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News from the Winery—Chik Brenneman

In the industry, there’s an old saying that ‘we’re either harvesting, or preparing to harvest’. That said we’ve been busy in the winery. We are in the process of bottling some of last year’s wine, and clearing out old projects to make room for the new vintage. At the end of this month, we’ll be rolling out a winery work order system that will help us plan our harvest operations. The work order system is also being set up so that I can better understand your projects and make sure that variables are controlled for. The target date for work order submission will be July 1st. Each project will be discussed with the principle investigator to make sure all the “i’s are dotted and the t’s are crossed”. If we work together, harvest will go smooth.

Jacobson Cellar: To date, we have received over 94 cases of wine and the donations continue to trickle in. Paul has done a great job in finding space and keeping the collection organized. As all the wines in the Jacobson are entered into a database, I ask that all wine requests go through me so that I can keep the database current.

Safety News—Lucy Joseph

Fire Safety
We had a recent Fire Safety Inspection in Wickson Hall. We did very well with only two minor issues that we needed to address. We were asked not to prop open fire doors and to make sure they are in working order by reporting any problems to Facilities. The second issue is a continuing problem. The hallways are not dumping grounds for old furniture and equipment. If you need to get rid of something we need to be certain that it is offered to Bargain Barn first. If they don’t want it we must have it picked up by Salvage

Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP)
A draft of the updated IIPP has been sent out to a few of you for review. So far only one person has read it and commented. If you would like to read it and comment I would appreciate your input. Since it is a legally mandated document it is lengthy, although the policy portion is not that long. It contains a lot of forms and postings for laboratories in addition to policy information. I hope that we can get this updated IIPP out to everyone before summer.
Walt Klenz Lecture Well Received By Students

Over 89 students and guests enjoyed the first Walt Klenz Lecture on Wine Business on Tuesday, April 18th beginning at 3:30 p.m. at the ARC Ballroom A. The series was created and sponsored by Foster’s Wine Estates through the Department of Viticulture and Enology in honor of their former CEO, in recognition of his contributions to the industry. The goal is to provide two lectures per academic year, one in the fall and one in the spring. The focus of the lecture series is to give students insight into the business aspect of the industry they are so intently studying while at UC Davis.

Klenz reviewed five industry trends that he views as relevant in today’s industry that will have impact in the future. Klenz discussed changes in winery ownership, employee functions, supplier relations, the customer, and the consumer, and how they affect the winemaker of the future. Klenz advised his audience to learn more about the industry they are entering. “Broaden yourself beyond your degree.” Advised Klenz. “For example, ask your boss for an assignment in marketing or distribution, this will give you an appreciation of their contributions to the company bottom line.” Klenz also counseled students to find people to collaborate with and build relationships that will provide for mutual benefits.

“We recognize that our students need to learn about the ‘business’ aspects of the wine industry in order to stay competitive and take their place within the industry,” said Dr. Jim Wolpert, Chair of the Department of Viticulture and Enology. “This lecture series is the perfect vehicle to enrich our students, giving them a ‘leg-up’ over graduates from other institutions.”

The lecture was followed by a lively question and answer session where students and guests were able to glean specifics from this Captain of Industry. Attendees nibbled on hors d’oeuvres and sampled some of the wines from the Foster’s Wine Estates cellars as they got a chance to spend informal time with Mr. Klenz.

“We are lucky,” said student Joshua Rubin. “Mr. Klenz is right, this is absolutely the best time to be in the wine business!”

Commencement—general information

Tickets
1. The following procedures are in place to ensure that eligible candidates receive the maximum number of tickets for the ceremony in which they participate.
2. We expect each student will receive 8 tickets. Please plan your guest list accordingly. Students are urged to return extra tickets to the CA&ES Dean’s Office at 150 Mrak Hall.
3. Additional tickets, if available, will be mailed with the information letter and the guaranteed tickets. This information packet will be mailed to the address entered during Online Registration.
4. A ticket is required to enter the commencement ceremonies. Only those individuals holding a ticket will be admitted, including children.
5. University policy prohibits selling commencement tickets for money or for any commercial value.

Photography
Bob Knight Photo Marketing will be present at the ceremony to take two pictures of graduates. Proofs will be mailed four days of the ceremony.

Caps and Gowns
Caps, gowns and academic hoods are rented from the UC Davis Bookstore. Online reservation is available until June 20, 2006. Visit the UC Davis Bookstore Web site for more details at http://bookstore.ucdavis.edu/graduation/cap_gowns.cfm. Note: Gown rental is FREE if purchasing a Souvenir Grad Pack.

Returning Caps and Gowns
The gown collection station will be located at the ceremony site. Late Fee: Students not returning gowns at the ceremony or to the UC Davis Bookstore by the first Monday following the ceremony will be assessed a daily late charge beginning the following Tuesday.

Hotels
For information regarding accommodations within the City of Davis, visit the Davis Conference and Visitor’s Bureau at http://www.davisvisitor.org/stay.cfm.

V&E Department Celebrates 92nd Annual Picnic Day

Saturday, April 22nd, marked the 92nd Annual Open House for the UCD Campus, known as PICNIC DAY. Over 150 educational and entertainment events celebrated campus life at UCD. The day began with the traditional parade featuring floats by student groups and marching bands enjoying the morning overcast sky. The Department of Viticulture and Enology presented a demonstration in grapevine pruning, gave away almost 300 rootstock vines, and had an exhibition of yeasts that viewers could look at under the microscope. The weather fared off to sunny skies as Seguin-Moreau, renown barrel making company presented a daylong demonstration in the art of cooperage. Picnic Day is a joint presentation by UC Davis and ASUCD, and is known as a principles of community signature event.
CAR RENTALS
Reminder: when renting a vehicle, please use the UC Davis car rental agreements. Make sure that the rental contract identifies you as a UC employee on university business, and includes the campus ID number and the UC ID number from the Car Rental Summary. Access the UC Davis Car Rental Summary page for a list of newly revised rates by rental agency. http://travel.ucdavis.edu/agreements/carrental.cfm

BEING REIMBURSED FOR PURCHASES MADE WITHOUT A PURCHASE ORDER
When making your own purchases, you should evaluate what comprises the total cost of an item. Factors to consider include the costs of processing invoices and checks, personnel time, and any travel involved. Many times these costs offset savings in the purchase price. In addition, items purchased cannot include restricted items listed: P & P M Section 350-21. Reimbursements for more than $500 require a memo explaining the reason for the unauthorized purchase. The memo must be approved by the department head and the Dean/Vice-Chancellor. The department head or Dean’s signature does not guarantee approval and will be reviewed by the Director of Material Management.

CHANGE RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION
For many years most employees have been paying only a modest monthly amount into their own Defined Contribution Plan (DCP) savings contribution. No one has paid into the main University of California Retirement Plan (UCRP) since 1990 because there has been enough money in the plan to cover all retirement payments. That will be changing in the future. The Regents have authorized re-instating payments from each employee into the retirement system beginning in July of 2007, a year from now.

The amount that will be required hasn’t been decided yet, but the Regents will make decisions about this during their May meeting. It is expected that contributions will be phased in over a period of several years, with the employee paying part and the university paying part. One possibility is to start by having the current DCP deduction becoming a UCRP deduction. For represented employees, the changes being contemplated will be subject to collective bargaining with their respective union. Eventually, the employee plus the UC contribution will be about 16% total. For faculty it means adding another expense into their grant applications. For more information check the UC website on the future of UCRP retirement benefits at: http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu/news/ucrpfuture/welcome.html.

NEW EMPLOYEES
Bibiana Guerra started work as a writer in the department in Mid-April. Crystal Stone starts working as a new Computer Resource Specialist the beginning of May.

NEW AIRFARE TRANSACTIONS (BOTH CTS AND YCAL) WILL REQUIRE A TRAVELER identification number on the record at the time of booking with the travel agent. A new web-based application will enable instant lookup of the UCD employee identification number to be used for employee travelers and creation of a unique traveler identification number to be used for non-employee travelers. Detailed information about this new application will be released in May.

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