

# Winter Walpurgisnacht: revelry in the witching hour

By Bonnie Lutz

Picture a place where one can watch belly dancers sway to exotic music in one room, while a juggler performs feats next door.

Down the hall, professional skateboarders demonstrate slick curves and super-speed maneuvers. Grab a fresh hot pretzel or runza, stroll into another room and throw darts at a lifesize poster of Anita Bryant.

Later, after stomping around to polka band oompahs one can relax at a dinner theater, and laugh at a troupe of comedians.

UNL students can see all of this Friday, Jan. 27, in the Nebraska Union at the third annual Winter Walpurgisnacht.

The event is organized by 11 students on a Union Program Council committee. However, it is a showcase for UPC, the union and other campus groups, according to Ron Dahlke, event organizer.

Booths will be in the main lounge of the union representing various UNL organizations. Dahlke said there will be more than 50 events.

In addition, there will be contests, including a paper airplane contest and a billiards contest, called 'Beat our Billiards Best,' in which contestants compete against

last semester's winners.

The UPC also is sponsoring thumb-wrestling and team jello eating contests, he said.

For those who have been humiliated by vending machines UPC offers students a chance to get back at them. For one ticket, a person can participate in "Vendo Kill", the art of smashing vending machines.

Walpurgisnacht will feature local amateur entertainers. Groups and individuals from UNL who competed in the Bob Hope Search for Collegiate Talent Contest will perform, including Venezuelan Style, which is in national talent search finals. UNL's Scarlet and Cream Singers and Nebraskats, a Kearney group, will perform.

For polka enthusiasts, The Loose Brothers, a band from Omaha, and the Bohemian Stationary Marching Band, a UNL group, will play.

Local singers will include Dave Landis, Sharon Kokes, Laura McClaine and Don Beins.

The Women's Resource Center will sponsor a demon-

stration by a woman who calls herself a witch and will provide darts to stick posters of famous women.

If students grow weary of contests, singers and demonstrations, films will be shown throughout the evening. East Union Program Council will have a videotape in the North Crib showing Warner Brothers' cartoons and Football Follies.

There will be an American Film Classics series, including *The Day the Earth Stood Still*, *Road to Morocco*, *The Magnificent Seven*, and *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, featuring Marilyn Monroe.

But there is one essential ingredient for a festive occasion—food. And there will be plenty of it, according to Dahlke.

The Bakery will open, and serve hot, soft pretzels. There also will be German sausage and sauerkraut on sale in the North Crib. Hot runzas and chili will be served in the Harvest Room.

There will be two dessert theaters where students can enjoy hot apple pie and watch the Pied Pipers Comedy Theatre performers.

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