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### Dairy cattle can conceive 'tube' calves

FORT COLLINS, Colo. of the most valuable cattle in the nation will be able to conceive as many as 15 to 20 times a year, instead of only once, because of an embryo transfer program that is underway at Colorado State University. Veterinarian Peter Elsden said

the university has been taking part in embryo transfers involving farms in Kansas, Idaho and California. Negotiations also are under way to sell Holstein embryos to Eurofoods, a firm in Sweden. American Holsteins are considered the best dairy cows in the world, according to the veterinarian

"Colorado dairy farmers will have a good chance to sell embryos from their better cows," Elsden said. "There are about 3,000 dairy cows in the Fort Collins area alone."

He said several Eastern European countries also are interested in busing dairy cows are proposed.

buying dairy cow embryos from the CSU transfer unit.

Elsden recently carried a test tube containing an embryo in his pocket on a 600-mile flight from Kansas City, Mo., to Denver. The test tube contained the embryo of a valuable Holstein dairy cow from the ranch of Kansas dairy farmer

George Pretz.

The CSU veterinarian said embryo transfers in cattle allow prime cows to conceive 5 or 20 embryos, which then are placed in surrogate mothers that are not as valuable.

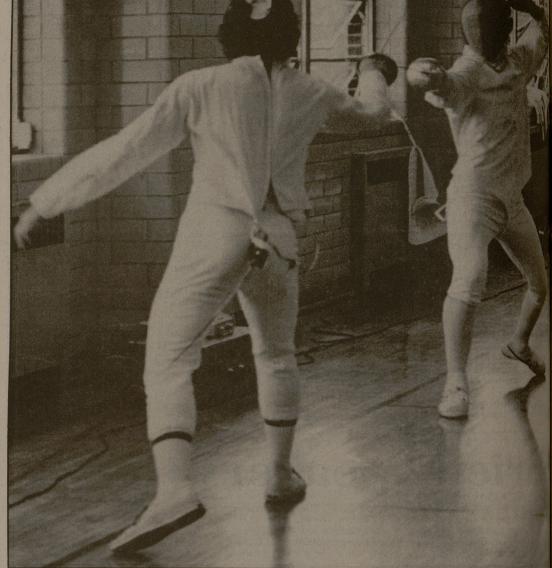
"Pretz had aleady obtained a con-

tract from a Canadian farmer to sell the potential calf for \$10,000," Elsden said. "I put the test tube in my pocket so my body would act as a incubator.

'When I returned at midnight, we transferred the embryo into a recipient cow (owned by CSU) that had been in heat the same time as the natural mother.

An embryo can live in the test-tube medium for 18 to 20 hours. Recovery from the Holstein cow took about one hour and traveling time was six hours. A pregnancy resulted in the recipient cow, and Pretz now can breed his valuable Holstein

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En garde

Texas A&M University fencing team members Tim Garison and Omer Tuncata fight with electrical epees during team practice in G. Rollie White Coliseum. The team waspaparing for the recent Texas A&M Invitation Fencing Tournament.

### Santa jobs scarce in Lincoln, Nel

United Press International LINCOLN, Neb.—If you are an unemployed fat man with bright red cheeks and can remain jolly despite your job prospects, you had better not come to Lincoln in search of a

Santa Claus job for the holidays. A recent check of major depart-ment stores, the Salvation Army and the Chamber of Commerce showed St. Nicholas would only be ho-hohoing at the Gateway Shopping Center and at the downtown

Brandeis-Lincoln store. The two locations are a convenient 50 city three or four people came

one, since last year "there was a The Chamber of Commerce said had a Santa lost and the law tagency specializing in the chamber of Commerce said there have Santa a few doors down.' it had a Santa last year at its Christ-

"Once it was popular to have a Santa, but then there were so many it made it confusing for the kids," a Miller & Paine spokesman said.

A spokesman for J.C. Penney said the store apparently doesn't need one, since last

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