

Trade Fair a success

By any measure the Northwest Trade Fair, held in Kotzebue from July 4 until July 6, was a success.

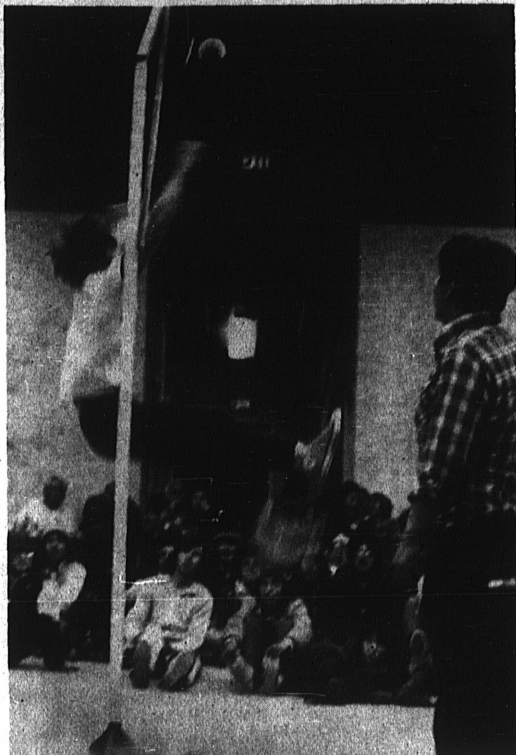
Several hundred persons from a number of Northwest villages and citizes gathered in Kotzebue for the six-day carnival of dancing, contests, games, barter, and feasting. The results of all the activities have not yet been compiled.

The trade fair, which was partially funded by a \$25,000 appropriation from the last legislature, celebrated Kotzebue's settlement as the result of hundreds of years of trading and barter in the Northwest Region.

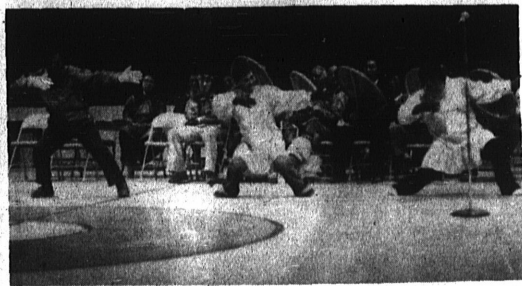
The money was used to partially defray expenses for transporting participants from the Arctic Slope, Bering Straits, and NANA regions. Theme of the fair was "sharing."

Participants competed in traditional events, including competitions for the best parky, mukluks, beadwork, baskets and other handicraft. Athletic events included the Eskimo high kick, kayak racing, dancing and singing, seal-hooking, seal skinning, fish cutting, and blanket tosses.

Artists were able to display their works. Ribbons and cash prizes went to winners.



Richard Joule of Kotzebue descends after success in one-foot high kick. Joule came in second at the games in this event.



One of the many dance groups performing at the Northwest Trade Fair in Kotzebue.