**2006 HIGHLIGHTS**

**WINTER**

**HEART-HEALTHY CHOCOLATE**
In a multifaceted study involving the Kuna Indians of Panama, an international team of scientists, including participants from UC Davis and Harvard Medical School, has pinpointed a chemical compound that is in part responsible for the heart-healthy benefits of certain cacao and some chocolate products.

**WOMEN IN CORPORATE LEADERSHIP**
A first-of-its-kind study examines the extent of women’s participation in corporate leadership in California—with Graduate School of Management researchers finding that women hold only 10.2 percent of the combined board seats and highest-paid executive officer positions.

**SPRING**

**CLEAN ENERGY**
California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger visited UC Davis to celebrate its receipt of $1 million from the California Clean Energy Fund to establish the world’s leading university center of excellence in energy efficiency.

**SUMMER**

**Gladys Valley Hall**
Six Percheron horses, pulling a wagonload of dignitaries, kicked off dedication ceremonies for Gladys Valley Hall, the School of Veterinary Medicine’s newest and most environmentally sophisticated building. The larger building will create a positive impact for teaching support and will allow for larger class sizes to help meet California’s need for more veterinarians.

**NATIONAL CHAMPS**
The UC Davis Cycling Club took the Division I crown at the 2006 USA Cycling Collegiate Road National Championships.

**TEACHING TEACHERS**
Dolly and David Fiddyment gave $1.09 million to the School of Education to create its first endowed chair, one of only a handful nationwide focused on teacher education. The Fiddyments’ gift is the largest the school has received to date.

**PRICELSS ARTIFACTS**
UC Davis announced its acquisition of a priceless collection of Western American baskets and pottery of the Southwest and Northwest Coast tribes, western artwork and other rare items. The collection is a gift from the estate of Michael and Margaret B. Harrison.

**SUMMER**

**ENCOURAGING BRAIN DEVELOPMENTS**
Researchers discovered nerve cells in the retinas of elderly mice show a burst of growth late in life. Nerves of the eye are a part of the brain, so the discovery means that it might be possible to encourage other parts of the aging brain to grow back. Preliminary evidence shows the same process takes place in the eyes of elderly humans.

**FALL**

**RENEWABLE ENERGY RESEARCH**
Chevron Corp. will fund up to $25 million in research at UC Davis over the next five years to develop affordable, renewable transportation fuels from farm and forest residues, urban wastes and crops grown specifically for energy.

**EARLIER OVARIAN CANCER DETECTION**
Researchers, led by UC Davis chemistry professor Carlos Lebrilla and Cancer Center biochemist Suzanne Miyamoto, identified a biomarker profile test for ovarian cancer, an advance that may lead to an early test for the disease.

**TAHOE CENTER OPENS**
The earth-friendly Tahoe Center for Environmental Sciences opened its doors. A partnership with Sierra Nevada College, University of Nevada, Reno, and Desert Research Institute, the building is home to a state-of-the-art research laboratory, hands-on public museum and college classrooms.

**RESEARCH FUNDING INCREASES AGAIN**
UC Davis received $544 million in research awards in 2005-06, an increase of 8 percent for the year and 82 percent over the past five years.

**STEM CELL CENTER**
The National Institutes of Health named UC Davis as part of a national consortium that will transform how clinical and translational research is conducted. The university will receive $28.8 million over the next five years.

**CELEBRATING 25 YEARS**
The UC Davis Graduate School of Management marked 25 years of growth and accomplishment with a two-day Silver Anniversary celebration.

**TOP HOSPITAL**
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