Pharmacy alumnus appointed to ISU Foundation Board of Directors

William M. (Bill) Eames, ’57, graduate of the ISU College of Pharmacy, is not only a successful pharmacist and business leader, but also a man who is committed to giving back to the community and to his alma mater. A long-time supporter of the College of Pharmacy, he was recently appointed to the Idaho State University Foundation Board of Directors.

“We are confident that Bill’s leadership and enthusiasm will bring a variety of experiences, viewpoints and a unique perspective that will enhance and expand the reach of the ISU Foundation,” said Dean Joseph Steiner.

Eames’ career included the building of a successful drug store chain, Bill’s Drug Stores, that at one time was the 47th largest drug store chain in the U.S. In 1993 Eames sold his stores to the Long’s Drug Stores company.

Eames has given unselfishly of his time and resources to the College of Pharmacy. He is inspired to reach out to alumni in California, having hosted well-attended events in his home state. He also has been charitable in his financial support to Idaho State University on behalf of students working toward a combined Doctor of Pharmacy and Master’s of Business Administration degree, and has been instrumental in helping in the design of that program. Eames also has provided generous support to the L.E. and Thelma E. Stephens Performing Arts Center.

A member of the College of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council, Eames also has served as Chairman of the John Muir Hospital Foundation and Vice President of the California Symphony.

Eames is the second alumnus from the ISU College of Pharmacy appointed to the ISU Foundation Board. Also currently serving on the board is Mr. Joe Carlson of Orem, Utah. Carlson is a ’61 alumnus and recipient of the 2002 College of Pharmacy Professional Achievement Award.

A retired Director of U.S. Operations, Vaccine Division of Merck & Company, Carlson also serves the College of Pharmacy through the generous financial support through the Joseph W. Carlson Scholarship Endowment he established in January 2000.

The ISU Foundation is governed by a 20-member board of directors. These individuals are leaders in business and industry and volunteer their time, energy, expertise and resources to the Foundation. Their vision and involvement with the Foundation provide an exceptional base of support for Idaho State University. The ISU Foundation Board of Directors meets twice a year, in October and April.

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Phonathon slated for February 20-24, 2005

Pharmacy students will soon be contacting College alumni during the annual *Connection*ISU 2005 Phonathon, scheduled for February 20 – 24.

Each year, pharmacy students call College graduates, requesting financial contributions to assist with scholarships and other needs for the College. The Phonathon also provides an opportunity for contributors to visit with students and learn about the current happenings at the College, said Tressa Rockwood, Assistant to the Dean for Development.

“Our students are the College’s best advocates,” Rockwood said. “The students are able to demonstrate to our alumni how well the College’s mission is currently being fulfilled. Our students also convey information about the curriculum, or the importance of his or her own scholarship assistance.”

Pre-pharmacy, first through fourth year students and graduates, all assist in calling alumni and friends.

Last year, some donors dedicated their contributions towards a specific endowment, others considered establishing an endowment, and many gifts are unrestricted for use at the discretion of the Dean. Scholarship endowments at Idaho State University may be established for a minimum of $5,000, which can be accumulated over a three-year period.

Students plan annual Spaghetti Feed

Plans are underway for the Professional Pharmacy Student Alliance (PPSA) sponsored 12th Annual Spaghetti Feed and Auction scheduled for February 4 at the ISU Pond Student Union Building’s Wood River Room.

The annual fundraiser features a fine dinner of homemade spaghetti and auction of various items and services donated by faculty, staff and local businesses.

Proceeds from the annual event go toward assisting students with travel expenses to the annual Spring American Pharmaceutical Association conference to be held in Orlando, FL in April.

In addition to assisting student travel, a portion of the proceeds goes to a local charity of person in need.

This year, students have dedicated funds to the Make-A-Wish Foundation for ClairAnn Cheirrett. ClairAnn is a 17-year-old Pocatello girl with Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia.

Anyone interested in assisting with donations of an auction item or funds may contact Evan Frasure, event chairman, frasevan@pharmacy.isu.edu or PPSA advisor Dr. Dave Hachey, hachey@otc.isu.edu.