

**Moose, beaver, salmon sheefish, etc.—**

# *Climactic FNA potlatch*

The month of March signifies many activities to the Alaska Natives.

All of them kicked off by the ever popular North American Dog Sled Championship Race, followed by the Tanana Chiefs annual convention, then the Doyon Limited Stockholders meeting and last but not least, the climactic Fairbanks Native Association's Annual Potlatch, event that has been around Fairbanks since 1963.

This year's committee has already begun planning for the potlatch which assists in feeding and providing hours of entertainment for several thousand people who are in the Fairbanks area participating in the week long festivities.

The success of the potlatch depends - not only on the committee, but also on donations from friends throughout the Interior. These include moose, caribou, beaver,

king salmon, sheefish, smoked salmon strips, muktuk, Indian and Eskimo ice cream, and many other Native foods.

There's more than food at the potlatch, though; dancers from throughout the Interior, Northern Alaska, and by special invitation, this year the Canadian dancers have been invited to show their talent at the gathering scheduled to held on Saturday evening, March

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# *Big FNA potlatch . . .*

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20th, at 5p.m. at the Monroe High School Gymnasium.

An arts and crafts display and sale is also planned, with some very valuable items to be raffled off; including a parka and a pair of mens and womens mukluks to mention the 1st prize—a round trip ticket for two Hawaii.

The theme for this year's potlatch will be based on strengthening social ties and portraying the history of the Fairbanks Native Association.

A membership drive will be initiated prior to and during the March 20th potlatch and a special event will be included to

honor past FNA presidents and the many outstanding dog mushers.

That night's festivities will be concluded with the crowning of Miss FNA 1976. Several young women will be competing for prizes, scholarships, and of course, the title of Miss FNA

The potlatch committee meets every Monday at noon in the Native Community Center. Anyone wishing to donate or contribute food or their time are asked to contact either Jerry Woods or Theresa Peoples by calling 452-1648 or 452-1649.

