

Remingtons pledge \$5 million for Agenstein renovation

Wes and Patsy '79, Remington pledged a \$5 million gift to the Missouri Western State University Foundation in October 2007. At the time of the pledge, it was the largest individual contribution in Western's history.

"We are delighted by the generosity of Wes and Patsy," said Jerry Pickman '85, director of development. "Their gift will benefit students, faculty and the region for decades to come."

Wes said he and Patsy pledged the funds to support the renovation and expansion of Agenstein Hall, which houses the science and math departments. Since Wes' entire career has been devoted to the animal health science industry, he wanted to ensure that workforce development in the life science fields would continue in St. Joseph so the industry can grow even more.

Wes started as a sales trainee at Anchor Serum Co. in St. Joseph in 1956 and rose to the position of president. He went on to help found several animal health companies. Those firms and their successors now employ an estimated 1,200 to 1,500 people in the St. Joseph area.

The couple currently owns and operates Pete and Mac's, an upscale pet daycare and boarding resort with locations in Kansas, Missouri, Colorado, Texas and Arizona.

"We're pleased that a pioneer like Wes recognizes the key role that Western plays in insuring the future growth of the life sciences in the region," said Dan Nicoson, executive director of the Foundation.

"I really like Missouri Western," said Patsy. "It fills a great need in St. Joseph. We've watched it grow."

"Patsy and I have always been huge advocates of wanting St. Joseph to grow," Wes said. "It's been a wonderful place to raise our children. St. Joseph has been good to us."
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