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Mark Your Calendars Now! The WVU Family Picnic Will Be July 18

***Join Your Mountaineer Friends
In The Heart of Delaware's Chateau Country
For A Great Day and A Great Cause***

Bring all of your family members to the Delaware Chapter's big event of the year! You will network with alumni, parents, students, incoming frosh and their parents, and friends of West Virginia University. Over 200 Mountaineer faithful attended last year and we expect an even greater turnout this year!

It's a great opportunity to meet many WVU dignitaries, former WVU athletes and Hall-of Famers! As we get closer to picnic time, we will confirm our guest list via our broadcast e-mail list, our brand new Facebook page (Delaware Mountaineer) and via our chapter website at www.wvudelaware.org. Keep watching your computer for the latest picnic updates!

Most importantly, the WVU Family Picnic is a great opportunity for you to help support the DJ and Bob Gibson Scholarship Fund. Thanks to the generosity of local Mountaineer alumni, parents and friends of West Virginia University, we will help a young person from Delaware achieve their dream of a WVU education.

Join us on Saturday July 18 at the 150 acre estate of Bud and Edna Pierce, 1201 Snuff Mill Road, near Centreville, DE. The picnic goes from 2-7 PM and we will serve dinner around 4:30 PM. There will be lots to eat and drink and plenty of warm Mountaineer fellowship. Don't forget our annual auction of autographed WVU items and collectibles! Please bring a swimsuit for yourself and family, and leave a change of clothes inside the pool house! Also note that there is a baby pool for the toddlers and several ponds for fishing and paddleboat rides! The WVU Family Picnic is a "rain or shine" event! House tours of the 11 bedroom mansion will be available.

Cost is only \$20 for Delaware Chapter members and Mountaineer parents. WVU students and kids under 12 are free. The non-member price is \$30, so it is in your best interest to become a member! We'll need you to bring a favorite salad, dessert or hors d'oeuvre for our pot luck dinner. Please RSVP no later than July 8th, and if you have any questions, please call Will MacDonald at 302 584 6213.

DIRECTIONS FROM WILMINGTON

Head north on Route 52 past Buckley's Tavern in Centreville and, just before reaching the Pennsylvania state line, turn left on Snuff Mill Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn right into the estate at the "Flying WV" sign.

DIRECTIONS FROM HOCKESSIN:

Head north on Yorklyn Road, cross the bridge, then bear right for 0.6 miles. Turn left on Snuff Mill Road and travel 1.3 miles. Turn right on Old Kennett Road, then make an immediate left on Snuff Mill Road. Turn left into the estate at the "Flying WV" sign.

DIRECTIONS FROM CHADDS FORD, PA:

Take Route 1 South to Route 52 South. Proceed 3.6 miles. Immediately after you cross the Pennsylvania state line into Delaware, turn right on Snuff Mill Road. Go 1.4 miles and turn right into the estate at the "Flying WV" sign.

Delaware Says Thank You To A Great Mountaineer

By Jon Hickey

As we approach the inauguration date of new President James P. Clements, I wish to share a few thoughts on a great man who has made an enormous difference for our alma mater. C. Peter Magrath stepped forward at a time when West Virginia University needed him most.

Dr. Magrath brought his vast experience, his credibility, his wisdom, his engaging personality and his leadership to Morgantown last July and hit the ground running. After an enormous amount of hard work and personal sacrifice, he has WVU sprinting forward on the fast track. Clearly, our alma mater is now positioned for growth, prosperity and greatness going forward.

President Magrath has set the stage for the next logical chapter in the life of West Virginia University. I have had the pleasure of meeting Jim Clements and can tell you that we have found a very talented person who will be a bold and innovative leader for WVU. President Clements will be surrounded by a new leadership team including a new Provost and a new Chancellor for WVU Health Sciences. The future is very bright, indeed!

I believe that historians will one day look upon the year that Peter Magrath spent with us as a critical and defining moment in the life of West Virginia University.

To Peter's lovely wife Deborah, an accomplished journalist at the Washington Post, we thank you for sharing your husband with us for the last year! To our friend Peter...undoubtedly a great Mountaineer... we thank you for a job exceedingly well done and we wish you a future filled with much happiness and joy!

Sign Up Form For The WVU Family Picnic Benefiting The DJ and Bob Gibson Scholarship Fund

- I will bring _____ Delaware Chapter members or Parents @ \$20 p.p.
- I will bring _____ WVU students or kids under 12 @ no charge
- I will bring _____ Non-members of the Delaware Chapter @ \$30 p.p.

- **I wish to make a donation to the DJ and Bob Gibson Scholarship Fund in the amount of**
\$ _____

I will bring (circle one): SALAD DESSERT HORS D'OEUVRES

Name _____

Total Due _____ Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Please complete and return your reservation form and checks no later than July 8 to Drew Shears, 12 Highland Circle, Newark, DE 19713. Make picnic check payable to "Delaware Chapter, WVU Alumni". Make scholarship check payable to "WVU Foundation".

DJ and Bob Gibson Scholarship Fund Performs Well During Turbulent Time In Financial Markets

Thanks to the good work of the WVU Foundation, our scholarship fund ended the year showing an 18% loss in principal when capital markets were absorbing even greater percentage declines. Our fund's investment base is beginning its recovery in concert with the recent market uptick, and I am pleased to let you know that the fund's value is now back to approximately \$23,000.

Six years ago, the Delaware Chapter set out on a mission to endow a scholarship at West Virginia University for a deserving student from Delaware. Named after two of our most loyal, dedicated and hard-working Delaware alums, we set up this scholarship so we could help deserving WVU students from the State of Delaware pursue a WVU education.

Thanks to the generosity of many alumni, parents and friends of West Virginia University, and hard work by our volunteers, our dream is alive! Last year, we awarded a scholarship from the DJ and Bob Gibson Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$1,000. On July 18, we will be granting a \$1,000 scholarship and we hope you will be at the WVU Family Picnic to help us celebrate!

Now, our goal is to get the fund to the \$50,000 mark and we will do it!

Like most scholarship funds, we will never spend the principal we invest. For example, \$50,000 in principal will generate a scholarship of \$2,500 if the rate of return on the invested monies is 5%. The WVU Foundation has set up a special account for us and we rely on their money management professionals to invest and manage the fund.

Won't you please take a moment and send us a contribution?

We've made it easy for you to contribute! Kindly send in a check to the Scholarship Fund when you send in your picnic and membership money!

Your 2009/10 Delaware Chapter Dues Are Now Payable

We hope you will support the many activities taking place with the Delaware Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association. We offer three membership categories: Lifetime \$95, Five Year Membership \$35, and One Year Membership at \$15. Please help us grow our organization and help strengthen the WVU brand throughout Delaware!

Name _____ Address _____

E-mail _____ Phone _____

I want to join for: (circle one): Lifetime @ \$95 5 Years@ \$35 One Year@ \$15

- **I wish to make a donation to the DJ and Bob Gibson Scholarship Fund in the amount of \$ _____**

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Dr. James P. Clements Selected As 23rd WVU President

From WVU News Service

Dr. James P. Clements, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Towson University in Maryland, will become the 23rd President of West Virginia University on June 30. Clements takes over the post from [C. Peter Magrath](#), WVU's Interim President since last July.

"I offer my sincere thanks for the confidence you have shown in me, and I look forward to putting my background to work for this University as we continue the goals of the 2010 strategic plan and start building toward a 2020 plan," Clements said. "We will all need to work together to keep enrollment healthy, build on our scholarship and financial aid support, offer additional international and service experiences, continue our focus on research, and make sure state and private funding is a priority," he added.

"During this process, I have not only had a chance to meet with the search committee and Board but the people who make up this great University, and you all have one very important thing in common: You love this place and are full of energy and ideas. I can't wait to call Morgantown and WVU home."

Prior to becoming Provost at Towson, he was Vice President for Economic and Community Outreach from 2004-07 and Executive Director for the Center for Applied Information Technology from 1999-2003. He also chaired the Department of Computer and Information Sciences from 1997-99, where he has been a faculty member since 1989.

Clements has a bachelor's degree in computer science and master's and doctoral degrees in operations analysis from the University of Maryland Baltimore County, as well as a master's degree in computer science from Johns Hopkins University. His project management textbook, in

its fourth edition, is used in more than 20 countries and is published in four languages.

He is married to Beth Clements, and they have four children – Tyler, 16; twin daughters Hannah and Maggie, 13; and Grace, 8.

Clements talked about being a first-generation college graduate from a working class family, whose parents put aside savings so that he and his brother and two sisters could attend college. “I know how college transforms lives,” he said, “and I never want a lack of finances to prevent a student who wants to go to college from doing so.”

Describing his decision-making style, Clements said his job is “not to make popular decisions, but to make the right decisions” with the proper input and then communicate why those decisions were made. “I plan to listen,” Clements said. “I don’t have all the answers, so I will want a lot of input.

The Delaware Chapter of the WVU Alumni Association sends its warmest welcome to Dr. Clements and wishes him well as he assembles a new leadership team at WVU!

WVU Is Now As Close As Your iPhone or Blackberry!

The communications revolution has taken us to a new place in the last year with the advent of social networking sites on the internet. Once a haven for only a young, technology-friendly audience, social networking sites are now attracting an inter-generational audience. And according to the latest research reports, the growth in activity on these sites is exponential!

There are a number of social networking and electronic communication sites worth visiting if you are a Mountaineer, and here are just a few:

Facebook is arguably the most popular of the social networking sites and the Delaware Chapter recently created a Facebook site called **Delaware Mountaineer**. The site features local Mountaineer alums as well as some WVU celebrities! Check it out! Facebook has a variety of other WVU sites to peruse as well. You can access these sites at www.facebook.com.

LinkedIn is a vehicle for professional people to stay connected. There is a great **WVU Alumni** site hosted by Sarah Rotruck that is fantastic for staying in touch with WVU Alumni, for job opportunities, for social events, and all things WVU. You can visit this site at www.linkedin.com.

Twitter allows you to follow a running commentary of interesting people from all walks of life. Simply go to www.twitter.com and enjoy pearls of wisdom from Bill Stewart, Steve Douglas and Tony Caridi. You can reach them as **CoachStewart**, **SteveDouglasWVU** and **TonyCaridi** respectively. Coming soon...a Delaware Chapter Twitter site!

WVU Alumni Association Online Community allows you to search for WVU friends and make new connections. Membership is exclusive and free to alumni only. All you need to do to take advantage of all the community has to offer is to proceed through the registration process to establish a User ID and password. Visit www.alumni.wvu.edu and click on “Membership and Benefits” to find this and many other value added aspects of the WVU Alumni Association.

Delaware Chapter Broadcast E-Mail List allows you to be made aware of upcoming game watching parties, networking events and WVU news in general. If you want to be included on the Broadcast E-Mail list, please send an e-mail to jrheer@aol.com and you will be added!

The Delaware Chapter Website can be found at www.wvudelaware.org. We are currently working with a firm to redesign our website, however you can always refer to it to learn what is happening with Mountaineers in Delaware.

Lucky WVU Students To Win Gift Certificates For Books

Thanks to the leadership of WVU alum Jayne Armstrong, a new tradition was started at last year's WVU Family Picnic and will continue once again this year. Thanks to donations from the Mountaineer Parents Club and several generous local alums, seven WVU students were able to leave last year's picnic holding a \$200 gift certificate to the WVU Book Store. Books have become extremely costly and as all of us know, every little bit helps when it comes time to pay for the costs of a college education. Jayne is currently in the process of recruiting donors for this wonderful cause, and you can make your donation by simply calling Jayne at 302 573 6294.

Mountaineer News and Notes

- **Mickey Furfari**, the dean of West Virginia sportswriters, was recently awarded the "Distinguished West Virginian Award" by Governor Joe **Manchin**.
- WVU has announced that two more numbers will be retired. **Hot Rod Hundley** will join **Jerry West** as the only two Mountaineers to receive this recognition. **Ira Errett Rodgers**, the legendary football star and later coach for the Mountaineers will be the second football player honored, following **Sam Huff**.
- WVU alumnus and superfan **Tim Wilson** started his own law firm in Newark and is specializing in employment law.
- **Bobby Pancake**, another Delaware Mountaineer, is smiling over his latest restaurant/bar venture. Pancake opened his new Buffalo Wild Wings on Limestone Road last fall and it joins four other BWW franchises he operates throughout Delaware!
- The **Delaware Chapter** of the WVU Alumni Association garnered the prestigious "**Golden Musket Award**" for the second consecutive year. All 85 Alumni chapters are rated on their performance in providing networking and social interaction opportunities, student recruitment initiatives, scholarship establishment, and community service. Less than one-fourth of the chapters nationwide earned a "Golden Musket". Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this possible.
- WVU student **Emily Calandrelli**, from Morgantown, made every Mountaineer very proud by becoming both a Truman and Goldwater Scholar. Emily was also named All-USA College Academic First Team by the publishers of USA Today. She was one of only 20 students honored nationwide.
- **Rebecca Durst** has been named the Mountaineer Mascot for 2009/2010. She is only the second lady Mountaineer, and she follows in the footsteps of **Natalie Tennant**. Natalie was elected West Virginia Secretary of State in November.
- The WVU Rifle Team won the NCAA National Championship once again! This is the 14th national championship for WVU Rifle and the first since 1998!

- Coach **Bob Huggins** has more talent coming to Morgantown! JUCO Player of the Year **Casey Mitchell** is a 6-4 two-guard who will take up the slack from the departed **Alex Ruoff**. Mitchell will share time with **Dalton Pepper**, a 6-5 shooting guard from Fairless Hills, PA. Adding much needed muscle to the front line will be 6-9 Brooklyn bruiser **Dan Jennings** and 6-10, 260 pound **Deniz Kilicly** from Turkey.
- **Joe Mazzulla**, still recuperating from a serious shoulder injury, is currently serving an indefinite suspension after an altercation in a Morgantown nightclub.
- Another great place to eat in Delaware, Pure Bred Deli, is owned by a Delaware Mountaineer. **Ken Alkyre** is one of the partners of this wildly popular and growing Delaware institution. Great sandwiches and an awesome bowl of soup!
- The 1959 Mountaineer team that lost in the final game of the NCAA Tournament was recognized in March on their 50th Anniversary. **Jerry West** led a group of his distinguished teammates back to campus for a sentimental weekend reunion.
- Morgantown has gotten a lot of publicity recently for having the lowest unemployment rate in the nation. An article in the Wall Street Journal trumpeted WVU and its home city, and NBC News came to town to film a segment for the NBC Nightly News.
- The Academy of Distinguished Alumni selected three new inductees including **Scott D. Widmeyer**, owner of Widmeyer Communications in New York City; **Dr. Nancy Neilsen**, currently the President of the American Medical Association; and **Gregory Babe**, President and CEO of Bayer Corporation.
- Coach **Bill Stewart** will welcome several newcomers this year to fill important holes caused by graduation. **Tevita Finau**, a defensive end, will provide immediate help as a disrupter. **Geno Smith**, a freshman quarterback from Miami, will back up **Jarrett Brown** and appears to be the heir apparent. **Tavon Austin**, a speed merchant from Baltimore, will likely see time along with wide receiver **Logan Heastie**.