We are very pleased to announce that Mr. William M. Eames, 1957 ISU College of Pharmacy alumnus from Lafayette, Calif. has accepted our invitation to participate in the College of Pharmacy Executive in Residence Program on December 8. Mr. Eames is the founder of Bill’s Drug Stores, the 47th largest drug store chain in the U.S. consisting of 24 stores and approximately 550 employees. Mr. Eames sold his stores in 1993.

Today, although retired, Eames remains very active as a consultant. He is a firm believer that the College must not only prepare skilled pharmacists, but also competent, knowledgeable business leaders. His presentation at the College of Pharmacy will include specific areas that will affect the pharmacist’s balance sheet, selecting a potential store location and more. Eames, a successful business leader, also says he is interested in sharing with our students things he has learned from the “school of hard knocks.”

The College’s Executive in Residence program brings senior-level executives and experienced scientists and pharmacists to visit campus for a day. The goal is to select executives that will, over a period of time, represent all areas of the College of Pharmacy. One to two Executives in Residence mentors will be invited to campus each year under this program. Participating Executives in Residence may:

- Lecture to undergraduate classes to share experiences and insights;
- Conduct graduate seminars;
- Interact with students, faculty and staff;
- Present an open forum to the university community;
- Meet with other alumni;
- Tour the campus with certain faculty, staff and student guides.

The objective of the Executive in Residence program is to enhance the educational programs in the College of Pharmacy by enriching the learning environment of both undergraduate and graduate students and fostering research ideas for faculty and graduate students. The program is intended to provide faculty and staff with new ideas and perspectives on how to serve the profession. By giving students a unique opportunity to work closely with a top pharmacist and/or business leader, students are able to take the basic analytical skills they have learned in other courses and see how they will apply to real life situations.

The program also will familiarize executives with the current programs in the College of Pharmacy, and Idaho State University.
Dean’s Advisory Council meets, tours art center, attends game day

The ISU College of Pharmacy Dean’s Advisory Council held its semi-annual meeting at Leonard Hall on November 1.

The council consists of approximately 40 pharmacy leaders. The group meets twice annually to hear and evaluate current developments at the College and to provide advice. The second meeting of the year was held in conjunction with the College of Pharmacy/Business Game-Day” when the Bengals were victorious over the Portland State Vikings, 30-20.

During a busy meeting, the group reviewed student statistics, entering student fees and proposed plans to remodel the Leonard Hall pharmaceutical practice laboratory.

Dr. Vaughn Culbertson, Chair of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Administrative Sciences, reviewed proposed changes in the Nontraditional Doctor of Pharmacy Program. Accreditation through The American Council on Pharmaceutical Education stipulates the pathways be the same for both the traditional and nontraditional Pharm.D. Programs. The traditional students, who started the new curriculum in the fall of 2002, began the integrated modules this past fall. The module design in the nontraditional program will also allow students to complete one to five certificates.

Following the meeting, the group toured ISU’s new performing arts center currently under construction and scheduled for completion by the fall, 2004. This beautiful cultural addition to southeast Idaho will be the most magnificent facility of its kind in Idaho, anchored by a premier concert hall venue that will seat 1,200 for the largest and most renowned performances. Also within this structure will be two additional state-of-the art theatres, a thrust theatre and a black box, experimental theatre. ISU is proud of this new cultural addition to its campus, being funded entirely by the gifts of private donors.

Following the tour, the group convened for dinner prepared by ISU students in the College of Technology’s Culinary Arts Program, after which the Advisory Council members were guests in the President’s Box in Holt Arena for the football game.

College of Pharmacy students participated in a special pre-game promotion, forming the traditional “Rx” symbol on the field, representing the pharmacy profession.

The College administration is thankful and sends warm appreciation to the members of the Dean’s Advisory Council for their participation, interest and contribution of their time and travel for a successful meeting and an enjoyable day.