Tattersall gift largest single donation for distinguished endowed faculty chair in WVU history

A renowned investment expert and prominent Richmond, Virginia, businessman has presented a gift of $3 million to the WVU College of Business and Economics. The gift, which will be paid over three years, represents the largest single donation for an endowed faculty chair position in University history and the largest single donation ever to the WVU College of Business and Economics.

Fred T. Tattersall, chairman of 1607 Capital Partners in Richmond and a 1970 alumnus of the WVU business school, said that the gift will be used to endow a faculty chair in the Finance Department of the College of Business and Economics. Tattersall said the gift will immediately affect business finance students and provide an avenue to give back by funding high-quality faculty.

“I wanted to honor WVU, which gave me a business foundation from which I was able to build a successful investment career,” said Tattersall. “By funding a distinguished endowed chair, WVU will be able to attract and retain a well-regarded professor in the business finance field. To compete nationally, WVU needs more endowed chairs and I wanted to help (continue) enthusiasm for more chairs in the business school in the very near future. Many of my peers would see my lead which, hopefully, will create a snowball effect.”

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Morgantown couple helps make WVU’s Downtown Campus gateway a reality

When visitors have traveled to WVU’s Downtown Campus in the past, they might have wondered exactly where the entrance is.

Now the recently completed Ware Jamison Gateway, a plaza at the corner of Beechurst and University avenues, will alert passersby that they have arrived at the campus, thanks in part to the generous gift of land from a family of Mountaineers.

In 2006, Dolores “Dee” Jamison Ware and Alfred “Al” F. Ware, both WVU alumni, donated land for the site to the WVU Foundation. The Wares have a strong connection to both the state and the University.

Dee Jamison Ware said she had “long dreamed of turning that plot of land into a beautiful welcome park for our alma mater.”

Al Ware believes this permanent site expresses their affection for the University.

“The Ware Jamison Gateway will serve as a formal park entrance to the historic downtown WVU campus.”

A formal dedication of the gateway will be held in the spring.

Dee Jamison Ware said the land donated for the park had been in her family for more than 60 years and will now serve as a testament to the couple and Dee’s family. Her family has been in Monongalia County since the early 1700s, and several of her family members attended the University: her parents,

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Can you believe that the fall semester is almost over? It might be hard to imagine that for many of you, your child is completing their first semester at college and for some their last. Wherever they are on their journey, West Virginia University is here to help them be successful.

As parents, you play an important role in that journey too! Your role has changed while parenting your college-age student but it is an important and critical step in their success. I have spoken to countless parents who are challenged not to jump in and take care of a situation versus letting your child handle it. It is an important step in their development for them to take control and be responsible for their actions. It is also “OK” if they make the wrong decision. At WVU, we call those “teachable moments.” You should too!

The Mountaineer Parents Club gives parents the tools to help support your child while they explore and dream at West Virginia University. I am happy to tell you that next semester we have a new, first-time program that will allow you to learn with your child while studying abroad! I have wanted to plan a trip like this for years for parents and students. Last spring break I went on the Student Affairs Arabian Adventures trip and I saw students learning about new cultures for the first time. I watched them grow from the beginning of the week to the end, and I knew that would be something parents would also want to be part of.

So . . . mark your calendars and pack your bags for a week of learning about “Art and Architecture in Alsace,” in Strasbourg, France! The trip, planned by the Parents Club in conjunction with WVU’s Office of International Programs, is scheduled to take place during spring break, March 18-27, 2011. On the trip, parents and students will stay in an ancient castle, Chateau de Pourtales, and will be visiting medieval architecture, including cathedrals, castles, and traditional medieval towns. We will visit museums to see great works of sculpture and painting from the Northern Renaissance, and we’ll sample the traditional cuisine of the region!

This trip is just one of the many ways that you can learn and support your child. Being an active Parents Club member is another way. Go to local club events. Volunteer to be an officer. Read the newsletter and parent electronic news messages. Visit our website. Become a friend on Facebook. Come to campus for special events. Study abroad with your student. There are numerous ways to be an involved parent!

I wish you and your family Happy Holidays!

Sabrina M. Cave
Sabrina M. Cave, Executive Director

p.s. To learn more about the study abroad trip visit the Mountaineer Parents Club website http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/
WVU’s Jim Nolan selected as West Virginia’s professor of the year

By Diana Mazella

Jim Nolan admits his story is kind of sexy.

A Delaware cop takes drugs off the streets, polices local neighborhoods, works toward a Ph.D., makes it to the FBI and gives it up to teach students at West Virginia University about the realities of the criminal justice system.

Now he takes students into communities to survey residents about local problems and into prisons to live a moment in offenders’ shoes. He always sees some form of transformation in the students who realize during their studies that the number of years in a prison sentence isn’t the definition of justice.

It was Nolan’s own higher education experience that showed him his calling, and it is the act of passing on his knowledge to a decade of students that has earned him the title of West Virginia’s Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

For Nolan the award is like his current career, an unexpected, pleasant event.

“I was a cop, and I was happy doing it,” he said. “I was happy being a soldier in the war on drugs. And I did it pretty well.”

“I worked hard, and I did wiretap cases and search warrants and thought that it was working. But once I was in graduate school, I realized it was like a joke what we were doing. It was a wake-up call; I couldn’t go back.”

From that moment he left the drug unit behind, entered community policing — a more preventive approach to coping with crime — and completed his formal education that allowed him to become a professor. He has a different title, but his work is still about understanding crime.

“I can’t imagine doing anything else,” he said. “In some ways though I’m doing the same thing I always did. I’m still doing investigations. I’m still working in the community. I’m still dealing with the topic of policing.”

His list of contributions since he began teaching at WVU are extensive. In 2000, around the time he began at WVU, about 250 students had majors within the Division of Sociology and Anthropology. Now more than 900 students call that department their academic home, and most of them are criminology majors.

He’s introduced courses that bring students close to the issues, people and problems they will face in law enforcement or as part of the criminal justice system. One is Inside Out, a national curriculum developed by faculty at Temple University, where he received his Ph.D. His version of the course brings college students to the Pruntytown Correctional Center in Grafton, W.Va., to learn from inmates what the criminal justice system is really like. Another is The Justice Roundtable, which works to alleviate problems identified in Inside Out and find solutions related to prisoner re-entry into society.

Through his second career, Nolan learned his own lessons. As a police officer, he estimates that he made more than 1,000 arrests, yet his only significant prison experience was while working a case in which the guards were found to be smuggling drugs.

“Now I’m inside a prison, and it’s in a much more positive light,” he said. “And I’m getting to know people as human beings rather than as potential suspects.”

He tries to impress on his students how situations influence people’s actions and that each person influences everyone else.

“If anyone’s failing, then we all fail,” he said.

Nolan believes this award is for his department, which has worked together for students and allowed him the freedom and given him the support to do what he’s done.

“They have given me the opportunity to do what I do.”

Graduate students are an integral part of the WVU community. They teach classes, perform important research, and help undergraduates in the residence halls as resident assistants. Graduate teaching assistants can be great resources for your son or daughter—they are accomplished, enthusiastic about the topics they teach, and can easily relate to what your student is going through (since they probably went through the same things).

A few of the outstanding graduate students WVU attracts include Dave Slusarick and Mollie McCartney. So, when your student is being taught, tutored, or advised by a WVU graduate student, you can be assured that they are learning from the best.

Dave Slusarick

An educational leadership graduate student from Uniontown, Pa., he is a graduate assistant for the Leadership Studies Program and is an instructor for University 101. He is a former resident assistant and received the Nathaniel “Tick” Huettner Award, given to the most influential RA on campus. He won the 2009 Mountaineer Week Spirit Award and was chosen as the 2010 Mr. Mountaineer, which recognizes students who have achieved exemplary academic achievement and extracurricular involvement.

Mollie McCartney

When she graduated from WVU with undergraduate degrees in history and biology, she had already spent three years researching cancer at the Betty Puskar Breast Care Center. Now a third-year medical student, this native of Walkersville, W.Va., chose WVU twice because, “WVU Healthcare places a high emphasis on rural populations, which is the demographic I intend to serve.” Mollie is the recipient of a Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Graduate Scholarship.
Dr. Jose V. Sartarelli, Milan Puskar Dean of the WVU College of Business and Economics, said Tattersall wanted to give back to WVU, but wanted to do so in a manner that could benefit the greatest number of students.

“Today is a great day for WVU and the College of Business and Economics,” said WVU President James P. Clements. “As a successful alumnus and businessman, Fred Tattersall understands the importance of a college education and how private giving can make a difference. Recently, he asked how he could help the program from which he graduated. By making this extraordinary gift, I would say he found a great way to help ensure that the quality of education students receive now and in the future is among the best in the country.”

The gift was made through the WVU Foundation, a private nonprofit corporation that provides support for West Virginia University.

Charles Martin Jamison and Gladys Zearley Jamison; and her father’s three sisters and their husbands, Margaret Jamison Prager and Gene Prager, Beulah Jamison Walker and Arthur Walker, and Lucile Jamison Madeira and Kenneth Madeira.

The Wares graduated from the WVU School of Physical Education, Dee in 1952, and Al in 1950. Al received his master of arts in speech/communications in 1952 from WVU. Al Ware has been inducted into the Order of Vandalia and the WVU Academy of Distinguished Alumni, and currently chairs the WVU Emeritus reunion. Both are in the School of Physical Education Hall of Fame.

The Wares and the Ware Family Foundation support WVU and are members of the Woodburn Circle Society. The Ware Distinguished Professor, a position established by the Ware Family Foundation, provides leadership in childhood health and fitness to help reduce childhood obesity rates in the state. Dee and Al have been leaders and benefactors in the development of WVU’s Stansbury Hall Fitness/Wellness Center. Dee Ware was the chairman of both the WVU College of Physical Activity and Sport Sciences and Blaney House Visiting committees.

The quarter-acre plaza named for the Ware and Jamison families has a low wall where visitors can sit alongside flagpoles bearing the American flag, West Virginia’s flag and WVU’s flag, and a landscaped space for passersby to enjoy. The monument inside the park with a large flying WV identifies the historic Downtown Campus to visitors and residents and is part of the University’s comprehensive branding effort.

This gateway is setting the tone for future markers expected to be constructed near the Creative Arts Center and along Patteson Drive near the Erickson Alumni Center and Health Sciences campus. A timeline has not been set for marking additional campus entrances, which will depend on locating funding sources.

The monument inside the plaza includes black granite with blue flecks and gold granite texture in the flying WV, keeping with the University’s colors.

The Wares reside in Morgantown and Nokomis, FL.

Supporters of the WVU Marching Band donated more than $86,500 this year to the WVU Foundation’s Pride Travel Fund. The private donations helped the band travel to Baton Rouge, LA., for the WVU-LSU football game September 25.

Photo by Chris Southard
It is that time of the year again.

Time to start thinking about signing apartment leases!

Effective September 1, 2010, there has been a change in the local occupancy ordinance (for dwellings located within Morgantown city limits). Because of this change, as your student hunts for the perfect apartment, there are two new things you should keep in mind:

First, the maximum number of occupants allowed to reside in a dwelling unit has decreased.

Old Law: No more than three unrelated people could reside in the same dwelling unit.

New Law: No more than two unrelated people to reside in the same dwelling unit. (Planning and Zoning Code §1329.02). There are several exceptions to this rule; namely, if students meet the definition of a functional family unit.

Applicability: Applies to dwelling units in a traditional neighborhood setting (R-1 and R1-A Single-Family Residential Districts.)

Grandfather Clause: Pre-existing, properly registered dwelling units will remain at the prior occupancy standard of no more than three unrelated people.

(This applies to rental units registered prior to September 1, 2010).

Second, there is another building code (I.C.C. Building Code 2003) that sets out the specifications of a dwelling unit in R-2 and R-3 Zoning Districts. (i.e., nontraditional neighborhoods such as most of Sunnyside). Under this new ordinance, the number of people allowed to occupy a dwelling is dependent on several factors, including, but not limited to the square footage of the unit.

Renting an apartment in Morgantown can be confusing, but the WVU Student Legal Services and Off-Campus Housing offices can help! Before your student signs a lease, please contact Student Legal Services at (304) 293-4897. We are happy to perform a lease review where we can go over the details of the lease, explain any unknown terms, and determine the occupancy limits prior to leases being signed.

The first place your student should look for housing is the Off-Campus Housing Fair to be held on Wednesday January 12 in the Mountainlair Ballrooms from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Off-Campus Housing and Student Legal Services will be on hand, along with more than 50 area landlords. This will give students an opportunity to see floor plans, obtain sample leases, and meet many landlords. We strongly encourage students to wait and sign leases until AFTER the conclusion of the fall semester so that students can be sure both they and their potential roommates will be returning to West Virginia University next school year.

We will also be holding several lease review clinics during the first week of February on both the Downtown and Evansdale campuses. More information on these clinics will be presented at the Housing Fair.

Donations to WVU Foundation total $80 million in FY10, up $22 million

Supporters of WVU gave $80 million in cash, pledges and gifts in-kind during the fiscal year that ended June 30, up from $58 million in fiscal year ‘09.

The $80 million total represents the second-largest yearly total in the history of the Foundation, second only to FY07’s record total of $86 million. FY08’s total was $63 million.

From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, a total of 21,728 donors made 36,392 gifts.

“Raising $80 million in a year in which the economy was very unstable shows that alumni and friends of WVU are passionate and care very much about their University,” said R. Wayne King, Foundation president and CEO. “They are willing to sacrifice personally to support something they truly believe in. We are very appreciative of this generosity, especially in these difficult times.”

Donor gifts enabled the Foundation to disburse $40.9 million in funds in FY10 as requested by the University. Over the past five years, the Foundation has provided the University with nearly $200 million in direct support.

“Private dollars enable the University to strengthen its academic programs, attract and retain gifted faculty and researchers and provide financial support for students,” said WVU President James P. Clements. “The impact of private giving touches all areas of the University, and we are extremely grateful to our many friends and donors for their tremendous support.”

To learn more about making a gift to WVU, visit: http://www.wvuorg.
The upperclassmen years... living the WVU journey!

By Katie Utterback Gallagher

This is part two of “The upperclassmen years... living the WVU journey” a two-part series that will highlight some key events, opportunities, honors and goals for the upperclassman student.

Research or job-related experience: As a research university, many of our teaching faculty are also involved in cutting-edge research. This is another reason students need to get to know their faculty early! Often opportunities for undergraduate research can present themselves for students who show a specific interest in an area of study and a willingness to work with a faculty member. Perhaps they can explore an independent study or research credit to assist on a project. Students should also begin to seek out jobs—whether part-time, volunteer, or during the summer—that give them experience in their field. Remind students to think in a broad way. As an example, while an education major typically cannot get a full-time teaching job until a graduate, they may be able to work with a summer AmeriCorps or Energy Express program that has a teaching component. For aid in finding jobs that can provide experience in their field while still in school, students may wish to explore the Office of Student Employment for assistance.

Scholarship and fellowship opportunities: Once officially admitted to a department as a major there may be additional opportunities for departmental scholarships. While often limited and competitive, each school or college has its own means of distribution but often reference a student’s academic achievement. Students should check with their Dean’s Offices for scholarship timelines and opportunities. Additionally, WVU has a strong history of producing prestigious scholarship winners such as Rhodes, Truman and Goldwater scholars. Our ASPIRE Office can work with students who show exceptional promise and interest to pursue further means of study.

Honors: Every semester we celebrate the accomplishments of those who have hit the ground running successfully! These students are named to our Dean’s and President’s Lists for achieving a GPA of a 3.5+ and 4.0, respectively. Among other forms of recognition, these lists are published online at: http://www.wvu.edu/lists?list=deanslist. Also WVU as well as national honoraries will seek out high-achieving students. In addition to a number of major-specific honoraries, WVU’s main honoraries are Helvetia, Chimes, and Mortar Board for sophomores, juniors and seniors, respectively. At graduation, Latin Honors also celebrate the accomplishments of our students over their time on campus. These encompass three levels: summa cum laude (overall GPA of 3.80 or higher), magna cum laude (overall GPA of 3.60 to 3.79), and cum laude (overall GPA of 3.40 to 3.59).

Seizing opportunities: Someone once described college as a cruise you have paid for, noting it comes with so many opportunities available free and at their fingertips! This is the time to build resumes and broaden horizons. Taking part or making an impact in an organization can also help students use the skills they are honing in college—leadership, management, time management, networking, teamwork. Students should pick something of interest or relevance that they will enjoy participating in. With over 300 student organizations to choose from, there are opportunities for all students to find their place and become engaged in campus life.

Remind your students—this is their college career! Encourage them to aim high and get as much out of this experience as possible. At the end of the fall term all students should begin to focus their time and energies to maximize the opportunities and resources available to them on their journey to graduation. With each passing semester, the chance for missed opportunities grows. Making a conscious effort to set their goals, make their plans, and incorporate some of these areas will help them to set the bar and pave the way for the rest of their academic career while enhancing their resume along the way.

The Fall Ring Day ceremony was held on Sunday, October 24, 2010, and students were presented their official WVU class rings by Kenneth Gray, Vice President for Student Affairs. Mountaineer Mascot Brock Burwell was among those students. Each student’s name appears in the official Ring Day Book, as a way to commemorate all those who have taken part in this special day. For more information on how to order a ring, please visit the website at http://classring.wvu.edu/.
You are invited to join the Mountaineer Connection, the online community supporting WVU. Just visit www.mountaineerconnection.com. You do not need to be a WVU alum to join. Benefits of membership include receiving news and information, the ability to update your profile, manage memberships, send an e-card, use the online career network and make an online donation.

Six individuals have been named to the WVU Foundation Board of Directors. They are Gregory Babe ’80, Susan Brewer, William “Billy” McCartney ’95, Robert Ruffolo, Kathryn “Mikki” Van Wyk and Alan Zucari ’73. The WVU Foundation is a private, nonprofit corporation that generates, receives and administers private gifts for the benefit of WVU.

A couple who has provided distinguished support to the University, a successful real estate developer, a three-time interim dean of the University’s largest school, and a long-time Student Affairs employee were honored as “Most Loyal” during WVU’s 63rd annual Mountaineer Week. The 2010 honorees are Frederick and Joan Stamp, Most Loyal West Virginians; Parry Petroplus, Most Loyal Alumni Mountaineer; Rudolph Almasy, Most Loyal Faculty Mountaineer; and Mike Ellington, Most Loyal Staff Mountaineer.

Forbes magazine has recognized the strength in the face of adversity, as well as the growth during a time of national economic crisis, that Morgantown has shown the last few years. Forbes recently named Morgantown the 10th “Best Small City for Business and Careers.” To see more about why Morgantown made this list, visit http://www.forbes.com/2010/04/13/best-places-for-business-morgantown-the-forbes-magazine.html.

West Virginia University is among the top schools for producing graduates best prepared to enter the workforce, according to employers polled in a Wall Street Journal survey. Employers ranked WVU 23rd for engineering. Overall, WVU was listed in the report’s “Next 20,” an unranked addition to its Top 25 list. The study received surveys from 479 of the nation’s largest public and private companies, nonprofits and government agencies.

WVU Alert is the Web-based text message alert notification system available to every student, faculty and staff member and others who are regularly on campus. The system enables University officials to notify students and employees of an emergency quickly. Parents can be a part of this notification as well. Just follow this link for more information.

MPC Facebook page—Follow the Mountaineer Parents Club on Facebook. We update our status with all the latest WVU news and happenings. To become a fan of our page, visit our website at http://parentsclub.wvu.edu/ and click on the Facebook symbol. Join us today!

Are you wearing your Gold and Blue? Every Friday is Gold and Blue Friday, a new tradition started by Oliver Luck, WVU director of athletics. We would like to see every student, parent and Mountaineer fan across the country wear gold and blue each and every “Mountaineer Friday.” So wear your colors!

December Convocation was held December 12, 2010. If you missed it, you can watch it now by following this link http://decemberconvocation.wvu.edu/webcast

Student who will be participating in the May Commencement ceremony, should follow this link to the website, which will help answer many questions, give the date of upcoming events and explain more about the traditions surrounding the WVU Commencement ceremony. http://commencement.wvu.edu/
How did West Virginia University’s official school colors of gold and blue come about?

The colors were adopted by the school’s upperclassmen in 1890, according to West Virginia University: A Pictorial History, 1867-1979. The color choices were taken from the West Virginia state seal. Additionally, the words “gold and blue” are sung in the first verse of “Hail West Virginia.”

The correct reference to West Virginia University’s color scheme is “Old Gold and Blue” (or gold and blue), not Blue and Gold (those are Pitt colors!).

The Mini World Cup, hosted by WVU’s International Student Organization (ISO), brings together a diverse group of players on each team, consistent with the mission of ISO and WVU’s OneWVU campaign. This event is characterized by the diversity of its participants.