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Varied schedule set for festival

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For the first time, a nationally-known entertainer will headline the Walpurgisnacht Winter festival Jan. 25 in the Union.

Jimmie Walker, who has played J.J. Evans for six seasons on the television series Good Times, will bring his stand-up comedy routine to the Centennial Room at 10 p.m. Friday. Walker got his start in show business doing stand-up comedy at small clubs in his native New York City, and has continued performing while acting in his CBS series.

Walker is the most famous performer ever to take part in Walpurgisnacht, and if the response to his performance is good more will follow, Gary Gilger, Program Consultant for Campus Activites and Programs, said.

Local musical talent

Local musical talent will be singing and playing all evening Friday. Talent including the band First Class, featuring Anthony Steels, the Spencer Ward Jazz Quintet and guitarist Court Vining. Dave Landis will play guitar at the South Crib at 1 a.m.

UNL musicians include Tom Payne playing bagpipes, the Scarlet and Cream Singers and the Tri-Delt Washboard Band. The KFOR Pep Band and the semi-legendary Bohemian Stationary Marching Band also will perform.

New this year will be Nite At the Races. Films of dog, horse and trotter races from a New York company will be shown in the main lounge. Bets can be placed beforehand without odds and prizes yet unspecified will be awarded to winners.

Gong entries needed

The Women's Resource Center Gong Show will occur this year. Entries are encouraged and will be accepted up to show time. Performers will be judged by members of UPC and the winner awarded a dinner at Valentino's.

The paper aviation contest will award three trophies: for duration and distance of flight and for acrobatics made while the airplane is in the air.

Bowlers can compete in a bowling tournament at the Union lanes, with prizes for high game and series, and the top three places.

Changes in schedule

Some changes in the announced schedule include moving rope twirler Joan Wells to the Centennial Room and adding an 8:30 p.m. performance. Paddywhack, a local Irish music band, will not perform and is replaced by mime Gary Theiler.

A karate demonstration in the main lounge at 10 p.m. has been added. The Comedy Exchange has shifted their performance from the Colonial Room to the Midnight Dinner Theater. Filling the 11 p.m. slot will be Carol Hippe, playing classical piano in the Colonial Room.





Walpurgisnacht's all-star cast will be joined by Jimmie Walker, appearing in the Centennial Room in the Nebraska Union at 10 p.m. Friday.

This year's movies include the classic Hunchback of Notre Dame, Sherlock Holmes', Smarter Brother, and Bedtime for Bonzo. Bedtime stars Ronald Reagan and a monkey.

The sponge throw in the North Crib from 11 p.m. to midnight promises a group of UNL administrators and officials as targets.





