

Baby boy born to couple in UNMC program

New fertilization method works

By Emily Rosenbaum
Senior Reporter

A treatment at the University of Nebraska Medical Center is allowing some men with spinal cord injuries to produce enough sperm to father children.

Dr. Jeffrey Buch, director of the Male Infertility Center and an assistant professor of surgery in the Division of Urologic Surgery at UNMC, said a healthy boy was born in December to one of the three couples the program treats.

The treatment, called rectal probe electroejaculation (RPE), began last year and currently is being received by eight men, he said. The process allows for collection of sperm from men with spinal cord injuries.

Five of those eight have been able to produce "suitable-quality sperm," but only one pregnancy has resulted, Buch said. In another of the cases, fertilization from collected sperm occurred, but the embryo failed to implant, he said.

Buch said the three men who have not produced viable sperm only have had one attempt at the procedure.

RPE involves the insertion of rectal probes and placing them against the prostate and seminal vesicles to stimulate nerves with an electrical current, producing erection and ejaculation.

Sperm is collected successfully 80 percent of the time, and is viable 60 percent of the time, Buch said.

The procedure can take place in a doctor's office and does not require anesthesia. The treatment takes about

20 to 30 minutes, he said.

Because of a grant from the Spinal Cord Research Foundation, prices for the treatment are negotiable, depending on a patient's financial situation, he said.

After the sperm is collected, it is screened for quality. Eggs then are fertilized by intrauterine insemination or in vitro fertilization.

Buch said Nebraska has about 100 new spinal cord injured patients each year, and about 95 percent of all men with spinal cord injuries suffer from infertility.

UNMC offers the only RPE treatment in a five-state area which includes Iowa, Kansas, South Dakota, North Dakota and Minnesota, he said. Missouri is currently making attempts to introduce the RPE program, he said.

Lobby

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The proposed change for higher education presents the best possible way for students to get a vote, Fiddelke said.

Now is the perfect time for the measures, she said, because there is support from senators for the bill.

State Sens. Tim Hall of Omaha and Scott Moore of Seward support the student vote, Fiddelke said. Of the senators on the Education Committee that she has talked to, none has strongly opposed the bill, she said.

Fiddelke said she hopes about 100 students will attend the hearings, which could last as long as seven hours. Students will be able to leave when they want, she said.

Students could come for as little as a half hour "just to keep the amount of students there . . . at a constant level," Fiddelke said.

"We need the student support," Fiddelke said. "The Legislature has to see . . . that the entire campus and the entire state are behind us."

Other GLC plans include a conference this week in which student leaders from all seven Nebraska post-secondary, four-year institutions will

suggest that student members on the proposed boards of trustees be voting members. Hall and Moore hope to attend the session, Fiddelke said.

GLC members also plan to circulate petitions supporting both resolutions to residence halls, greek houses and at a booth in the Nebraska Union. GLC members have requested that other Nebraska post-secondary institutions file similar petitions.

Organizations including the Association of Students of the University of Nebraska, the Residence Hall Association and Panhellenic Association also will meet to discuss resolutions supporting the student-regent vote, Fiddelke said.

Faculty to vote on changes of senate structure by mail

By Todd Neeley
Staff Reporter

In a 115-3 vote, University of Nebraska-Lincoln faculty members decided Monday to mail ballots to their colleagues so they can vote on proposed changes in the structure of the Faculty Senate.

The meeting, open to all faculty members, used telecommunications to connect UNL professors with university extension officers and

faculty members to two representatives for every 25 or more and three for every 50 or more.

Departments with five to 25 members will have one senate representative.

Under the proposal, there would be two all-faculty meetings each academic year. Faculty senators' terms would be increased from one year to three years.

Ballots for the referendum will ask faculty members about the proposal in a "yes-no" fashion, McShane said.

"They'll either vote it up or vote it down," he said.

Based on Monday's overwhelming vote, McShane said, he thinks other faculty members will support the proposal.

McShane said the longer term would "maintain excellence" in the senate.

More representatives would encourage better communication and participation among faculty members, he said.

McShane said the current senate "felt like it was talking to itself." He said it is important that representatives statewide have open lines of communication.

About 1,600 ballots will be sent out today to all faculty members of the rank assistant professor or higher and their equivalents among extension officers, McShane said. Results of the mail balloting will be released Feb. 12.

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other faculty members across Nebraska, said James McShane, Faculty Senate president.

McShane said representatives gathered at 14 sites across the state, including City and East campuses, to call in their votes and questions about the proposal.

The proposal would change the name of the Faculty Senate to the Academic Senate. The senate's membership would increase from about 60 to 80 or 85.

Senate representation by department would be changed from one representative for every 25 or more

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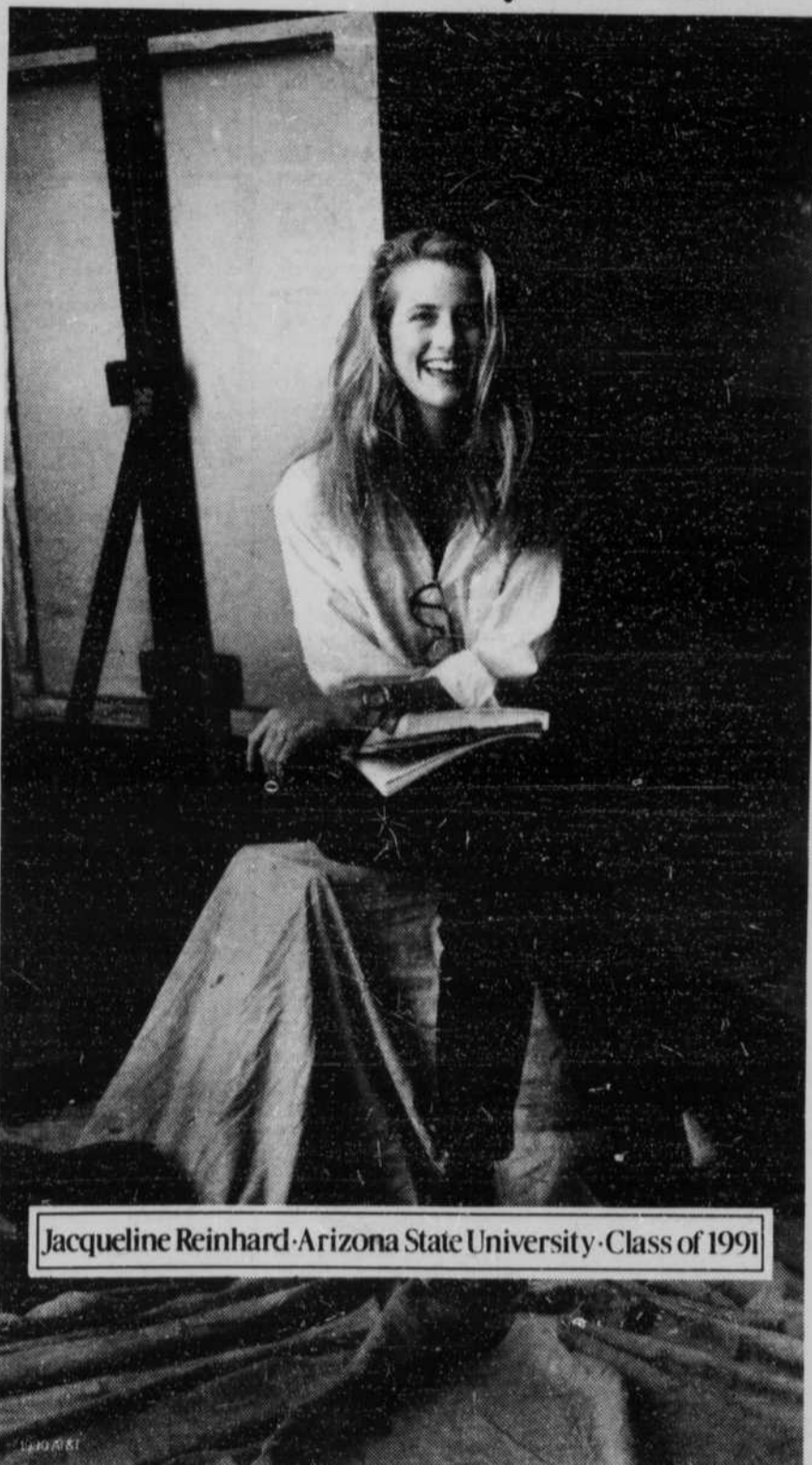
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