

# Iowa plans down-home entertainment

By Becky Brugman

If it is a foot-stompin', hand-clappin' time you are looking for, you had better check out the Old Time Country Music Contest, Sept. 2-4.

Folks from all around will gather just outside Council Bluffs, Iowa, for a weekend of down-home entertainment. Events range from the National Bluegrass Championship to a 1880 hot-air Balloon Race.

A fiddler championship, a banjo pickin' championship

and an electric guitar championship are just a few other events on the list of crowd pleasers, according to Bob Everhart, contest coordinator.

Square dancers, clogg dancers, (a mountain-type jig dance) and gandy dancers also will be there to entertain. The object of a gandy dance is to drive railroad spikes into a railroad tie and pull them out in record time, Everhart said.

Prizes for the various contests range from \$1 to \$150 and will be awarded to those placing fifth or higher in each contest.

Six hours of studio recording time will be awarded to those thought most desirable by each the Rainbow Recording Studio of Omaha and KAJAC recording studio in Des Moines.

If the tunes do not interest you, a pioneer exposition also is scheduled. Antiques from the prairie pioneer days will be displayed. Spinners and weavers also will be present, he said.

Wood carvers will show their products and one woman will bake bread in a barrel.

The barrel, buried in the ground, will serve as a type of underground oven.

Poetry and reading contests also can be found at the old-time get together, Everhart said.

On Sunday, a circuit rider will preach in the hell and brimstone fashion, he said. Old-time gospel music and a country dinner will be Sunday highlights, he said.

This second annual contest draws nationwide crowds and is listed by the National Geographic magazine as a major midwest tourist attraction, Everhart said.

He said the project began last year as a bicentennial celebration, but received so much national recognition and was so successful, the project was continued as an annual event.

The entire weekend's entertainment is sponsored by various community groups and is free to the public. Everhart said the only requirement to enter the various contests is to register before the contest begins. All attending are urged to bring chairs to sit on.



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## Fees proposal support grows

The ASUN proposal to take control of the student fees allocations process appears to have some support within the NU Board of Regents.

Omaha Regent James Moylan said the ASUN proposal is agreeable to him. The proposal, which was introduced to the ASUN Senate Wednesday night, calls for the deletion of all references to the Fees Allocation Board (FAB) in the university by-laws.

FAB would be replaced by an allocations board of students picked by ASUN and faculty members picked by the chancellor.

Students would constitute a majority on the board.

If the ASUN proposal is to become part of the by-laws it would have to be formally approved by the board of regents.

Moylan said some of the past allocations made by FAB had upset him.

"We are not a child-care institution," he said, "we are an educational institution."

Moylan indicated that he thought the

bulk of student fees may be taken away. However, the remainder should be allocated by something other than FAB, he said.

"I have been pretty upset with some of the organizations that have been receiving student fees," he said.

Grand Island Regent Robert Koefoot said he is going to take a wait-and-see attitude.

"Before I make my decision, I would like to read all the particulars," he said.

"Right now I have no feelings at all on the matter. I'll just have to wait and see."

The proposal currently is in a bill form before the ASUN Senate which will vote on the bill next Wednesday. Should it pass, the ASUN executive committee and Chancellor Roy Young will initiate formal procedures to amend the university by-laws.

The bill then would have the recommendations of the Faculty Senate tacked on and would be given to the regents for approval. All this would be completed by Jan. 1, 1978, according to an ASUN time table.

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