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40th Anniversary and Homecoming 2007 Highlights

Homecoming 2007 and celebration of The University of Winnipeg's 40th Anniversary was a wonderful time—for recollecting past accomplishments, setting new goals, reconnecting with old friends, and making friends anew.

The University of Winnipeg Foundation is grateful for the strong support of alumni donors, Legacy Circle Members, and others who are friends of the University and its Collegiate. Many people have long believed in the quality and excellence of this institution and they continue to show support through generous gifts of time and resources. We appreciate all they do.

The University of Winnipeg Foundation held its inaugural Gala Dinner on September 14 as part of Homecoming and 40th Anniversary Celebrations. At the Gala, the University announced the creation of the Duff Roblin Award, paying tribute to Manitoba's former Premier whose government granted University status to United College in 1967. Also announced was the creation of the Duff Roblin Scholars Fund to provide Fellowships in new Aboriginal graduate studies.

On September 14, Convocation Hall was rededicated with thanks to Dr. Douglas Leatherdale and Louise Leatherdale for their donation of \$500,000 for the historical restoration



*H. Sanford Riley
Chancellor, The University of Winnipeg
Chair, The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board*



*Susan A. Thompson
President and CEO
The University of Winnipeg Foundation*

of Convocation Hall's plaster ceiling. The entire Wesley Hall heritage building project was made possible thanks to the support of the Province of Manitoba.

Four gifts were announced over the weekend: by

The Winnipeg Foundation for \$500,000 in support of the University's Innovative Learning Centre and Collegiate student awards; by Investors Group for \$500,000 in support of the University's Opportunity Fund programs and a Model School Classroom; by the Westland Foundation for \$238,000 in support of the Opportunity Fund Tuition Credit program; and by former University of Winnipeg President Dr. Marsha Hanen, who has given \$200,000 to create a Global Dialogue and Ethics Fund.

A Legacy Circle Garden Dedication ceremony was held on September 16 honouring 44 Legacy Circle Members whose combined future gifts to the University exceed \$1.5 million.

And we have other great stories about existing endowments, like the Dr. Robert & Kathryn Young Scholarship Fund, and news about the Collegiate.

We enjoyed seeing so many of you recently, and hope eNews helps us keep in touch.

PHOTO OF SANFORD RILEY BY STUDEO 448

PHOTO OF SUSAN THOMPSON BY STEVE SALNIKOWSKI



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At a special ceremony rededicating historic Convocation Hall as a preeminent gathering place for University news, University of Winnipeg President Dr. Lloyd Axworthy welcomed announcements of \$1.238 million in donations from The Winnipeg Foundation, Westland Foundation, and Investors Group.

Donors Support The University of Winnipeg with \$1.238 Million in Gifts

On September 14, following the rededication of Convocation Hall, President and CEO of The University of Winnipeg Foundation, Susan Thompson, welcomed guests from The Winnipeg Foundation, Investors Group and The Westland Foundation. Their combined gifts of \$1.238-million will support programs at the University which will provide low-income, inner city youth, Aboriginals and new Canadians with an opportunity for a University education.



R.M. (BOB) KOZMINSKI, SUSAN THOMPSON, H. SANFORD RILEY, WESTLAND FOUNDATION FOUNDER AND DIRECTOR JOHN PRYSTANSKI, INVESTORS GROUP VP FINANCIAL GREG TRETIK, WINNIPEG FOUNDATION CEO RICK FROST, UNIVERSITY PRESIDENT DR. LLOYD AXWORTHY. PHOTO: KELLY MORTON

“With this kind of support, we truly will be able to make dreams come true for present and future students of our University,” said University of Winnipeg Foundation President and CEO Susan Thompson.

The Winnipeg Foundation’s CEO, Rick Frost, announced a gift of \$500,000, made possible through the Moffatt Family Fund for youth programs—including \$475,000 for the Innovative Learning Centre and \$25,000 for Collegiate student bursaries.

Vice-President Financial Greg Tretiak (BA ’76) from Investors Group announced a gift of \$500,000—\$200,000 to support tuition credits and bursaries

within the Opportunity Fund, \$250,000 to support capital for the establishment of a Model School Classroom for Science and Sustainability in the new Richardson College for the Environment & Science Complex, and \$50,000 to develop Model School programming.

Westland Foundation founder and President, John Prystanski, announced a gift of \$238,000 to establish a Tuition Credit Program for students from Inner Winnipeg, a proud moment for Prystanski who has been working on education accessibility for more than a decade.

“We stand shoulder to shoulder with The University of Winnipeg in supporting our shared vision—that every student in Inner Winnipeg should have the opportunity to obtain post-secondary education,” said Prystanski. “Education is the most powerful tool available to improve the lives and futures of children.”

The University of Winnipeg recognizes how monumental post-secondary education can be in changing and improving lives, which is why the University is committed to developing programs that promote accessibility in education.

“With this kind of support, we truly will be able to make dreams come true for present and future students of our University,” said Thompson, thanking the University’s donors.

For more information on these announcements visit <http://www.uwinnipegfoundation.ca>.

BACK: HIGH SCHOOL ECO-U LEADER AND UWINNIPEG COLLEGIATE STUDENT KYLIE SAIS, INNOVATIVE LEARNING CENTRE COORDINATOR KEVIN CHIEF, **MIDDLE:** ECO-KID PARTICIPANT JESSICA LAVALLEE, ECO-KID PARTICIPANT KAELA LAVALLEE, **FRONT:** INNOVATIVE LEARNING CENTRE FACILITATOR GERRI ZACHARIAS, ECO-U KIDS CAMP COORDINATOR KIM PLENERT, ECO-U KIDS CAMP KOOKUM (GRANDMA IN OJIBWAY) ELAINE RANVILLE.



Model School program “Shine On” is an initiative to bring Aboriginal and inner city aboriginal high school students together in ways that will support the transition from high school to University. Another program, Road to Gold, will give inner city student athletes the opportunity to participate in summer University sports programs in preparation for the 2008 North American Indigenous Games in British Columbia.

Convocation Hall is Rededicated



ABOVE: NEWLY RESTORED CONVOCATION HALL. PHOTO: THOMAS FRICKE

BELOW: DR. DOUGLAS LEATHERDALE (BA '57, LLD '00), LOUISE LEATHERDALE, AND THE HON. DIANE MCGIFFORD, MINISTER OF ADVANCED EDUCATION AND LITERACY. PHOTO: KELLY MORTON

On September 14, donors Dr. Douglas and Louise Leatherdale, joined by Minister Diane McGifford, representing the Provincial Government, officially rededicated Convocation Hall.

For nearly a century, Convocation Hall—the main lecture theatre in the Wesley Hall building—served as the centre of social activity at the University and its predecessor colleges. By the 1980s, however, the once regal and architecturally-stunning room featured boarded-up windows, black walls and pockets of holes in the original plaster ceiling.

On June 19, Dr. Leatherdale announced his generous gift of \$500,000 to restore the ornate plaster ceiling. On the same day, The Honourable Diane McGifford, Minister of Advanced Education & Literacy, announced \$4.2 million in funding from the Province of Manitoba to upgrade the mechanical and electrical systems of Wesley Hall to help make it a “green” heritage building. This was in addition to the \$1 million from the Province’s allocated capital fund of \$14 million, which had been earlier specified for Convocation Hall’s restoration.

Thanks to this combined funding, and a talented group of plasterers and others on this dedicated reconstruction team, Convocation Hall has been restored to its former beauty and its rightful place at the heart of The University of Winnipeg. Donors, alumni, staff, faculty, and other University and Collegiate supporters joined on September 14, during the University’s Homecoming Weekend, to celebrate the restoration and thank the Leatherdales and the Province for their generosity.

Two plaques were unveiled, one honouring the Leatherdales and another recognizing the support of the Provincial Government. The bronze plaques will be mounted at the entrance-way to Convocation Hall.

CONVOCATION HALL'S RESTORED PLASTER CEILING

Foundation Hosts *First Annual Gala Dinner*

The University of Winnipeg Foundation held its inaugural Gala Dinner on Friday, September 14, 2007 at The Fort Garry Hotel. More than two hundred and eighty people attended the sold-out dinner, including alumni from far and wide, the distinguished University alumni recognized with Honorary Doctorates earlier that day, Foundation Board Members, corporate guests, and other University supporters.

Dr. Don Newman, CBC journalist and 2007 honorary degree recipient, acted as Master of Ceremonies. Newman commented on the success of the evening, saying what a great addition the Gala had made to The University of Winnipeg's 40th Anniversary celebrations.

The Honourable John Harvard, Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba, brought greetings and Rev. Terry Hidichuk, Chair, The University of Winnipeg Board of Regents, gave grace. University of Winnipeg Chancellor and Chair of The University of Winnipeg Foundation Board, H. Sanford Riley, also made remarks.



THE HONOURABLE DUFF ROBLIN (LLD '68).
PHOTO: COURTESY OF THE WINNIPEG FREE PRESS

Following dinner, President and Vice-Chancellor Lloyd

Axworthy presented the new Duff Roblin Award as a tribute to The Honourable Duff Roblin, PC, CC, MM, LLD, in recognition of his exemplary citizenship and his life-long commitment to his community.



The Duff Roblin Award will be given annually to recognize an individual who has made a special contribution to the advancement of education.

University of Winnipeg Campaign Chair Bob Kozminski announced the establishment by the Foundation of the Duff Roblin Scholars Fund. The Fund will support a graduate student pursuing his or her Masters Degree in Aboriginal Governance, one of the four new MA programs recently adopted by the University.

“This fund is being set up to enhance educational opportunities for Manitoba’s Aboriginal population and encourage Aboriginal students to obtain advanced degrees.”

Dr. Roblin, who could not be at the Gala, sent greetings and best wishes to dinner attendees via a taped video presentation.

Proceeds from the Gala Dinner, along with donor contributions, will help establish the Duff Roblin Scholars Endowment Fund.

- UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG CHANCELLOR AND UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG BOARD CHAIR H. SANFORD RILEY AND DEBBIE RILEY.
- UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG FOUNDATION DIRECTOR AND CAMPAIGN CHAIR R.M. (BOB) KOZMINSKI (BA '67) AND DEIRDRE KOZMINSKI.
- GALA MC DR. DON NEWMAN (COLL '59, LLD '07), DENISE OMMANNEY, AND UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG PRESIDENT DR. LLOYD AXWORTHY (BA '61, LLD '98).
- UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG FOUNDATION PRESIDENT & CEO SUSAN A. THOMPSON (COLL '67, BA '71), DR. JACK FRASER (LLD '93), AND CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR JANET WALKER (BA '78).
- ROBERTA MACDONALD, FLORENCE TOMLINSON, AND UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER AND COLLEGIATE CAMPAIGN CHAIR DR. JAMES MACDONALD (COLL '64, LLD '05).



Legacy Circle Members Recognized with Legacy Garden

On September 16, 2007, as part of The University of Winnipeg's 40th Anniversary Homecoming Weekend celebrations, members of the University community gathered to dedicate the new Legacy Garden, which will honour members of the Legacy Circle—those who have chosen to make a gift to the University in the form of a bequest.

The lovely new Legacy Garden is situated on the University's new Portage Commons, in front of Wesley Hall. The garden features yellow rose bushes, one of which was planted at the dedication by Vice-President (Academic) Dr. Brian Stevenson and University Student Association President David Jacks.



The symbolic planting was representative of alumni, faculty, staff, and students building legacies together for future generations.

The University of Winnipeg Foundation's Gift Planning Committee Chair and Board Member Dr. W. John A. Bulman hosted the event. Bulman commented on the University's strong history of alumni and community support.

"The commitment of our Legacy Circle Members, in planning now to create legacies for the future, sets a wonderful example of how alumni and friends can support The University of Winnipeg and its Collegiate," said Bulman. "We are delighted that this garden will serve as a permanent tribute to our donors who value all

that this University has to offer its students and the community."

A bronze plaque, unveiled at the Dedication, has been mounted on the garden wall. It will serve as a reminder of the generous legacy gifts which make many bursaries, scholarships, and programs at the University.

ABOVE: DR. DON KERR (RET. PROF.), STEVE COPPINGER (COLL '67), SUSAN THOMPSON, UWSA PRESIDENT DAVID JACKS, VP ACADEMIC DR. BRIAN STEVENSON, REV. DR. HAROLD KING (BA '58, T '60, BD '63), LEGACY CIRCLE CHAIR DR. JOHN BULMAN (LLD '83), IRENE SANDERSON (BA '95), LAUREEN BULMAN, AND JANE MAKSYMUK.
AT LEFT: DAVID JACKS & DR. BRIAN STEVENSON.



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Dr. Marsha Hanen Announces Gift for Global Dialogue and Ethics

FORMER UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG
PRESIDENT DR. MARSHA HANEN.
PHOTO: KELLY MORTON



“The program is intended to encourage and support innovative, interdisciplinary work by faculty directed toward a greater understanding of ethics, human rights and global issues.”

On September 16, at the 40th Anniversary President’s Brunch, Dr. Marsha Hanen, former University of Winnipeg President and former President of the Sheldon Chumir Foundation for Ethics in Leadership and currently Adjunct Professor of Philosophy at the University of Victoria, announced her gift of \$200,000 to establish The University of Winnipeg’s Marsha Hanen Global Dialogue and Ethics Program.

The new program, which will run under the University’s Global College, will support the open expression and dissemination of ideas and provide a forum for dialogue and leadership on topics of global significance.

Hanen’s gift of \$200,000 will launch the fund, with the ultimate goal of building the endowment to \$500,000. The program will support the annual delivery of faculty-initiated seminars, conferences and research projects, publications and/or short courses that encourage ethical responsibility and respect for human rights.

Faculty can explore a variety of topics through the program including: women’s issues and global roles, local and international community needs, freedom of expression and civil liberties, global corporate responsibilities/ethics/governance, impacts of science and technology, and global health issues.

“The program is intended to encourage and support innovative, interdisciplinary work by faculty directed toward a greater understanding of ethics, human rights and global issues,” said Hanen, who was The University of Winnipeg President from 1989 to 1999. “This new initiative will help to promote the convergence of ideas among students, faculty members and the general public. This initiative is intended to assist us all in the active exploration and debate required to better recognize and understand the rights and responsibilities of individuals in a changing world.”



For information on the Global College and The University of Winnipeg Marsha Hanen Global Dialogue and Ethics Program visit <http://www.uwinnipeg.ca/index/global-college-index>.

TEXT: LAURA RUDDOCK

DR. MARSHA HANEN,
DR. GERALD BEDFORD.

TEAMWORK AT ITS BEST!

The University of Winnipeg's Annual "Great Rock Climb" was held on September 14th, and the Foundation was there, clad in their team "Rock the Foundation" t-shirts and ready for their chance to prove they have what it takes to compete alongside students in the challenge of endurance, ingenuity and teamwork.

Eleven teams of three raced from the front doors of Wesley Hall down the new Portage Commons and up the 25-ton Rock of Remembrance. The granite boulder was laid on the University's front lawn in 1972. President Emeritus Dr. Henry E. Duckworth created the event that same year.

Team Rock the Foundation, comprised of Grant Gelinas-Brown (IT Supervisor), Marshall Wiebe (Researcher), Teresa Murray (Major Gifts Assistant), and Laura Ruddock (Communications Assistant and Event Coordinator), was decked out in matching red 40th Anniversary shirts, the team name emblazoned across their backs.

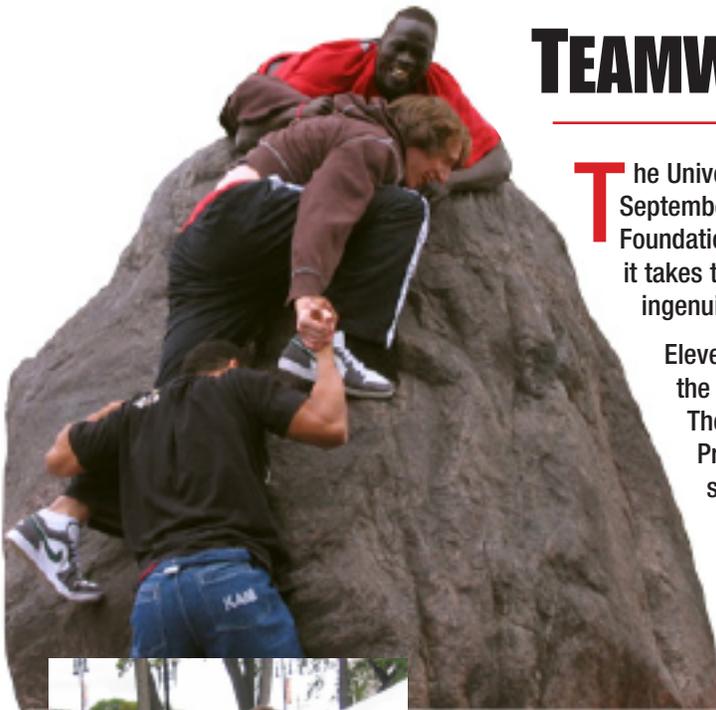
Dr. Duckworth awards a \$500 cash prize each year to the team who scales the rock in the shortest time.

In the end, Team Rock the Foundation worked hard to get two of their three climbing team members to the top of the rock in only three minutes. But they were no match for the spry and fit team of students, dubbed the Caravaners, who got all three of their climbers up the rock in 15.8 seconds.

The Caravaners took the trophy and the honour at the this year's annual climb. Dr. Duckworth was there to congratulate them.

"We gave it a good shot," Wiebe told a reporter after Rock the Foundation's defeat. "We'll rethink our strategy, and come back again next year."

TEXT: LAURA RUDDOCK



FROM TOP: GETTING A HAND UP; TEAM ROCK SHOWS OFF THEIR SHIRTS; THE RACE IN PROGRESS; A TEAM DEMONSTRATES "THE SIDE APPROACH"; DR. DUCKWORTH AT THE RACE. PHOTOS: NADINE KAMPEN



Robert & Kathryn Young Scholarship

Awarded to a Student of European History

Awarded for the first time this autumn, the Robert & Kathryn Young Scholarship recognizes a student whose degree program includes at least 18 credit hours of European history. Awarded annually, the scholarship was established by Robert J. Young, who has taught European history at The University of Winnipeg for 40 years, from 1968 to the coming new year when he retires. Co-founding the scholarship is his wife Dr. Kathryn Young, a University of Manitoba professor who also teaches history.

A graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and the London School of Economics, Professor Young received the Robson Award for Excellence in Teaching (1984), The Rogers Award for Excellence in Research (1991), and The Canadian Professor of the Year Award (1996). While his specialty is European history, specifically French history, he is most proud of the relationships and sense of community that have been built through years of personal connections with students.

With this spirit, Professor Young founded Friday night meetings of the European Studies Group, a collection of undergrads, grads, faculty and alumni that enjoyed a successful run for more than 30 years.

Meeting once a month during the academic year, the Group would enjoy a guest lecture, sometimes a musical performance, and then regroup to socialize and discuss politics, current events, and naturally, history.

“It’s all about getting involved, becoming a broader person, said Young. “Students should value the advantage of being in an academic community—they should look at the breadth of opportunity available.”



PROFESSOR ROBERT YOUNG. PHOTO: DAWN HUCK

This passion for becoming involved with university life carries into the scholarship provision, which includes an emphasis on students with a record of extracurricular service either within the University or the wider community.

It is also intended for a student who has a record of satisfying high academic standards. Young’s own record is one of

encouraging fellow teachers to be demanding. Most students, he has written, recognize that teachers who were always asking for more, were assuring them “that they had more to give, that their potential was greater than they themselves had realized.”

The terms of the Young award include a preference for applicants who can read a European language other than English. “I feel quite strongly about this linguistic ability for it facilitates an historian’s understanding of other cultures.”

Professor Young says that the 1996 cash award became the seed money for this newly announced scholarship. He considers the gift to be a modest way of giving something back to the students who have made his career so rewarding. He is

thrilled to personally know the first recipient, and looks forward to the successes of future recipients.

2007 scholarship winner Meghan Fitzpatrick was thrilled to receive the Young Award. She says having been in several of Dr. Young’s classes, “his guidance has been invaluable in my development as an academic and as a person.”

One measure of Young’s commitment to the concept of teacher-scholar is his recently penned “Forty Years Professing: Tips and Thoughts for Undergrads and Teachers.” Available at the University bookstore. All proceeds of sales go toward University of Winnipeg scholarships (general fund).

TEXT: DAWN HUCK

Collegiate Campaign Chair



ABOVE: DONNA BOYD; RIGHT: JIM MACDONALD.

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Collegiate Campaign Chair Jim MacDonald is pleased to welcome Donna Boyd to the Collegiate Campaign Team. Donna is The Collegiate Development Officer at The University of Winnipeg Foundation.

Donna brings a business and educational development background along with fund-raising experience to her new role. She looks forward to working with the many volunteers and contributors who are building legacies for The Collegiate.

Watch for future communications, including new Campaign web content, from your Foundation and Collegiate Campaign Team in the coming months.

Remember to keep your email address current—if you anticipate a change in your email address, be sure to let us know. Also, if you are in touch with any Collegiate alums who do not receive information from the Foundation, ask them to contact us so we can keep them up to date on the many exciting developments underway at their alma mater.



BACK ROW, L TO R: MARSHALL WIEBE, RESEARCHER; SUE KENNEDY, GIFT PLANNING OFFICER; NADINE KAMPEN, COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER; SUSAN THOMPSON, PRESIDENT AND CEO; PAT LEMOING, FINANCE ASSISTANT; TERESA MURRAY, CAMPAIGN ASSISTANT; GRANT GELINAS-BROWN, SYSTEMS MANAGER AND WEB MANAGER; LAURA RUDDOCK, COMMUNICATIONS ASSISTANT. **FRONT ROW, L TO R:** LAURA MIKUSKA, CONSULTANT; LOUISE HUMENIUK, LEAD ADVANCE & MAJOR GIFTS COORDINATOR; JANET WALKER, CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR; MELANIE FOUBERT, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT; PAT ROBERTSON, RECOGNITION AND STEWARDSHIP OFFICER. **MISSING:** FRANCES HORCH, CA, FINANCE AND OPERATIONS MANAGER; DONNA BOYD, COLLEGIATE DEVELOPMENT OFFICER.

Portage Commons Welcomes Community to UWinnipeg

On September 5, 2007, three levels of government announced over \$800,000 in funding from the tripartite Winnipeg Partnership Agreement (WPA) toward's creating the Portage Commons, The University of Winnipeg's new landscaped urban public green space on the front lawn of Wesley Hall. The Portage Commons was designed by Jeff Frank of Hilderman Thomas Frank Cram Landscape Architects.



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