

catharsis

by

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film

"Star Blanket, Cree Hunters of the Mistassini" N.F.B. Duffy Amphitheatre, Wed. Oct. 30, 7:30 P.M., Adm: Free

"Mary Queen of Scots"; Duffy Sun, Nov 3, 8:00 P.M. Adm: \$1.00

HOLLAND COLLEGE

Wed. Oct 30, "Joe Kidd"
Mon, Nov. 4, "Mary Queen of Scots": 12 noon and 8:00 P.M. Adm: Students 75¢ Others \$1.00

POLITICAL SCIENCE FILMS

Wed. Oct 30, 8:30 A.M.
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1:15 P.M., 3:15 D210
Duffy Amph: "Rising Tide"

OCTOBERFEST — When did it all start?

Since we're having Oktoberfest this weekend here at U.P.E.I., I thought an article might be appropriate.

The inspiration for Oktoberfest started roughly some 160 years ago in Germany when a prince who happened to like horses was about to be married. Some 80,000 people attended what was initially a horse race and a party in honour of the Prince's marriage.

The people had such a good time that King Mar Josef I decreed the festival be an annual event which has stood ever since. Through time additions were made to the festival, exhibition of farm produce, Bavarian crossbowmen, parade of Oktoberfest participants in their respective regional costumes. Since spectators eventually became hungry and thirsty watching the various exhibitions, food and beer stalls were introduced.

Presently the festival begins late in September and will last for sixteen days: apparently the weather at this time of year is conducive for this sort of thing. Sulky races and dressage supplement the horse races: giant cabbages have given way to the biennial displays of agricultural machinery, prize herds of cattle and even entire model farms. The parade involves a mile and a half procession of some 4,500 people in the regional costumes of Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland and France; floats, horse drawn beer wagons and brass bands. Various other parades have also been added.

The two main streets are centered around the monolithic drinking halls of Munich (Lowenbrau, Hofbran, just to mention a couple) The festival's special drink is Wies'n Bier which is brewed in March and well aged for extra strength. The Oktoberfest of today has crowned "beer" as its undisputed King.

A parade is given in honor for the opening day of the festival and at noon the Mayor of Munich tops the first barrel and when the three cannons boom, this signifies the opening of some 800 concessions at the Oktoberfest festival.

The Oktoberfest in Germany (and elsewhere celebrated in the rest of the world) is something of an alcoholic midway: people sampling various kinds of beer from litre stone mugs, others can be seen, "Imagine trying to drink a barrel of beer when you're already bombed?" But like anything else when the beer is palatable (which German beer certainly is) food, people and music have a tendency to mix extremely well with usually only minor incidents occurring!

Here are some statistics quoted from the Oktoberfest of 1970 which you might find interesting. The beer laid 172 folk flat on the ground (162 in previous year). The eldest victim was 83 and the youngest was a mere 8 years old. It can certainly be expected especially when literally millions of people partake in the festival in Germany.

oct. 29 — nov. 4

PRINCE EDWARD CINEMAS

#1 "Three the Hard Way"
#2 "Naughty Stewardesses & Swinging Models" Double Bill!!
7:00 & 9:00 P.M.
Adm: \$2.25
17 and under \$2.00
Further info contact 2-8331

theatre

CONFED CENTRE THEATRE

"The Hollow Crown" (R.S.C.)
Tues. Oct 29, 8:00P.M.
Tickets: \$5.00, 4.00, 3.00

"Pleasure and Repentance" (R.S.C.) Wed. Oct. 30, 8:00p.m.
Tickets: \$3.50, 3.00, 2.50

"GODSPELL" Neptune Theatre
Sat: Nov, 2, 4:00 p.m. & 8:00p.m.
Tickets: \$3.50, 3.00, 2.50

art exhibit

Confederation Centre Art Gallery: "Eskimo Exhibition of Prints & Drawings"
Until: Nov. 17

"Three Island Artists":
Carl Drew, Barry Burley and Niall Burnett: Topics: "Art process rather than the final product."
Until: Nov. 3.
Adm: Students Free
Tue - Sat : 10:00 to 5:00
Sun : 2:00 to 5:00

music

U.P.E.I. Musical Recitals cancelled until further notice due to renovations within the department.

misc

Oct. 31, Thurs: 9:00-12:00
Pig 'n' Whistle, U.P.E.I. Gym, Music by Port City Five.

Due to the early publication of this paper any part of this directory is subject to change.

At midnight on the sixteenth day, the Oktoberfest ends. All that can be heard is a gentle snoring from the Beirleichenzeit (beer corpses tent) which have been set up for those who don't remember where they live: in addition to going awa with your stomach filled you will undoubtedly also leave with the heaviest hangover of the year! Our Oktoberfest goes from

Oct. 31 until Nov 3 and is centered around many various activities, namely: beer drinking and lots of it, German food (I certainly hope that there's a much better variety this year), sports, movies, demonstrations; there's bound to be something for everyone. Drink, be merry and enjoy Oktoberfest 74: What the Hell, it's only once a year!

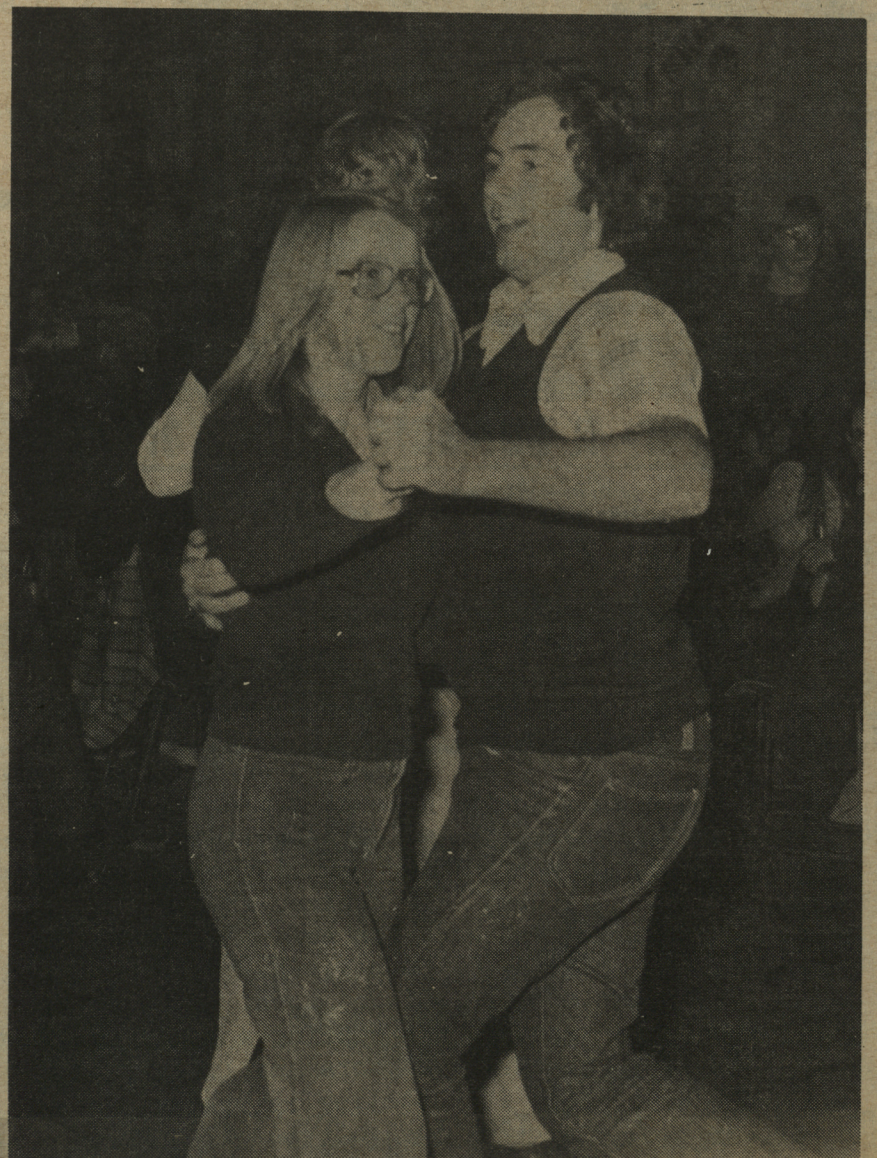


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