



# THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **Scaling the Heights: UWinnipeg's Annual Great Rock Climb**

WINNIPEG—On **Friday, September 8, 2006 at 12:30 p.m.** University of Winnipeg students, faculty, staff, and alumni will gather on the front lawn of the campus to face “The Rock of Remembrance.” Activities will take place in front of the newly restored exterior of UWinnipeg's landmark Wesley Hall - the castle on Portage Avenue.

The brainchild of President Emeritus Dr. Henry E. Duckworth, the 25-ton granite boulder was placed on the front lawn of The University of Winnipeg on October 7, 1971. The Rock of Remembrance commemorates the 100th anniversary of Manitoba College, a founding college of what is now The University of Winnipeg.

The **University of Winnipeg's annual Great Rock Climb** is a celebration of endurance and ingenuity. Teams of three— students, faculty, staff, or alumni—will race down the 50.3 metres from the steps of Wesley Hall to the top of the Great Rock in a test of physical stamina and defiance of earthly gravity.

The team to get all three members to the rock's summit in the fastest time will be declared the winner and their name will grace the Great Rock Climb trophy. The top three teams will receive cash prizes, provided generously by Dr. Duckworth. The incredible time of 9.8 seconds, set by a 1979 team, remains unbroken.

Following the rock climb, The University of Winnipeg Students' Association is hosting a free hot dog lunch and a Nagamo celebration highlighting Manitoba Aboriginal talent. Presented by the Aboriginal Music Program of Maria, featured performers include Dead Indians, Sierra Noble, X-Status, Dominique Reynolds, JC Campbell, and Tracy Bone.

*Located in the heart of downtown, The University of Winnipeg is a compact, diverse, multicultural academic community committed to access and excellence. Home to more than 9,200 full- and part-time students, UWinnipeg has been ranked by our graduates in the Top Ten of all Canadian universities when asked about their “Entire Educational Experience” (Maclean's Graduate Survey, June 2006). The Globe & Mail 2005 Report Card gives The University of Winnipeg an overall ‘A’ grade in the areas of teaching quality, class sizes, faculty-student interaction, and the availability of faculty outside classroom hours. Find out why. Visit [www.uwinnipeg.ca](http://www.uwinnipeg.ca)*

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