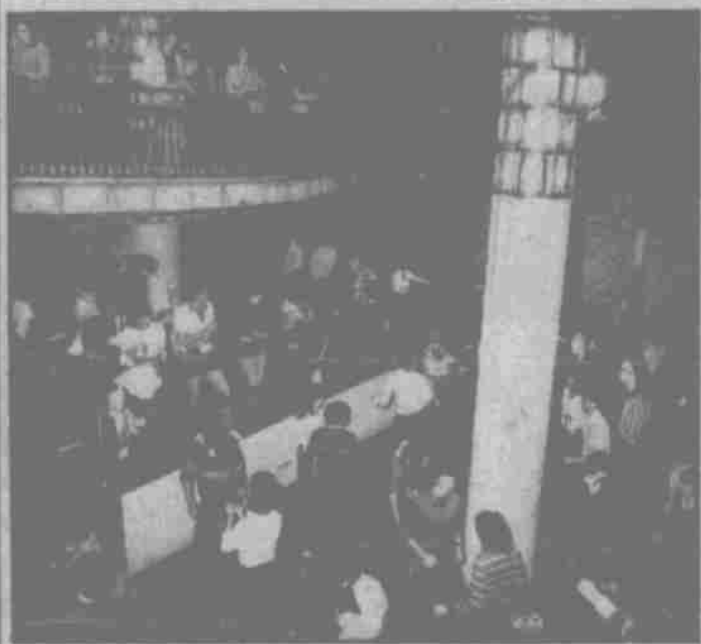


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Walpurgisnacht offers diverse entertainment

By Lori Paulsen

Walpurgisnacht, the winter festival sponsored by the University Program Council, marks its 10th anniversary Friday from 7 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Nebraska Union.

Tom Chochreck, Campus Activities and Programs adviser to the Walpurgisnacht committee, said this year's celebration will feature a wider variety of entertainment acts and several new contests.

One of the main attractions will be Tom Parks, a nationally-acclaimed comedian. Parks recently was named "Entertainer of the Year" by the National Association for Campus Activities.

James Mapes, the only clinical hypnotist entertaining in the United States, also will make a special appearance, Chochreck said.

Nationally touring musician and comedian Tim Cavanaugh will perform. Cavanaugh is known for his spin-offs of popular songs, some of which have been featured on the Dr. Demento radio program, Chochreck said.

Another attraction will be a wide variety of musical performances. Scarlet and Cream, the UNL swing choir, will perform in the Centennial Room from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

At 9 p.m., musician and vocalist Gene Klosner will play in the Harvest Room, and at 11:30 p.m. E.C.T., an Omaha-based band, will perform in the ballroom.

Chochreck said some Walpurgisnacht acts were selected from those who tried out for the Homecoming talent show. Auditions for Walpurgisnacht took place last December.

Other attractions at the festival include several games and contests. Some past favorites were mud wrestling and jello-eating contests. New this year are a birthday suit competition and a Twister game. Chochreck said an entire room will be used as a Twister board.

The recreation room will be used this year for billiard contests, moonlight bowling and foosball contests, Chochreck said.

American Films will present *Risky Business*. Foreign Films will present *The Tin Drum*.

Tickets will be required for admission to some of the events. Students and faculty can buy tickets for 35 cents each or three for \$1 at ticket booths in the Union.

Gayle Yamauchi, Walpurgisnacht Committee chairperson, said planning for the festival started last April.

Yamauchi said 7,000 to 8,000 people probably will attend.

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Reagan nominates Meese as new Attorney General

WASHINGTON — President Reagan nominated White House counsellor Edwin Meese to replace resigned Attorney General William French Smith, the White House announced Monday. It said in a statement that Smith, who has been attorney general since Reagan took office in January 1981, submitted his resignation in a private meeting with Reagan last Wednesday.

Smith, the sixth Reagan Cabinet member to resign, said in a letter to the president released by the White House that he wanted to be able to take part in Reagan's reelection campaign without facing charges of conflict of interest. Reagan is expected to announce in a televised address Sunday that he will seek a second term. The resignation of Smith will take effect with Senate confirmation of a successor, White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

Execution process shortened

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court Monday eliminated one step in the process often used by death row inmates to delay their executions, signaling growing impatience with lengthy appeals against death sentences. In a 7-2 opinion, the court ruled that lower appeals courts need not conduct a so-called "proportionality review" in capital cases before handing down death sentences.

In such a review, appeals courts examine a death sentence to decide whether it is consistent with sentences given to people convicted of similar crimes under similar circumstances elsewhere in the state.

Feds break up cocaine ring

WASHINGTON — Federal investigators have broken the largest cocaine trafficking ring in U.S. history, charging 30 people in connection with the operation, Attorney General William French Smith announced Monday. Smith said a federal grand jury in Atlanta in an indictment unsealed Monday charged that the cocaine ring had smuggled about five tons of the drug from Colombia into the United States since June 1982. The indictment charged the drug trafficking organization was headed by Harold Rosenthal of Atlanta who escaped to Colombia from a federal prison in Memphis, Tenn., in 1981.

Iran warns against 'adventures'

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian leaders Monday warned the United States against any "adventures" after American officials threatened preemptive strikes to prevent suicide attacks on U.S. forces. President Ali Khamenei said Iran would reply to any "adventures" in the region, and the speaker of parliament said that if such "adventures" took place, U.S. interests throughout the region would be at risk. "The pretext is that planes flown by suicide pilots — according to them (the United States), of course — are planning to attack their vessels in the Mediterranean and elsewhere." Secretary of State George Shultz and other officials have said the United States might make preemptive strikes to prevent such attacks.

This rat walks into a bar, see ...

LOS ANGELES — Rats can become problem drinkers, says Dr. Gaylor Ellison, a professor of psychology. Ellison, of the University of California, Los Angeles, is using animals to help him in his research into alcoholism and to link his research more closely with human behavior. Ellison has given his rats their own bar.

The rats have their own private living quarters — burrows — an eating area and a recreational area, with ramps and ropes for climbing, as well as the bar. The bar contains six drinking spouts — three that provide an alcohol solution flavored with anise and three that provide only water. Ellison said his studies show most of the rat colony drink the "hard stuff" in moderation but nine percent become problem drinkers. His research showed the heavy drinkers in the rat colony — not unlike their human counterparts — eat less than their colleagues, spend more time in their burrows, drink mostly in the morning, and slip down the social scale.