College of Pharmacy students, faculty join Idaho legislators at ISU Day at the Capitol

Idaho State University College of Pharmacy students provided blood pressure checks and glucose screenings in the Idaho Statehouse rotunda during the “ISU Day at the Capitol” on January 27. More than 33 departments representing all colleges at ISU also presented displays and interactive programs.

Pharmacy students administered blood pressure readings and glucose screenings while legislators, alumni and friends visited various displays, such as the college’s “Preparing Leaders in Pharmacy” display.

Legislators received individualized prescription bottles filled with candy while visiting with Dean Joseph Steiner and Dr. Paul Cady, associate Dean.

This is the eighth year of the program, in which all four of Idaho’s four-year public institutions bring displays to the Statehouse in Boise to celebrate Higher Education Week, traditionally held the fourth week of January at the time the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee holds hearings on higher education funding.

Fourth-year students Jenn Seeley and Ryan Bitton, right, joined Dean Joe Steiner at the 2005 ISU Day at the Capitol on January 27. Seeley assists with blood pressure readings while Bitton prepares for a glucose screening.
Long-time College of Pharmacy supporter and alumnus, Val D. Middleton, 76, of Idaho Falls, passed away Jan. 28, 2005, at Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls.

Val was born in Rexburg, Oct. 22, 1928, to Joseph Fife Middleton and Hattie DaBell Middleton. Val attended schools in Rexburg and graduated from high school prior to attending Idaho State University, where he received a bachelor’s degree in Pharmacy in 1950. While at ISU he met and married Jean Munsee on October 7, 1949 who became his wife and partner for 55 years.

After graduation from ISU, Val worked in pharmacies in Rexburg and Idaho Falls. He retired in 1994 after 43 years as manager of Hyway Drug in Idaho Falls. Even in retirement he continued to work as a pharmacist at Don Wilson Drug and The Prescription Center until retiring a second time in 1999.

Val was devoted to the profession of pharmacy. He was a member of the State Board of Pharmacy for 10 years serving as president twice. He was a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council for ISU’S College of Pharmacy under two deans. He was a past president of the Idaho Pharmaceutical Association. He acted as a preceptor for many pharmacy students.

In 2000, he was granted the ISU Professional Achievement Award by the College of Pharmacy. He was recognized by his peers as Pharmacist of the Year in 1985 and with a Leadership Award in 1984. Val was given special recognition in 2000 for 50 years of service to the pharmacy profession and received many other awards too numerous to mention.

Val was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls. He served as a Deacon and Elder. He also volunteered his time to help others in the community working as a Docent at the Museum of Idaho and at Free Med helping the elderly and needy to obtain medication from the pharmaceutical companies.

But far and above anything else, Val loved the time spent with his family and friends. Whether at home or on the golf course, this was when he was the happiest. Val was loved by his family and the many people and friends whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife; Jean, of Idaho Falls; daughters, Kaye Middleton (Eric Johnson) of Ridgway, Colo., and Carol Middleton of Salt Lake City; his son, Jeff (Cindy) Middleton of Winthrop, Wash., and a granddaughter, Mollie Middleton of Winthrop. He was preceded in death by his son, James Dean; his parents, two sisters, and one brother.

Memorial services were held Tuesday, Feb. 1, at the First Presbyterian Church in Idaho Falls.

Donations can be made to the Val Middleton Memorial Scholarship Fund, College of Pharmacy, PO Box 8288, Pocatello, ID 83209.