You probably have never asked yourself “What keeps our College of Pharmacy going?”, but it is an important consideration. Of course, there are the obvious answers of an excellent curriculum, outstanding faculty and motivated, intelligent students. These are all very important, but I am talking about what keeps the College moving forward to achieve its mission. Maybe the better question is “What do we need to do to provide the education for tomorrow’s pharmacists and meet the needs of Idaho for pharmacists?”

First, I want to state that we are in good shape financially, the lights are on, faculty and staff are being paid, and we are offering excellent educational programs. The big ticket items are what I am talking about that will be needed for the College to progress into the future.

Leonard Hall is a very functional building. It has been remodeled several times to maintain its serviceability. However, the building was built in 1941, at a time when the class size was much smaller, the curriculum much different and the technology was almost nonexistent when compared to today. Two of the three classrooms hold a maximum of 60 students, which is our present class size. The pharmacy practice lab was originally constructed for 24 students; we now divide the class into two labs with 30 students each. Additional seminar rooms and office space are also needed. This is at a time when there is a national pharmacist shortage and high student demand for Pharm.D. degrees, and we are limited in addressing those needs. The bottom line is we need more space in Leonard Hall. Estimates to complete the necessary renovations are approximately $2 million.

The second area requiring funding at the College is scholarship support for students. The cost of higher education has increased substantially and pharmacy education is even more expensive. While increasing tuition is necessary to provide the expected quality of the program, a pharmacy education needs to be financially within reach of all who qualify for admission. This has to be accomplished by increasing the number of scholarships. Our goal is a minimum $1 million endowment to generate funds to provide additional student scholarships.

A third area in need of fiscal attention is faculty support. A strong faculty produces the excellent teaching and research we expect of professors at the ISU College of Pharmacy. We would like to be the first College at ISU to endow a faculty chair. The College of Business recently endowed a professorship, but not a chair position. The candidate would be a highly qualified person in their respective discipline and approximately $5 million would be required to...
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continuously fund the position and provide support. The interest generated from the endowment would be used for the chair’s salary and associated expenses. We would build on their presence to attract other top-notch faculty and administrators to promote and focus on excellence in teaching and research.

So, I’m talking about a lot of money. It is not likely to come from the State coffers, student fees or the University. However, we do have other opportunities to obtain these funds -- through our development efforts. Over the next several years we will be presenting a campaign in which we will approach various funding sources, including alumni, to accomplish these fundraising goals. With this in mind we will be able to continue to remain true to our motto, “Preparing Leaders in Pharmacy.”

Joe Steiner
Dean

Contest: The person who sends the first e-mail to jsteiner@pharmacy.isu.edu and identifies a college of pharmacy building constructed specifically to house an school/college of pharmacy academic program that has continuously been in use for that purpose until today, will win an ISU College of Pharmacy polo shirt.

Alumni & Friends - Please Join Us!

ISU & College of Pharmacy events:

• Treasure Valley Alumni Banquet - Oct. 13,
  Hillcrest Country Club - Boise - choice of halibut or prime rib - Funny Bone Comedy Club comedian - RSVP to 208-282-4597 or kal@otc.isu.edu by Oct. 11th

• College of Pharmacy Recruiting Fair ~ Oct. 19 & 20th ~ Over 30 Pharmacy Companies will be on campus to interview students for potential employment opportunities. Fourth-year students return to campus from Advance Practice Experience sites to participate.

• Pharmacy Game Day ~ Oct. 21, Bengals vs. Montana State, Kick-off at 1:35 p.m., Holt Arena ~ Pre-game tailgate party, Bengal-fest, Bonneville Park, Pharmacy booth, 11 a.m.

• American Pharmacists Month College of Pharmacy Open House ~ Oct. 26, 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. ~ Leonard Hall, Visit our community outreach program booths and events including:
  • Operation Diabetes
  • Poison Prevention
  • Heartburn Awareness
  • Operation Immunization
  • Tour the College
  • Honor Student Panel Interviews
  • Healthy Refreshments to be Served

For more information regarding pharmacy events, contact Andrew at 282-3393 or andrew@pharmacy.isu.edu