

# Students imbibe in a bit of the bubbly during class



Photo by Tim Ford

A member of a UNL foods and nutrition wine-tasting class samples the robust bouquet of one of life's pleasures.

By Todd Hegert

Dover Sole Lord Calvert was served with sauce hollandaise and vintage French champagne. Or for those with more conventional tastes there was Brook Trout Houssard.

The chef cooks these dishes before his customers and explains them with an accent as international as the cuisine.

Now, this sounds like a place that no self-respecting college student could afford. One might expect low lights, long dresses and the glitter of elegant jewelry.

But for 80 students enrolled in the fine food and wine class at UNL, blue jeans and ski sweaters are as good as evening gowns, the food is excellent, and the wines exceed the wildest dreams of Ernest and Julio Gallo.

The class is offered by the food and nutrition department at UNL through the division of continuing education.

Steve Haddel, manager of the University Club, teaches the class, and according to his students, he is as much of an attraction as the food or the wine.

"Cooking fine food is like dancing tango," he says with a delayed guttural laugh, "you have to have style."

His students like his style. Waving a long knife sharpener as a baton from his combination sink-stove-cutting counter, Haddel commands a quiet attentiveness.

"I enjoy very much teaching the class," Haddel said, "as long as the students want

to learn. I think it is exceptional when 80 people can be quiet as a mouse."

With a sharp-edged flurry of knives he prepared two courses in less than an hour, explaining his techniques to the class as he went.

While the food cooked, wines were passed around and tasted. Some students raised mms and ahs of satisfaction and others distorted their faces with disapproval, impatient for a beer.

Haddel said that although alcoholic beverages are not allowed on any other university property, the NU Board of Regents approved the use of wine for instructional purposes as long as it is not used as an intoxicant.

"Many of the students do not like the wines because they have never developed a taste for the dry taste of good wine. You have to become conscious of the pleasures of wine other than its alcoholic effects," Haddel said.

This shows that many of the students are not there just to drink the wine, he said.

"I hope the class gives the students a well rounded background in fine foods and wine. I try to teach them not just how different wines taste but why they taste that way, and why certain wines go with certain foods," Haddel said.

Whatever the reason for taking the class, students face some expense. There is a \$75 fee, Haddel said, which covers the wines and foods used in the class and two meals for each student at the University Club.

Some students said they were there to pick up three easy credit hours, but most said they were taking the class to learn about fine wine and food. One student said he was taking the class to give him more class on dates.

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# Blue-jeaned economics professor quotes the text of life

By Mary Fastenau

His office is not a square room decorated with diplomas; it is the Union Harvest Room.

The white stick hanging from his mouth is not a cigarette; it is the stick of a red heart-shaped lollipop.

The text he quotes is not copyrighted; it is life.

He is not a typical professor; he is Bert Evans, UNL economics professor.

Evans dresses in blue jeans and wool shirts. He says his casual clothes make the students feel more comfortable. He admits owning a suit and tie and that tailored suits used to be his normal attire. However, he does not want students to see him as an authoritarian figure so he changed his style of dress.

His strategy must be working because he recently was awarded the "Best Dressed Professor" award by the College of Business Administration.

The "Most Talked About Professor" and the "Most Liberal" also were given to Evans.

He said he probably received these awards because he is outspoken, more visible and willing to speak out.

"I say what I think, and I say it without retaliation," Evans explained.

He said he thinks his teaching methods may be why he was voted "Most Talked About Professor."

As an example, he said, he sometimes does not assign a textbook in his introduc-

tory economics class but tells the students to "shop around." He said he is aware that people are going to go back and tell their friends about the class without an assigned textbook.

Evans admitted he does things that students notice, but he says he always has a point to make.

In some of his classes he has one project which the student devises on his own. He said this can include surveys, telephone polls, research in a hometown, newspaper articles published, successful petitions, or a class presentation.

He said some students start questioning and to do a complete job it will take three semesters. Evans said he thinks that is fine as long as the student is learning.

He said he has gotten 70-page papers from students who ordinarily would not put out much effort. Evans said he thinks the reason is because he does not believe in policing his students.

"I treat students as equals, so they feel free to say anything they want," he said.

But he admitted there are problems because some students see the class as an "easy way to get three hours of credit."

Evans has been in class at the University for a long time. He has been teaching here for 20 years.

He received his bachelor of science degree at NU, his master's at the University of Texas, Austin and his doctorate at Harvard.

He said he returned to Nebraska to write his thesis because a friend asked him



Photo by Bob Pearson

Bert Evans, UNL economics professor

to participate in a project financed by the USDA.

Evans said he chose to stay in Nebraska because he felt he understood what was happening in the state. He said he kept

hometown ties to Bloomfield while in the Army and during his education.

He said he owns a farm at Bloomfield and keeps strong ties with his parents. Evans said he thinks his parents understand economics because they have "historical perspective."

"My mother and father understand communication and economics better than most people I work with," Evans said.

His methods of studying economics include living, observing and being "close enough to see" what is happening. He said he believes learning is much more than memorizing statistics.

Evans said he thinks there are a lot of problems at UNL. He said there is no correlation between the work done and benefits, including pay, esteem and opportunity to travel.

He said the university's role is changing. Some 60 or 70 years ago, he said, colleges played a peripheral role in society, but today they play an integral part because of increased college enrollments.

He said he does not think NU realizes its responsibility in adult education. Evans said he thinks many people face real life situations without the training college could give them.

"The primary emphasis should be on the role in the community, to control, adjust, direct and manage the community," Evans said.

He said he tries to teach what he believes. He gives 20 to 30 lectures outstate each year including appearances in Atlanta, Dallas, Las Vegas and Minneapolis.

# Lauck arrested in shooting

Gerhard Lauck, a former UNL student and editor of the National Socialist Report, was arrested Tuesday following a shooting incident at his parents' home.

Lauck's brother, Jerry, 33, suffered a gunshot wound in the shoulder and was taken to Lincoln General Hospital following the incident at 6401 South St. Hospital officials report that he was in fair condition.

Capt. John Miller, the investigating officer, said Lauck was taken into custody while the case was under investigation.

Miller said that Gerhard Lauck, 24, is expected to be arraigned on charges in connection with the shooting incident today at 2 p.m. in Lancaster County Court.

The National Socialist Report, published monthly in Lincoln, is the official publication of the American Nazi Party and is distributed to party members throughout the United States and to affiliate party members in more than 30 countries.

The shooting incident allegedly occurred at about 3:30 p.m. Earlier Tuesday, Lauck had spoken to a Lincoln East High School class.

Lauck said Saturday that he has supplied posters, stickers and leaflets to the underground National Socialist Workers Party, which is linked to recent disturbances in Hanover, Germany.



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Gerhard Lauck

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