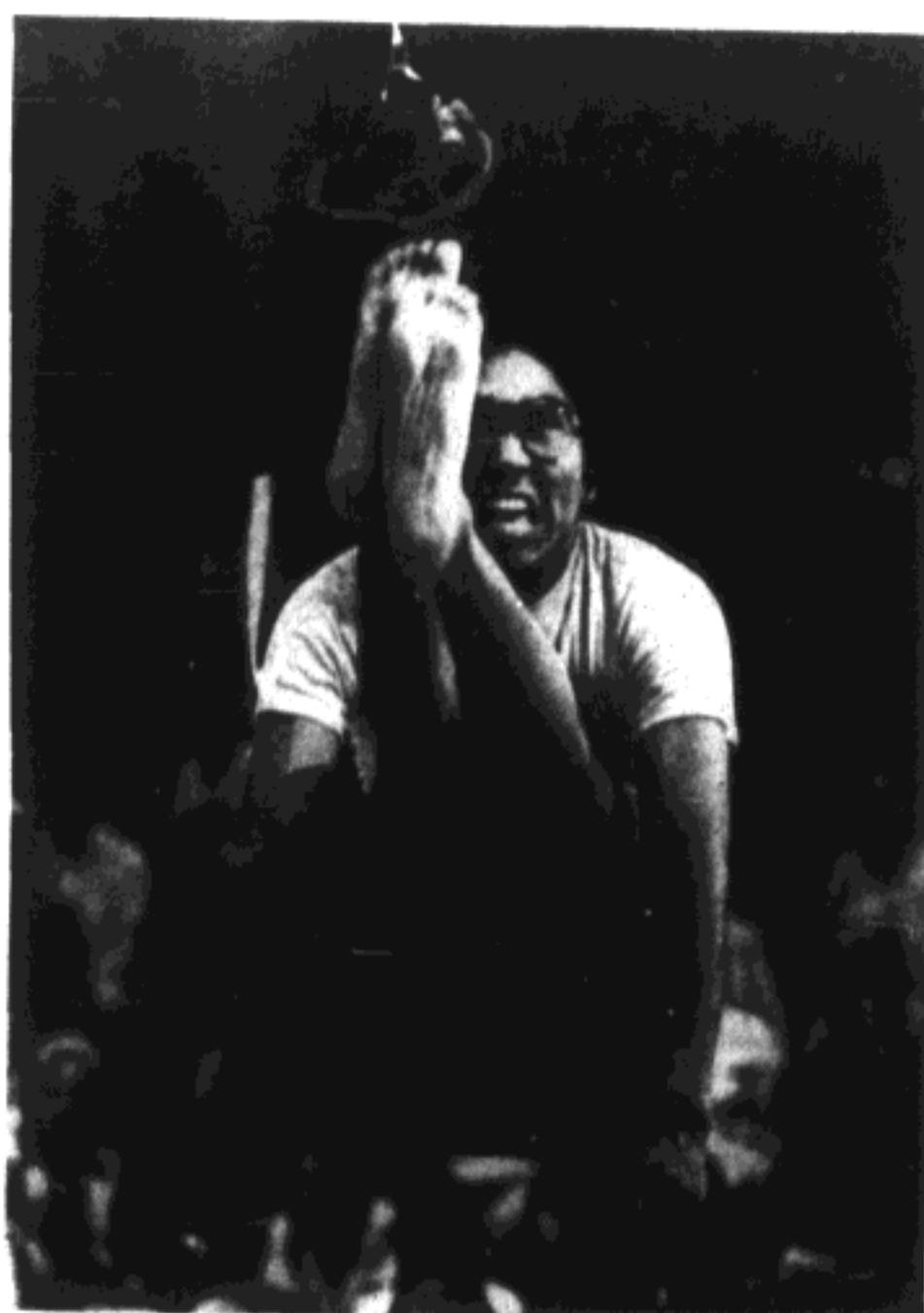


Athletes attend games despite injuries



It was a somber audience that watched as Art Eveland was removed from the symnasium late Friday night. Following a painful accident during the four-man carry, it was feared the young Tlingit had broken his back. Al Grant led the spectators in prayer. When Eveland entered the hospital, medics at first detected no response in his feet. So it was a pleasant surprise when Eveland appeared the next day, albeit with four broken ribs, to watch the completion of the games. A warm round of applause (below) greeted his return. "I'll be back next year!" he promised, to once again compete in the four man carry, and in the blanket toss.



Wasca Awallen was looking good (left) as he advanced into the last finals of the two foot high kick. Then, he hit the floor wrong, and was rushed to the hospital and a hurt back. A short time later, he was sleeping when he was awoken by a gentle voice. Awallen looked up to see JoAnn Benally, Miss White Mountain Apache and first runner to Miss WEIO. He put his head down, then looked up again. "Am I dreaming?" he asked. Shortly afterward, JoAnn left and Tony Pease and another friend came in to present him with this third place medal (right).



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