

Grant Funds Ag Econ Academic Enrichment

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The agricultural economics department of UC Davis is preparing a new two-part program to enrich its academic lectures with real-world experiences.

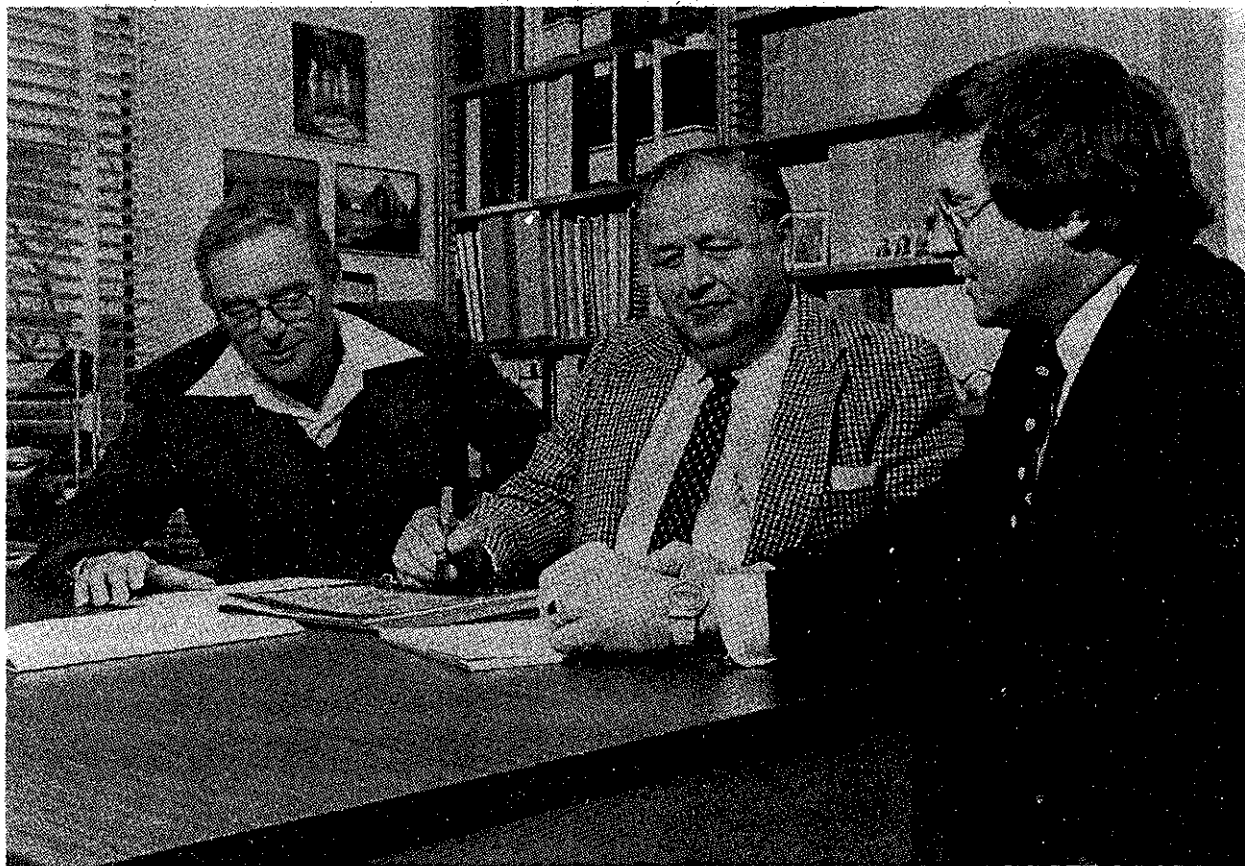
The education enrichment program consists of a graduate section to allow students to visit agricultural producers and marketing firms in California and a department-wide section for visiting lecturers to meet with students and faculty members on campus.

Both parts of the education enrichment program were made possible by a grant from Liquid Sugars, Inc. of Oakland.

Warren D. Mooney, a representative from Liquid Sugars and himself a 1955 graduate of UCD, said he and his company have observed with interest the summer program of educational tours for students which has already been developed on the UCD campus.

Those tours were developed by Chester McCorkle, Jr., a professor of agricultural economics at UCD. According to a press release from the UCD office of public affairs, McCorkle will be coordinating the two phases of the Liquid Sugars educational enrichment program.

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Warren E. Johnston (right), chair of the agricultural economics department, and Chester O. McCorkle, Jr. (left), agricultural economics professor, plan an education enrichment program made possible by a gift from Warren D. Mooney (center) of Liquid Sugars, Inc., Oakland.

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Mooney said his company's program will provide students, principally graduate students in agricultural economics, with a realistic exposure to agriculture outside of the lecture hall. "It expands (the students') views on the practical needs and applications of agricultural economics studies," Mooney said.

According to the release from public affairs, the new lectureship program is designed to enable the agricultural economics department to bring representatives from the agricultural industry to the campus to provide an insight for students in the areas of agricultural production, processing, marketing and related areas.