

Estate gift from chemistry professor is largest ever given by WSU faculty, staff

An estate gift to the Wichita State University Foundation from the late Erach Talaty is believed to be the largest ever given to the university by a current or former faculty or staff member, says James J. Rhatigan, consultant to the WSU Foundation.

Talaty was a highly regarded chemistry professor at WSU from 1969 until his death last June at the age of 86. His bequest to Wichita State will result in a gift approaching \$2.2 million, Rhatigan said.

As a friend of Talaty's, Rhatigan is executor of his estate.

"Wichita State was his life," Rhatigan said. "He was an exceptional teacher, researcher, a person who was connected internationally."

Talaty specified that the funds be used in three ways: to establish a distinguished professorship in chemistry, to create an endowed scholarship for undergraduate students majoring in chemistry and to enhance

