

Veterinary tours offered

Two tours of the Veterinary Clinic will be offered this Wednesday, July 2 at 2:00 and 3:30 p.m. The clinic on this campus is the only one in the Pacific Northwest and is one of three located in the West.

This tour will introduce the latest in equipment and facilities which are used in veterinary practice and in the training of future veterinarians. The tour will assemble in the CUB Lobby area and will be conducted at the clinic by Lavon Koger, associate professor of veterinary clinic medicine.

Venereal disease rises over 100 per cent

Venereal disease in Eastern Washington jumped 100 per cent in teenagers in the last two years and is expected to soar another 100 per cent in 1969, said Bill Huber, public health adviser from the U.S. Public Health Service, Spokane.

Since 1966 there has been widespread use of the birth control pill and the interuterine loop, which has prevented conception but not disease, Huber explained. Before 1966, Huber said, foams, jellies and other less sophisticated conception controls girls used helped kill disease-causing bacteria in addition to helping prevent conception.

Huber enumerated the problems in tracing new cases of

communicable diseases, which is his job as an epidemiologist. People are reluctant to talk about a subject that is private, Huber said. But though all communication is confidential, people who can provide tracing information are reluctant to point the finger at friends, he said.

Marriage poses a problem if venereal disease is brought in from outside it. Very seldom, however, does he find lasting trouble or divorce coming from the disease discovered in marriages, Huber said. Often knowledge of the disease brings into the open things the couple have repressed for years.

The disease can be passed easily by homosexuals, Huber said, and in this state syphilis is becoming a strictly homosexual problem. Syphilis has been almost eliminated in Eastern Washington among heterosexuals, he said.

Mobile society makes tracing more difficult, and sometimes

people do not know the names of those with whom they have had sexual contact, Huber explained. In addition, girls take two or three reminders before they will go for a medical examination, Huber said he finds.

Gonorrhea is the biggest problem now in venereal disease, Huber said. There are more cases of gonorrhea reported in a year than measles, and there is no easy test for gonorrhea. With syphilis, a blood test is reliable. Males pick up gonorrhea only 25 to 30% of the time, while females pick it up 99% of the time, Huber said.

At least 40,000 females have gonorrhea on any day in Los Angeles County and do not know it, Huber stated. That figure does not include those who know they have the disease. More than 15,000 teenagers get gonorrhea each day, and every time there are 500 teenagers together, two can be counted on to have gonorrhea.

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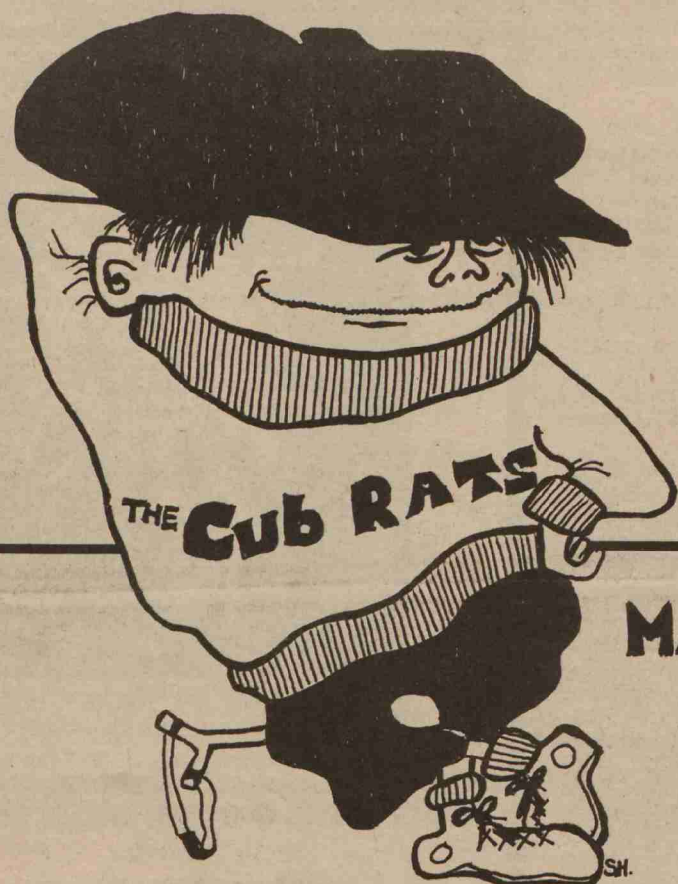
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