedicated teacher and coach at Terry Fox Secondary. Born in William, Ontario, he grew up in Kamloops and graduated from Westsyde High School in 1977. He attended the University of Alberta (Bachelor of Arts, 1986), UBC (Bachelor of Recreation Education, 1988) and San Diego State University (Master's Degree, Education, 1993).

Carey was a member of the 1982 UBC Thunderbird Football team that claimed the Vanier Cup. This team was later named the greatest university football team in Canadian history and inducted into the UBC Sports Hall of Fame in 2003. In 1983 Carey was drafted by the Hamilton Tiger Cats.



Teaching and Coaching Career:

Carey began his teaching career in Kamloops before teaching in the Coquitlam School District. He taught PE and coached at Centennial High School and then moved to Terry Fox Secondary, where he has made his home for the last 13 years. Carey loved teaching, and the students and staff at Terry Fox loved Carey! Students will remember his impressive physical presence, powerful personality, sense of humour and his adages, which were fondly referred to as “Lapaisms” (see below). Carey was known for his leadership, dedication and kindness.

Terry Fox Football:

Carey's vision at Terry Fox was to build a football program where student athletes would strive for athletic excellence, learn to compete, and acquire a love for the game. Present players and alumni have been proud to be a part of this special brotherhood that Carey helped create. Carey's proud moments in life included the journey to the 2006, 2008 and 2010 AAA BC High School Football Championship games where his half time speeches still resonate. Carey was also an active member in BC High School Football as Past President.

Favourite Teams:

Green Bay Packers and Toronto Maple Leafs

Lapasims:

“If there was something better to do we'd be doing it.”
“This ain't no disco.” • “I didn't do it.”
“I like you but I will still yell at you later.”
“Eleven brothers are hard to beat.” • “It has been a pleasure.”

