

# FNA's Annual Potlatch--

## *Great Varieties of Native Foods to Be Served*

Springtime means many things to Fairbanksans; such as the North American Championship and the annual Fairbanks Native Association potlatch, for which hundreds of people travel to Fairbanks from all over the state to enjoy themselves.

Members of the FNA are busy making the final preparations for their potlatch which is to be held the weekend of the races at 6:00 p.m. Saturday evening, March 17, in Ryan Junior High School.

The success of the potlatch depends not only on the FNA members' work, but also on donations from friends throughout the interior. These include moose, caribou, beaver, king salmon, shee fish, smoked salmon strips, and muktuk. Any-

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**NATIVE FOOD FEST** — Something for every taste at the annual Fairbanks Native Association Potlatch, featuring moose, caribou, beaver, sheefish, salmon and other native foods. The potlatch will be held March 17 at Ryan Junior High School.

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or time can contact the Fairbanks Native Center or food chairman, Elsie Macom at 452-3582.

There's more than food at the potlatch, though. Dancers throughout the interior and northern Alaska have been invited to show their talent at the gathering (which hosted 2,500 people last year).

A broad range of Native games will be demonstrated by the Fairbanks team, scheduled to compete next month in the Alaska Native Youth Olympics in Anchorage.

An arts and crafts display and sale is also planned, with some very valuable items to be raffled off: including an oosuk, some fur mittens and \$100 in

cash.

And, of course, there's the potlatch queen contest, in which several young women will be competing for prizes, scholarships, and the title of Miss FNA. Young women, 17-21 years old and  $\frac{1}{4}$  or more Alaskan Native who are interested should contact Marge Wright, 452-5101; Dorothy Perdue, 456-5105; or Daphne Gustafson.

As in the past, tickets for the potlatch are \$4.00 and are available from FNA board members, the Fairbanks Native Community Center, Borealis Book and Gift, Perdue Jewelry, Bookbin, Wood Center, Jean's Fabric, Don's Barbershop, and the Northward Barbershop.