Genetically-altered corn on Poly land

Genetically-engineered corn, grown on Cal Poly land, was sold at Farmers' Market last week, four ears for a dollar. Many people disregarded the controversy over genetically-altered foods and bought the corn.

Last Thursday's Farmer's Market witnessed the unveiling of locally grown genetically-modified corn.

Daniel Ely
MUSTANG DAILY

Farmers' Market may have gotten a taste of the future last Thursday. Jeff Wong, assistant professor of plant biotechnology, horticulture and crop science, and lecturer Craig Macmillan brought four different varieties of corn, two of which were genetically engineered to sell at the weekly event.

The Sweet Corn Enterprise Project was created to answer questions people had been asking about genetically modified foods.

The people involved in the project wanted to know if they could grow genetically-modified corn, and if people would buy it.

The modified corn sold at the market had a single gene added, causing it to produce a chemical secreted by naturally-occurring soil bacteria which is toxic to caterpillars, worms and moth larvae. This allows the plant to keep itself pest-free, removing the need for spraying pesticides, Wong said.

"It's not toxic to humans as far as we know," Wong said.

This science is dramatically reshaping the future of agriculture, though not everyone is convinced it is for the better.

Wong and Macmillan presented the four varieties of sweet corn, modified and unmodified, with an insecticide and insecticide-free version of each. All four varieties were clearly labeled, according to Wong, and informational pamphlets about genetically modified foods were available.

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Wong and Macmillan used the event to collect data on how the public reacted to each variety of corn; however the information was not as conclusive as they had hoped.

"It was too small. I wouldn't draw tremendous conclusions from it," Macmillan said.

The results show no large preference by consumers for any particular variety. "The results were surprisingly uniform," Wong said.

A local grocery store has agreed to sell both Wong's genetically-modified and unmodified varieties of sweet corn side-by-side and report the results to him, which he hopes will lead to more concrete data.

Most of the concerns about genetically-modified food revolve around the speed with which the modified strains have been adopted, not allowing for the foods to be tested to guarantee safety.

In 1989, a genetically-modified dietary supplement, called tryptophan, was responsible for the deaths of 37 people and caused a rare blood disease in thousands more because of an unforeseen impurity. Fears resulting from the tryptophan scare are still present in the minds of consumers. Other concerns include allergies, since a person may have a severe reaction to genetically-modified foods, and may be unaware that it is even present until they consume it.

For some, however, the uncertainty sees Corn, page 2

Arnold may be able to flex his presidential muscles

Erica Werner
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — It’s not about Arnold, lawmakers indicated.

But the California governor was certainly one of the rising stars on many minds Tuesday as a Senate panel talked about amending the Constitution to let immigrant occupants of the White House.

Measures discussed by the senators would remove the prohibition against foreign-born presidents, opening the door to Arnold Schwarzenegger and Michigan Gov. Jennifer Granholm, along with millions of others.

"This restriction has become an anachronism that is well beyond its time," said Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "Our citizens should have every opportunity to choose their leaders free of unreasonable limitations."

Hatch and other lawmakers barely mentioned the Austrian-born Schwarzenegger, a Republican, or the Canadian-born Granholm, a Democrat. But both have said they supported changing the Constitution, and Schwarzenegger’s starring role at the Republican National Convention left Republicans buzzing about getting him into the White House.

"This hearing would certainly not be complete if the name of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger was not mentioned at least once, but of course he is just one famous example," said Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif.

Hatch, Rohrabacher and Rep. John Conyers, D-Mich., have proposed amending the Constitution to allow immigrants to run for president after being citizens for 20 years. A measure sponsored by Rep. Vic Fazio, see Amendment, page 2

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California's senior senator, Democrat Dianne Feinstein, was the lone lawmaker to express strong reservations about changing the Constitution.

"There is this basic reserved right of birth as a major qualification for the presidency. It may not be a bad thing. It may be a strengthening thing," she said. "I think this amendment if it receives two-thirds will have a very hard time being adopted by three-quarters of the legislature."

But Feinstein, a leading opponent of the constitutional recall, said it was time to try.

"We can best honor the founders, generally egalitarian vision by repealing the specific natural-born rule that has outdated in a country more diverse than could have been foreseen in 1787," she said.

"And later that her concerns had nothing to do with the governor. She said she didn't have any thoughts about whether he'd make a good president."

"Amending the Constitution would most likely take years if it ever happened. It requires two-thirds majority votes in the House and Senate, then approval by three-fourths of states."

Still, several lawmakers and witnesses said it was time to try.

The presidency was the one office the founding fathers barred to immigrants, apparently driven by concerns of foreign meddling or a resumption of monarchy, according to scholars who testified Tuesday. Those fears are outdated in a country more diverse than could have been foreseen in 1787, they said.

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According to Wong, the most amazing group of people at the market were the people who were more interested in the fact that the corn was four cars for a dollar than where it came from. Wong said that many customers just took one of each type.

Though the controversy about genetic modification still rages, many would agree with computer science professor Joseph Eder. "If it tastes good, I think I'll eat it."

Planning a community forum for local candidates Oct. 26 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Chumash Auditorium.

There are seven candidates for two spots on the City Council and three candidates for mayor of San Luis Obispo.

"When it comes to local stuff, people are in the dark on who's running and what they are running for," Bolton said.

The League of Women Voters is moderating the forums. The mediator will present a question to all candidates, each candidate will then have two minutes to answer. The questions asked will depend on the audience.

Bolton is hoping to have a good blend of students and community members in the audience since this is the only forum in town.

"Students need to come out and realize it's the local politicians that affect our daily lives," Bolton said.

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WASHINGTON — Rape victims and convicted felons would both have greater access to DNA testing under legislation the House passed Wednesday.

The bill would provide $75 million in grants over the next five years to clear the backlog of some 350,000 untested DNA samples in rape evidence kits nationwide, and another $500 million for training and improvements at crime laboratories.

Similar legislation is stalled in the Senate but negotiators there have been struggling to reach an accord before Congress adjourns at the end of the week. The House vote was 393-14.

NEW YORK — A judge refused to release John A. "Jimbo" Gotts on bail in a racketeering case accusing him of arranging a fixed hit on drug lord John Gotti.

A defense bid to have the son of Jonh Gotti freed on $10 million bond "does not do enough to ensure public safety," U.S. Magistrate Frank Maas ruled Tuesday.

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The death of Maulana Mohammed, head of a militant group in Pakistan blamed for the murder of several U.S. diplomats in Iraq, means there has been no evidence that Iraq produced any weapons of mass destruction, according to a new report by a U.S. arms inspector.

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"After she died I thought of Khadijah and sent several people to inquire. I didn't expect her to accept it," said Kamaruddin, who worked for several multinational companies before retiring in 1992. Despite all the repeat marriages, Kamaruddin says he is a one­woman man.

"I don't like flings," he said.

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Draft bill comes before House of Representatives

Joseph Thomas
Colorado Daily

BOULDER, Colo. — The lives of every 18- to 26-year-old could be dramatically affected later this week when HR 163 comes before the House of Representatives.

The bill, called the “Universal National Service Act of 2005,” would require all young persons in the United States, including women, to perform military or civilian service for national defense, homeland security or domestic service.

“Our plan simply says that everyone is required to do public service for a period of time,” said Rep. Jim McDermott, D-Wash., who co-introduced the legislation.

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College students often lack health insurance

Alison Sickelka & Alicia McGhee
USA TODAY

AMES, Iowa — A broken hand nearly ended Clay Gish's college education.

It's not that he couldn't continue to do the work — he couldn't afford the classes anymore.

Gish, an architecture junior, said at the time, he didn't have health insurance and the $750 trip to the emergency room was too much to handle.

"When I first broke my hand, I didn't even want to go to the emergency room," Gish said. But, with the help of friends, he said, he was able to afford tuition this semester.

He said it was very difficult to be without health insurance.

Two weeks ago, he signed onto a health insurance plan, but said until now, he has been unable to afford the monthly payments. He is now covered through optional insurance at Kuns & Go, where he works, and through his mother's insurance.

College-aged adults are at the highest risk to be uninsured, according to the National Health Interview Survey, conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The survey, which was released in September, showed 33.3 percent of 18- to 24-year-olds are uninsured in the United States.

When Amanda Halverson began looking for a job after graduation in May, she was worried about health insurance.

She said she believes health insurance is something very important that a lot of college-aged people don't think about.

Throughout college, Halverson said, she had health insurance through her work.

When she reached for comment.

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Federal regulators sue marketers over diet pill ads

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Federal regulators sued the makers of a widely advertised dietary supplement, alleging they lied about CortiSlim's ability to help people lose weight.

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Study shows little connection between medicine, suicide

Sarah Loch

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. — Counseling and Psychological Services likely will not change treatment methods for depressed or suicidal students, despite changes in antidepressant warning labels, a University of Arkansas Health Center official said.

According to a statement released by the Food and Drug Administration Sept. 9, the FDA is working on new warning labels for antidepressants "to enhance the warnings associated with the use of antidepressants and to bolster the information provided to patients when these drugs are dispensed."

The Psychopharmacologic Drugs Committee and the Pediatric Advisory Committee concluded that with all the drugs studied, including Prozac, Zoloft, Remeron, Paxil, Effexor, Celexa, Wellbutrin, Lexotan and Serzone, there was an "increased risk of suicidality in pediatric patients," according to the statement.

However, Jonathan Perry, director of CAPS, said that the standard method of treating depression and "suicidal ideation," a combination of psychotherapy and antidepressant medication, will probably not change.

"In my understanding that the warning is mainly focused toward children and adolescents, not adults," Perry said. "Physiologically the typical college student is an adult, and legally, too."

Some of the evidence considered by the advisory committees included testimony from family members of children who had committed suicide while on antidepressant therapy, according to the Associated Press.

Perry said he thinks part of the reason for the new warnings is "children are not the population those medications were originally intended for."

Children might not have the emotional maturity to tell when the medication is affecting their feelings, whereas an adult could notice a change and talk to a doctor about it, he said.

Antidepressants are not always used in treating patients, Perry said. If a counselor feels that a patient might benefit from medication, one of the two psychiatrists who work with CAPS makes a separate assessment of the case. If the psychiatrist doesn't think antidepressants are appropriate for the case, no medication is prescribed, Perry said.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death among college students, after automobile accidents, Perry said. Depression is also a common problem.

Last year the Health Center conducted an online survey asking students to respond to questions on health issues, Perry said.

Twenty-five percent of respondents said they had experienced depression in the past year, and 0.3 percent of total respondents said they had experienced suicidal thoughts or feelings.

When the same survey was administered nationally, he said, 12 percent to 15 percent of respondents reported a suicide attempt in the past year, and 9.5 percent of total respondents reported attempts serious enough to require medical attention. When those percentages are extrapolated into the UA student population, "those are some pretty scary numbers," Perry said.

Perry said that of the patients dealt with, about 25 percent report suicidal thoughts or first contact with CAPS staff.

"We're not reaching all the students with these problems," he said. Since October 1999, when UAPD began keeping electronic records, there have been two reported suicides of UA students, said L. Gary Crain, public information officer.

One of those cases was the murder/suicide that took place in Kimpel in August 2000, Crain said. A graduate student shot a professor and then killed himself, he said.

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Gun shop debuts new credit-card-sized shotgun

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Another gun salesman was skeptical of the weapon's self-defense value. Mike O'Brien, of Joe's Sporting Goods in St. Paul, wasn't familiar with the new devices, but said muzzleloading is a "slow and tedious" process.

"Us guys here would consider something like that useless," said O'Brien. "A 177 caliber BB is basically a joke. OK? I'm sure it could cause injury and damage, but it's a self-defense weapon, no. Not to anyone familiar with firearms."

A spokesman for the Brady Center To Prevent Gun Violence was also dismissive.

"It's a silly, silly idea," spokesman Peter Hamm said. "I don't know that I would want to have one of these in my pocket for my own personal safety, never mind the safety of those around me."

Guns that small have been around in various styles for a long time, and some have become curiosities and collectors items, but have failed as weapons, said O'Brien.

"It might do damage to eyes, that sort of thing. But serious damage to a 200-pound drug-crazed evildoer, no — it'd just make them mad," he said.

O'Brien said the main value of the new gun is that it gives the owner a chance to get away from an attacker.

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Anti-Nader activist lasts to get him off ballots

Candice Novak

HONOLULU — Ralph Nader failed to get his name on Hawaii's ballot last week, but a Southern California anti-Nader activist is fasting to get him off presidential ballots in all states.

The independent presidential candidate came up short by about 500 signatures that would have enabled him to be listed on Hawaii's election ballot, according to state elections officials.

Nader did make the signature count prerequisite in other states, including California, where Jerry Rubin has begun a 30-day fast protesting Nader's candidacy.

Aiming to dissuade Nader, Rubin has started a liquid-only fast, consuming strictly herbal tea and juice until Oct. 9 and only water after that.

"Greens, progressives and Democrats are more divided now than they were in 2000 because of him," Rubin spoke against Nader in an Associated Press wire report. "I know Nader, and I don't think he's doing the right thing."

Out of nearly 7,000 signatures, more than half were not counted by Hawaii election officials because of missing birth dates and addresses or because of conflicting information on registration listings. Nader failed to send the signatures of at least 3,711 registered voters to the state of Hawaii Office of Elections by Sept. 3.

Rubin says he will call off the fast if Nader meets with him. In 1997 Rubin fasted in protest to Dreamworks' plan to relocate to an environmentally sensitive area. Rubin collapsed after a 26-day fast. Dreamworks abandoned the plan citing financial complications.

The rejection of signatures in Hawaii was appealed by Nader's campaign, but results were negative.
Walking around campus, it seems the hottest trend is a little yellow bracelet with the motto “LiveStrong” inscribed across its rubber band. These bracelets are not a fashion statement but they are a fund-raiser for the Lance Armstrong Foundation to help people living with cancer.

Each $1 bracelet benefits the foundation and provides information and support to young cancer survivors and their families all over the world. Through research, education, and awareness.
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ness, the Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF) is dedicated to
helping people manage and survive cancer.
"My dad died of cancer this past year so I wear the bracelet to
remember him as a personal dedication," journalism junior Elizabeth
Engelman said.
History senior Nathan Hamilton
wore his bracelet for similar rea­
tions.
"I wear it because both of my
grandfathers died of cancer," Hamilton
said. "I think it means, then it shouldn't be on
your wrist," Engelman said.
Three years before Lance
Armstrong became a world cham­
pion cyclist, he was diagnosed with an
aggressive form of testicular cancer. After battling and eventual­
ly defeating the cancer, Armstrong
went on to win six Tour de France
races, a feat unmatched by any
other athlete to date. Armstrong
started the foundation to help peo­
ple living with cancer since nearly
10 million people suffer from it
today.
This year, Nike approached
Armstrong with an idea to raise
money for LAF with a goal to sell
5 million bracelets, thus raising $5
million for cancer research.
However, more than 13 million
bracelets have already been sold,
and the bracelets are now harder to
find than a hot children's toy at
Christmas time.
Only stores carrying
Nike merchandise sell the
must-have-after-yellow bracelets
and there is a three to four week
shipping delay on the LAF Website
and Nike's website at www.until.org.
Since these yellow bracelets are
in such high demand, some people
are buying them in bulk and selling
them on eBay at a higher price.
However, not all giving the
extra money to LAF in support of
cancer research, they are pocketing
the money for their own profit.
"I think it's sad to wear some­
thing that supports a specific cause
when people don't know the
meaning. I would gladly have paid
more than $1 for my bracelet, but
only if I knew for sure that the
money was going to cancer research," Engelman
said.
Although countless celebrities
and professional athletes wear the
bracelets and advocate the cause,
some people are missing the point.
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became trendy after the 2004
Summer Olympics in Athens once
most Olympians wore the yellow
bracelets during competitions.
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bracelets as a testament of their continuing sup­
port for LAF.
"When I was in Europe this summer,
girls asked me about the bracelet and thought what we were
doomed was sexy," recent Cal Poly
graduate Dan Quigida said. "But I
don't wear it to pick up chicks or
because it's a fashion statement. I
wear the bracelet to promote cancer research and to support anyone
who suffers from cancer."
Similarly, other organizations are
selling bracelets as fundraisers. For
example, in 1993, two California
women started "Until There's a
Cure," a foundation to raise money
for HIV/AIDS research. The foun­
dation sells cuff-style bracelets with
the AIDS ribbon engraved on it,
the most popular being a $25
silver-plated cuff.
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for people living with the disease.
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have been sold worldwide, raising
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related causes. "Until There's a
Cure" recently came out with a
new jelly bracelet that has a bright­
ness colored band and a silver AIDS
ribbon adorning the top. With nine
colors to choose from at $10 a
piece, the foundation hopes to raise
even more money for AIDS
research until there is a cure.
Stores including Tower Records,
The Body Shop and Virgin Megastores carry the bracelets and
they can be purchased online at
www.until.org.

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Admitting that there was a good 90-95 percent chance that he made the wrong move, college
math club president Brady Burns recently called it quits with longtime supermodel
girlfriend Elena. Burns, who claimed he carefully calculated the break, said his alleged free checking
account had monthly fees that just didn't add up. The whiz kid was quick to admit that had he known about
Washington Mutual's Free Checking Deluxe, the relationship's longevity may have had better odds.

"I loved her like a quadratic formula, but the off-campus lunches were killing me financially," said Burns. "I felt like a real absurd for breaking things off."
The fact that he was unaware of Washington Mutual's Free Checking—an account with
optional Deluxe services like free online bill pay available at
www.wamu.com,—left Elena at a total loss. "He could have just gone to a
Washington Mutual Financial Center or wamu.com," she said. "We were
totally soul mates, but I guess he didn't see that.
As far as I'm concerned, he can go jump off a
logarithm. Whatever that is."
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Natalie Portman is a dirty, rotten thief. She stole my personality and is flaunting it on celluloid for all the world to see. Her turn as a rambling indie girl in "Garden State" reduced me to gasping disbelief upon first viewing — because her character, Sam, was ME. The motor-mouth speaking, the unwillingness to take down Christmas trees, the eagles for deceased household pets, the nervous little dance when she feels uncreative, the absolute insistence that a Shen song would change lives — they were pages ripped rudely from my own (less genetically blessed) existence.

But, really, why did I care so much? Her similar antics only echo one side of what is (hopefully) a complex personality. I really got into a heroic fit over the whole thing, though, and complained with Baptist fervor to whichever other friends stupidly answered their phones. I shuffled around in a daze, demoralized and sulky ... all because I felt totally uncreative. I'd seen that my personality was not as unique as I'd naively imagined. There were versions of me onscreen, in books, and probably running delightedly around every corner of the globe, and I'd tried almost my whole life to be different from others. It was shattering to realize it: you may be one in a million, but there are BILLIONS on the Earth.

Take Kurt Cobain.

Well, really, just take his four-chord legacy, "Smells Like Teen Spirit" — not the best Nirvana song, not one that even made much sense, but the anthem that changed 90s popular music, and made a lot of kids reluctant to bathe. Hailed by both critics and the Prozac Nation as the second coming of rock (when it was really just fuzzed-out punk), the song was the most widely acclaimed star in the "grunge" constellation.

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Cheney, Edwards show how it should be done

COMMENTARY

Re-thinking the American way of life

Simon Samano
THE DAILY AZTEC

SAN DIEGO — For the last four years, I’ve had to battle with the notion that I hate the United States of America — that I hate America. Even my friends sometimes feel I’m menacing when we engage in political conversation. Hate is such a strong word, though it is one I rarely use — but when I do use it, I mean it. That being said, I do not hate this country as a whole, but there are many things about it that piss me off. What exactly? Here it goes:

To begin, I hate the way this country was formed. In 1492, Christopher Columbus accidental­ly landed on one continent in search of the Indies, signaling the beginning of the end for non-white people. American Indians were killed. Africa was robbed of its people who would become slaves for the next 400 years and half of Mexico was stolen. Needless to say, this country has a bloody past that people continue to turn a blind eye to.

I hate the racism that still exists in this country — not only the face-to-face racism, but also institu­tionalized racism that continues to prevent people of color from advancing. In order for racism to be erased, I feel it has to start with a change in white people. Why? Because history has been predicated around the advancement of white people at the expense of non-whites. A white professor of mine told me about a white man who asked him if he should still feel guilty for his ancestors stealing a goat from an American Indian family. The answer he gave the man was, “Do you still have the goat?” Think about this in terms of who still has the power today and how this came to be.

I hate big business that runs this country. Corporations will stop at nothing to ensure they make a profit because doubling their money just isn’t enough these days. To boot, the politicians in Washington D.C., who are supposed to represent their citizens cater to these corporate cutthroats for the almighty dollar. Doesn’t this call into question the whole democratic thing?

I have the rampant apathy that plagues the people of this country. Politicians make decisions like wasting ungodly wages with our tax dollars, so why doesn’t everybody care enough to hold them accountable? Our vote doesn’t matter unless we continue monitoring their every step after we elect them into office.

I hate that conservative Christians in this country ruined religion for me. I don’t want to be associated with people who run their mouths about their “perfect” ways of life. They’re def­initely nothing like Jesus. Jesus helped the poor; they hate welfare. Jesus was compassionate; they’re for the death penalty. Jesus healed the sick; they hate the idea of universal health care. I give opposing do, indeed, attract. If you’ve made it this far, you’re probably wondering if there’s anything I love about this country. Sure — freedom and football. But don’t let the fact that we have the former be a rea­son to call this country the great­est in the world.

LETTERS

Plea to bring sex column back to the newspaper

Sarah Bradley
Environmental Horticulture senior

I was discussing a very hot topic with my friend the other day. She notified me of something lacking at our school. Something that has brought me much joy and motivation to attend school. This would be the sex column in our new­spaper.

Yes, I know that there was much controversy last year, but sex is one of the biggest motivators for col­lege kids today. I am aware that there are some students that find the sex offensive, but then they shouldn’t read it.

I know that last year’s column was offensive to some, but all of his anecdotes and commentaries had some truth and reality to them. Yes, older male students like to corrupt freshman girls; this is a reality that we all need to grasp. So consider this my plea to bring it back, the newspaper is just not fun without it.

Sarah Bradley

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**scientists research, create genetic map of cattle**

H. Josef Helbert

WASHINGTON — For the first time, scientists have created a genetic map of a cow, providing researchers a new tool to reduce animal disease and improve the nutrition of beef and dairy products, the Agriculture Department announced Wednesday.

The announcement was a major development in the $83 million international project to sequence the genome of different breeds of cattle.

"Sequencing the bovine genome is a major accomplishment ... in human and agricultural research," Agriculture Undersecretary Joseph Jen said in a statement.

The program, launched in December, was aimed at documenting each of the 3 billion "letters" — or base pairs — of the cattle DNA code, the same number as found in humans and other mammals.

The initial draft involved genes of the Hereford breed. Gene sequencing of a half dozen other breeds will follow, the department said.

Jen said that the first draft sequence has been put into a free public database, making it accessible to biomedical and agricultural scientists around the world.

"The bovine genome sequence will serve as a tool for agricultural researchers, striving to improve health and disease management of cattle and enhance the nutritional value of beef and dairy products," the USDA statement said.

Scientists believe that by identifying and better understanding the function of genes in cattle, researchers will be able to track the genetic makeup of the animals and breed cattle that are more disease resistant while using fewer antibiotics. That will increase the safety of the food supply, said the department.

The gene tracking also will help cattle breeders discover traits that will allow for better meat and milk products, the USDA said.

The research was carried out by a team at the Baylor College of Medicine's Human Genome Sequencing Center in Houston, Texas.

Additional work to develop more detailed information about individual cattle genes, is being conducted at the British Columbia Cancer Research Center in Vancouver, Canada, the USDA said.

The Baylor team was led by Richard Gibbs, a pioneer in genetic research, who also participated in the first mapping of the human genetic code. Last March, Gibbs and other scientists at the Baylor center completed the genetic mapping of a Norwegian brown rat, a development also viewed as important in research into human disease.

About half of the funding for the project, $25 million, was from the National Human Genome Research Institute, part of the National Institutes of Health. The USDA contributed $81 million and the state of Texas, $10 million.

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**Listen. Process. Help.**

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In the past, the Collegiate Sports Programs received funds when it comes to funding their expenses and they are on their own. "We have to fundraise $5,000 a year," Halverson said.

To raise the money, the volleyball team will do a number of things. One event is a letter campaign drive. Each team members writes and sends letters to relatives and family friends to ask for donations. Last year, Halverson said the volleyball team raised $2,500 from letter writing alone.

Other events include hosting volleyball tournaments, selling team apparel and helping set up for concerts at the Rec Center. Besides fund-raising, athletes are required to pay dues. Volleyball members were asked to pay $650 this year; $200 more than last year, according to Halverson. This year, the men’s volleyball team is returning a former tradition: raising money by putting out a calendar. Paolo Avila, a computer engineering senior and president/co-captain of the waterpolo team said that the team has done a calendar every year since 1998, except last year. The reason there was no calendar last year is because the year before, "no one bought them," Avila said. This year, however, the calendar has been at El Corral Bookstore and the downtown Cal Poly store since summer and sales are booming. Avila said they sold 75 during summer and more than 500 during Week of Welcome. The team gets $10 for every calendar sold. It cost $3,000 to manufacture but Avila says the goal is to make $7,000 in profit. "We’ve never made that much in one season before," he said.

Avila and co-captain Chris Gilley, a business senior, came up with the themes for each month. For example, October has a Halloween theme and September had a back-to-school theme. The cover, Avila explained, is also traditional. It features a black and white photograph of the teammates such as natural, toned by strategically placed waterpolo balls. So where does all this money go? Halverson and Avila both said the fees pay for things like referees, tournament dues, league dues, coach salaries, equipment, uniforms and most expensively, nutrition.

Halverson said that it costs $1,000 just to participate in nationals. It’s another $6,000 to fly there and another $3,000 for accommodations.

Expenses aside, Halverson said that it is a lot of fun. "It’s like being a manager of a business," Halverson said. "We’re operating and making decisions. It’s a good experience and a lot of fun."

While Avila said that there’s a lot more responsibility involved in being on a collegiate sport team, he also said, "Officers feel a bigger sense of ownership."

The water polo team made a calendar to raise money. This year, the team gave the calendar an edgy twist and it has never sold better. The team sold more than 75 during the summer and 500 during Week of Welcome.

Nutrena donates horse feed for the entire year and provides a cash donation. Cowboy Brand Candles donates free standing ones. Still, there will be on-hand. Cowboy Brand Candles gives discounts to team members and Classical Horsemanship’s donates items such as hat. The equestrian team is also considering a calendar, but Shelti said the idea is still undecided.

“We thought it would be fun to do, and it could possibly raise a lot of money," Shelti said.

The one difference between the equestrian team and CSPs is that the equestrian team receives funding from the state. "The state of California gives us $2,300 a year to run the team," Shelti said.

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**Extreme makeover: Hall of fame needs a new look**

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**Golden Graham**

**Buried upstairs in room 201 next to Men's is the Cal Poly Hall of Fame, or at least what passes for a hall.**

Lined high on the walls of the sprawling conference room are 78 plaques, soon to be 83, commemoration former Mustang like baseball great Ozzie Smith, announcer John Madden and golf pro Loren Roberts. There are some enshrined photos of the athletes. That’s about all, though, that meets the eye.

More room space is devoted to an area for press conferences, a large table for business meetings and office space for athletic personnel. Like the men’s section at a Victoria’s Secret store, the Hall of Fame isn’t the primary focus of the room it resides in and I doubt many people ever seek it out.

Interim associate athletic director Chris Baker said that the hall will be remodeled within a year or two through $150,000 (barring further estimate) from private donors, allowing for wall displays and some free standing ones. Still, there will never be a separate building for it. Maybe I’m asking for too much.

Admittedly, until recently, even I didn’t know of Marjore Ancich, Dave Hamer, Lance Harter, Kolleen McNamara and Horace Williams, who were honored last weekend as the 2004 Inductee Class.

If I wasn’t responsible for this column and had been among the fans Saturday at the Cal Poly-South Dakota State football game, I probably would have been one of the many people at best politely and quietly cheering the halftime ceremony honoring the five Mustang greats.

Luckily, some of the new inductees seemed to mind the crowd’s restrained applause. The quintet proudly lined midfield, stepping forward one by one to hear their bio read over the public address system and then receive a personal plaque from interim athletic director Alison Cone.

Each had no trouble smiling. Harter’s accustomed to thriving quietly, as he won eight consecutive NCAA cross country titles and five track titles in nine years. Ancich, a distance runner from 1953-56, must have been glad just to be on-hand Saturday, as high school coaching duties kept him from a more intimate awards banquet held Friday. There were other reason people were happy too. Hamer, a former pole-vaulter, said the award was more for his wife, two daughters, and two son in the stands. Women’s soccer record-holder McNamara was glad that her five-week old daughter, Faith MacKenzie, could be on-hand.

It was Williams, though, a deep-eyed man nicknamed “Pinkus” who got me most. A star Mustang football guard from 1971-1974, I think he spoke for all the inductees.

"Let me say this to you," Williams told me after leaving midfield. "This is one of the greatest honors I ever received. I have received a lot of awards in my life... but this is the ultimate. Not many people get selected for the Hall of Fame for anything, and to be elected to Cal Poly’s Hall of Fame, (a) I deeply love this school; it’s just a great honor for me."

Williams and all the inductees said it would have been the same even if there was no one around.

I guess for now the best Cal Poly Hall of Fame exists wherever each member decides to put his or her personal plaque.