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RABBIT TEST — Is this rabbit pregnant? Is this rabbit pregnant with a herd of dairy cattle? Western biologist John Erickson's answers may surprise you. See story on page 2.
Rabbits? dairy cattle? what is this?!

By MAUREEN SMITH
Public Information Office Staff Writer

A man, seated on an airplane with a caged rabbit beside him, is approached by a stewardess.

"What is that rabbit doing in that seat?" she asks.

"That's no rabbit," the man replies.

"That's a herd of prized dairy cattle." That "joke," currently circulating in the scientific community, is not a joke at all, according to Dr. John Erickson, biologist at Western Washington University. Rather it's a reference to new reproductive techniques already in use for commercial purposes.

"A prized and valuable dairy cow might normally produce only six or eight progeny," Dr. Erickson said. "However, now it's possible to inseminate the cow artificially and wait a few days until the fertilized egg reaches the uterus. Then the egg is washed out with a saline solution and implanted into another less valuable cow which becomes the host mother and eventually gives birth to a calf which is not biologically hers." The prize cow, meanwhile, becomes available sooner for further breeding.

But, even more astounding, several fertilized eggs may be successfully implanted in a female rabbit which acts as a temporary host mother for purposes of transporting the eggs to distant dairy ranches. Once at their destination, Erickson said, the eggs are washed from the rabbit and implanted in cows which eventually give birth to the offspring of cattle many miles away.

Since an embryo's doesn't mind whether it spends its gestation period with its original mother, would such techniques be applicable to humans?

"We assume this is being done," said Erickson. "Like most of his fellow scientists, Erickson is adopting a "wait and see" attitude to claims that a human being has been successfully cloned, that is, reproduced asexually. However, he is certain of one thing: the current use of the word 'clone' is at least grammatically incorrect.

"Cloning means reproducing a group, each of which has an identical set of genes, not merely reproducing a single individual," Erickson said. "It's also incorrect to say 'the donor was cloned.' However, I suspect that scientists will have to surrender their use of the word, now that its incorrect meaning has become so popular in the media."

Erickson pointed out that the current controversy over cloning does not revolve around whether or not it is a scientific possibility, since frogs were successfully cloned at least a decade ago and those techniques made available to scientists.

But to date no scientist has published the developmental techniques necessary to clone a human being from 'mature' cellular material.

'Mature' in this case, Erickson explained, did not refer to the age of the donor, but rather to the developmental state of the cell used in a cloning process.

"One of the basic things biologists believe is that all cells have complete sets of genes," Erickson explained. "What is less clearly understood is the means by which cells first come to differ from one another to produce the many bodily parts."

"Gene action takes place only where appropriate," Erickson said. "Those that aren't needed in a particular cell 'turn off,' " This differentiation process occurs in an early embryonic stage.

In order to clone using already developed cellular material, it would be necessary to cause 'de-differentiation,' that is, to get the cells back to that embryonic stage in which genes hadn't yet turned off their full potential.

The cloning of frogs didn't require this de-differentiation process since the cells used were not mature, Erickson said. "But work was done four or five years ago de-differentiating the cells of carrots," he added.

There is another aspect of the frog cloning process which raises some question as to its current alleged application among humans.

"When scientists work with amphibia such as frogs, they are working with a big bowl of eggs, so to speak, hoping to get even a one percent success," Erickson noted. "It might require working with hundreds of potential host mothers before successfully reproducing a child in this manner."

Erickson does not see this as necessarily the criteria for assuming the upcoming book on cloning is a hoax.

"There is said to be a multimillionaire involved," he noted. "And people can be recruited to keep secrets; we all keep secrets in wartime, for example."

He added that among scientists saying the current case is a hoax, few, if any, are denying that the cloning of humans is a future possibility.

"Publication of this much-publicized book won't constitute proof," he said. "That will require scientific reporting of developmental techniques, all of which are very possible."

Do Erickson and other scientists hope the book turns out to be factual?

"When we're talking about scientific breakthroughs," he said, "scientists don't hope. Journalists do."
LANDMARK RAZED - A Western landmark fell to the wrecker's ball during winter quarter, as the old Manual Training building was demolished (above). Originally built in 1912 as a wood frame building (insert), it was enlarged in 1913 by setting that section atop a two-story substructure. Through the years it housed a variety of services, including grounds, the paint shop and Western's security staff. Not much was found in the rubble in the way of memorabilia. However, the persons who left behind a World War II radio transmitter housing, a badly worn flannel shirt, and the mural on the wall of the ground floor in the northwest corner are too late to retrieve these important items.

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I wish that someone would give a course in how to live. It can’t be taught in the colleges: that’s perfectly obvious, for college professors don’t know any better than the rest of us.

— Edward A. Newton

NORMAN BRIGHT ROAD RUN NOW SET FOR SUNDAY, MAY 7

Choosing the appropriate date for an event like the road run being sponsored by the Alumni Association and the Associated Students to honor Western alumnus Norm Bright’s brilliant running career seemed a simple task. We were wrong.

Originally, we announced it for Saturday, May 6. A chorus of protest arose, as many participants were unable to make the Saturday date. Always accommodating, we have decided to hold it on Sunday, May 7.

Starting time will be 1:30 p.m. The race will begin at Fairhaven Park in south Bellingham and will conclude on campus. There will be a five-mile and a 7.5-mile event. There will be men’s and women’s divisions for three age groups—12 and under, 13 to 30 and over 30. Entrants may also run on the basis of predicted elapsed time, with recognition going to the best guesser.

Registrations, with a $2 entry fee, should be sent to Norm Bright Road Run, Viking Union 227, Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA 98225, before May 1. All finishers will receive an official t-shirt. You all come!!
WWU student archery champ

Western student Pat Madsen took up archery about a year ago. Today he’s archery champion of Canada, state champion of Washington, and, he says, “within four points of the U.S. championship.”

Pat competes in the novice division of the world-wide Wheel Chair Sports Program and hopes to compete in international competition next June in Stoke-Mandeville, England.

Not satisfied with his archery laurels, he plans to compete in the Pentathlon, a series of five events including swimming, javelin, shot put and track, in addition to archery.

Pat, former teenage diving champion, clown diver and target diver, was a movie and television stunt man in 1974 when a fractured back ended his career. “The stunt I was doing involved flipping a motorcycle over a cliff,” Pat recalled. “I hit sand and overshot my mark by 180 feet.”

It took a while for Pat to realize his injuries were permanent and that he’d be spending his life in a wheel chair. It took still longer for him to realize that wheel chair sports might offer even more challenges than he’d known before the accident.

“In the beginning, I thought of it as a bunch of guys in chairs attempting to do sports,” Pat says. “But I learned competition is as great, if not greater, than able-bodied sports competition.”

Pat plays volleyball with the Vancouver, B.C., Cable Cars, and happily volunteered that his team recently beat the British Columbia Lions pro football team in an exhibition volleyball match. Other activities include motorcycling and farming, but competitive sports dominate his interest.

His accident, Pat explained, gave him new attitudes about life. “I never think of myself as handicapped,” he said. “It’s a minor inconvenience, not a major concern.”

Students in Western’s Higginson Hall dorm rushed from the dining room last month to escape a raging fire in the “goldfish bowl” lounge. There were no injuries.

According to Security Director Robert Peterson, fire broke out in the downstairs lounge about 5:30 p.m. March 14, destroying most of the room and causing an estimated $50,000 damage.

Two students who were playing pool at Higginson noticed flames pouring out of a window and alerted campus security and the Bellingham Fire Department. Peterson credited Thomas J. Freitag and Paul J. Alexander, who both live on campus, with promptly alerting his department and local firemen.

Two boys, ages eight and ten, admitted starting the fire after questioning by local authorities and Western’s security forces. The boys, questioned when arson was suspected as the cause, apparently used a newspaper in a recycling container to start the blaze, according to Security Officer Chuck Page.

“The Bellingham Fire Department really got there in a heck of a hurry,” Page said.

Even so, Housing Director Pete Coy said lounge furniture purchased only a year ago was destroyed by fire and smoke, and windows, ceilings and walls were heavily damaged.

“The fire went fast,” he said. “It apparently started in a corner near two love seats and an end table.”

Coy said it might be four or five months before the furnishings are completely replaced and structural repairs made to the lounge. He said it was the first major fire to occur in a Western housing facility during his 14 years here.

Peterson, with 10 years at Western, said the blaze was the first fire “of any significance” in his memory. He said the campus safety inspector and Bellingham firemen planned an investigation of the fire.
ACCEPT CHECK — A new program in management training and business ethics will be funded with $4,500 received from Seattle Probation Office. The money, part of a U.S. District Court settlement involving the White Stag Corp. of Portland, was earmarked for organizations, corporations and institutions with programs to benefit the public. Accepting the check from Kenneth A. Wagner (left), local representative of the Probation Office, are Dr. Robert Collier, dean of the College of Business and Economics, and Dr. Sam Kelly, dean of the Graduate School. Collier said his college will sponsor a two-year training program in cooperation with the Bureau of Business Research.

‘Sex Roles in Culture’ gains attention

Depending on a student’s point of view, the WWU course Anthropology 353 can be either maddening or enlightening, according to its instructor Howard Harris.

Also known as “Sex Roles in Culture,” the course is one of several in Western’s Women’s Studies Program, which is designed to offer men and women orientation in the particularly female aspects of the educational process.

Until last fall, students taking the class were predominantly female.

“The first time the course was offered—in the early ‘70s—there were 10 women and two men enrolled, and one of the men dropped out,” Harris said. “Last fall enrollment was up to 30 students, half of whom were men.”

Harris credits interest in women’s issues for the continuous enrollment growth. He said the class also draws women with a militant point of view and these students are most apt to find some of the course content maddening.

Learning about cultures in which women are thoroughly dominated by men sometimes leads female students to talk angrily about “exploitation,” Harris said.

“But what I hope people will achieve is a broader perspective. I think it’s important to discover that many of the things we’ve been taught are human nature are not that at all. They’re simply things we’ve learned to do. Studying anthropology can make us aware of how much a part of us our culture really is.”

To make this point, Harris refers students to books about other cultures in which women see freedom not as a blessing but as a rather dangerous kind of situation.

“Our culture is so much a part of us that we perceive the things we learn as being perfectly natural,” Harris said. “An aborigine thinks grubworms are the best meal he can get. Since they’re probably the most nutritious food in the world, he can hardly be called depraved for eating them, but we’ve been taught not to hunger for insects.”

But if Harris’ students are sometimes angered by learning about male-dominated cultures, they are encouraged by learning of cultures in which male/female roles have struck a closer balance.

The traditional Hopi Indian tribe of northeastern Arizona is an example, Harris explained.

“They have such a beautiful balance,” he said. “It’s a matrilineal society, meaning inheritance passes through the women. Women control the material aspects of life by deciding who farms what, who lives where, what property belongs to whom. Hopi men deal with the religious side of life, belonging to groups which carry out ceremonies, such as those related to rain, for example. This is a culture where men and women do very separate but equal things, but constantly interact with one another.”

An anthropology instructor at Western for the past 12 years, Harris’ academic background centers on education, religion and biology. Although he spent four years as a minister and six as a school counselor, a course from renowned anthropologist Dorothy Lee transformed his career goals.

“Anthropology fit It all together,” he said.
SPRING CHORE—One of the spring chores of Western's grounds and maintenance crews is to keep in check the ivy covering many of the campus buildings. Here, workmen use a "cherry picker" to clear gutters and eves of ivy on College Hall.

Curtis Dalrymple is new trustee

Curtis J. Dalrymple, a 1973 cum laude accounting graduate, has been appointed to Western's Board of Trustees by Governor Dixy Lee Ray. His term began in March and runs through 1984.

Dalrymple, 29, is a certified public accountant and is co-owner of Dalrymple and Saur, a CPA firm in Bellingham. He replaces Bellingham banker Paul B. Hanson who has served as a Western trustee since 1971.

After graduating from Arlington High School in 1966, Dalrymple served as a French linguist with the U.S. Naval Security Group before entering Western in 1969. He is still active in the U.S. Naval Reserve, serving with the Everett unit.

He worked for Ernst & Ernst, CPAs in Denver, Colo., from 1973-74 and for the Bellingham accounting firm of Unger and Borgstrom from 1974-77. He taught accounting at Western in 1975.

Dalrymple is a member of two professional CPA organizations and is president of Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Northwest Washington.

He and his wife Mary reside in Bellingham.

'Western Preview 1978' April 29

Western will open its doors to high school and community college students on Saturday, April 29, when the University hosts "Western Preview 1978."

During the day, students from throughout Washington will have an opportunity to visit two academic departments of their choice, tour campus residence halls and sample Western cuisine. Activities will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Bus transportation, partially subsidized by Western's Alumni Association, will be available from the Seattle/Tacoma/Olympia area at a nominal cost. Bus fees include an on-campus lunch. For those arriving by other transportation, lunch is available for $1.60, payable at the dining hall.

Information sheets and reservation forms are available from high school and community college counseling offices. Others may write to Western's Admissions Office, WWU, Bellingham, WA 98225, or call 676-3440 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays.

Reservations must be made no later than April 17 to assure adequate seating on the busses.

"Western Preview, 1978" offers students who have already decided to enroll at Western a headstart on fall orientation. For the undecided, the day offers a chance for a closer look at Western.

FINE AND PERFORMING ARTS CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 17, 18 — Seattle Repertory Theatre production of Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing." 8:15 p.m., Main Auditorium.

April 18 — Choral Concert conducted by Robert Scandrett. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

April 21 — Collegium Musicum directed by Mary Terey-Smith. 8:15 p.m., Whatcom Museum.

April 24-28 — First Annual Art Scholarship Auction to be held in Western's Art Gallery, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

April 25 — Graduate recital by Byron Akita, clarinet. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

April 28, 29 — "Figaro," opera to be directed by C. Bruce Pullan. 7:30 p.m., Concert Hall.

April 30 — Chamber Music directed by Mary Terey-Smith. 3 p.m., Concert Hall.

April 30 to May 5 — Dan Wilson and Don Jensen, joint BFA show in Western's Art Gallery, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

May 1 — Chamber Jazz, directed by Scott Reeves. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 2 — New Music at Western, directed by Edwin LaBounty. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 4 — Faculty recital by Sue Erickson, voice. 8:15 p.m., Whatcom Museum.

May 5 — Faculty recital by Tom Patterson, guitar. 8:15 p.m., Whatcom Museum.

May 7 — Trio Concertante with Charmian Gadd and two guest artists. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 9 — Western Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Barton Frank. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 10-19 — Juried Student Show to be held in Western's Art Gallery. Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

May 12, 13 — "Dylan" (a modern drama), a play by Sidney Michaels, is presented by Western Theatre, directed by Tom Ward. This play is based on the life of the great Welsh poet Dylan Thomas and his triumphant North American tours of the 1950s. Presented at 8:15 p.m., Main Auditorium. Also plays May 18, 19, 20.

May 15 — Chamber Jazz, directed by Scott Reeves. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 16 — Faculty recital by David Schaub, organ. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 18 — Collegium Musicum, directed by Mary Terey-Smith. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 18, 19, 20 — "Dylan," presented by Western Theatre, 8:15 p.m., Main Auditorium.

May 19 — Philadelphia String Quartet. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 22 to July 15 — Show of Canadian landscapes in Western's Art Gallery, sponsored by the Canadian government. Gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

May 25 — Wind Ensemble, directed by William Cole. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 30 — Choral Concert, conducted by Robert Scandrett. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

May 31 — Jazz Concert, directed by William Cole. 7:30 p.m., Main Auditorium.

June 1 — Symphonic Band, directed by Americole Biasini. 8:15 p.m., Concert Hall.

June 2 — Morca—Flamenco in Concert, with Teo and Isabel Morca. 8:15 p.m., Main Auditorium.

Note: Unless otherwise specified, all events in the Concert Hall are usually free admission.
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MAYBE SOME DAY — Kristina Forster, 3, may not be quite ready to enroll at Western Washington University, but she came along to practice advance registration procedures with her aunt, Tracy Zelenka (left) and her mother, Geri Forster, both of Bellingham. Students registered for spring quarter at Western on March 27.
'39 MILDRED HARDER BAIN retired from the Seattle School District last June. Both she and her husband, Dr. Frank Bain, have traveled extensively and are planning to take an around-the-world cruise in the near future.

'62 BILL HUTSINPILLER has been named operations manager for the King County Parks Division.

'63 MAHLON L. BANKS is assistant vice president for Olympic Bank's finance department in Marysville.

'65 HOWARD E. A. (TONY) TINSLEY, associate professor of psychology at Southern Illinois University/Carbondale, has been appointed director of the counseling psychology program. The program is one of only 22 counseling psychology programs to be accredited by the American Psychological Association.

'66 DAVE SUND sells educational materials and conducts teacher workshops for Addison-Wesley Publishing Company in Tacoma.

'67 CONRAD GOERL is the new manager of the Value Giant Drug Store in Salinas, California.

'68 CONSTANCE WAHL is a Title I reading instructor for grades two through six at Concrete Elementary School ... DAVID WALWORTH teaches vocal music and assists with the band at The Dalles High School in Lacey and Is teaching in Oregon.

'70 TERRY HEATH has joined the sales staff of Snow Ford in Lynden ... NANCY HIGGERSOHN and Howard Carter were married in November in Bellingham. They are living in Alaska ... KATHRYN DAVIDSON is a planner in the air program branch of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency in Seattle.

'71 Margo Peters and GERALD COONS were married in Tacoma where they are living. He is employed as an auditor.

'73 Mr. and Mrs. TONY WEEKS (PATTY IVERSON, '75) are currently living in Quantico, Virginia. He completed his law degree at the University of Puget Sound in 1975 and was admitted to the Washington Bar Association in 1976. Patty completed her M.S. in speech pathology at Western in 1976. They will be moving to Iwakuni, Japan, soon and invite all their friends to pay them a visit if they are in the area. Tony will be handling civil litigation for the Marine Corps. Patty is currently a speech pathologist in Woodbridge, Virginia.

'74 RICHARD D. GEORGE is manager of Roy's Chuckwagon in Spokane ... GARY M. JONES has been promoted to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force ... RICHARD ROFF was sports editor of the Lynden Tribune for three years and is now on the staff of The Enterprise newspaper in Lynnwood.

'75 Jacquee Long and JOHN CHRISTIAN LARSEN were married in January in Lynden where they are living ... CHRISTINE ANN PAYNE and GARY R. WILLIAMS were married in February in Seattle. They are living in Kirkland ... KARI NEWLAND and LARRY ARLINT were married recently in Australia where they are now both teaching.

'76 GAYLE VANDER HAAK is teaching home economics at Ontario, California, Christian High School ... PETER W. MURPHY is the news director at radio station KBDF in Eugene, Oregon ... JAMES GLEN III is living and working in the Los Angeles area with United Pacific Insurance Company, based in Tacoma ... BARBARA J. DILLARD and Michael Hester were married recently in Blythe, California, where they are living. She is teaching grade school ... DEBORAH HINES is an Outreach worker for a parenting program in south Seattle.

'77 LAURA MORI and Marshall Okamoto were married in December in Torrance, California, where they are living ... KAREN AND WILIAM "BRUCE" ROWELL were married in January in Bellingham where they are living ... SANDY SCHAPLOW is the coordinator for the Evergreen Community School in Vancouver, Washington. DAVID SELFF has been commissioned a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force upon graduation from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas.

Unclassified LA VELLE AXELSON, administrative secretary to the dean of undergraduate studies at Central Washington University, was named "Outstanding Young Career Woman" in Ellensburg and again in Yakima two years ago ... WILLIAM D. BRUNER has been loaned from his executive position with Portland General Electric Company to head a regional study designed to find ways for government to increase employment in the forest industry in Washington, Oregon and Idaho ... DEBRA JEAN EDENS and Brian Flodberg were married in January in Kennewick and are living in Seattle ... MARY NANCY GRAY and JOSEPH GARCIA were married in December in Cle Elum. She is entering the data processing field and he is a psychologist at Everett Community College ... ROBERT GWYN, executive director of a sheltered workshop in Ketchikan, has received special recognition from the National Mental Health Association ... KEITH GREEN works as a contemporary Christian recording artist ... LAURINDA KUKES has been appointed operations supervisor at the Fourth and Battery Branch of Peoples National Bank of Washington in Bothell ... SAMUEL GREEN, an artist-in-residence for the King County Arts Commission, also has extensive experience as a teaching, conducting formal classes in composition and creative writing and has had more than four years' background as an editor ... DEBORAH LUCHER and Reginald Davis, Jr., were married in December in Medina and are living in Bothell ... DON WILLIAMS has been named retail sales manager of the Williams and Williams expanded draperies division in Bellingham. He was founder of the Williams and Williams ticket office and had been operating the firm's division in the Tri-Cities area ... ROBERT A. WHEELER is Clatskanie County's City Administrator.

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