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The Frozen Obstacle

Of the four seasons winter presents the most hardships. Deep snow and blizzards forcing many people, especially the elderly, indoors. The crisp air steals heat from homes and money from the homeowner’s pocket book. Slippery paths are the cause of many twisted ankles and hurt ego’s. Colds and flu spread quickly leaving people miserable. Large accumulations of snow damage buildings and homes. Snow becomes an obstruction which has to be constantly brushed off of cars, plowed off the streets, and shoveled off of roofs.

But how does one make winter bearable?
The degree to which a problem is solved depends on one’s creativity. A man in his seventies decided that he didn’t want to shovel as much snow so he built a snow tunnel from his house to the street. Some solutions are more straightforward. If people are going to use cars in the winter the roads have to be plowed. Houghton County spends $700,000 annually for snow removal. This involves the use of 5.5 million dollars worth of equipment and requires 80 men to work a total of 70,000 hours.

Over the years many winter activities have evolved that allow people to enjoy winter. Downhill and cross-country skiing are the most popular. Hard hitting hockey thrills both the participant and the spectator. Snowshoeing allows one to get away and experience the silence of a snow-covered pine forest.

The students at Michigan Tech enjoy winter by participating in a Winter Carnival. Water, a little imagination, and an enormous amount of work turn towering mounds of snow into gigantic snow sculptures. The efforts of various organizations are recorded in this magazine. May their enthusiasm help you conquer your frozen obstacles.
Dogsled and Broomball

The dogsled team consists of six pullers, four riders and one musher. Many of the pullers wear spikes in order to increase traction during the quarter mile race.

In broomball two six man teams try to score goals by hitting a volleyball with brooms into the opponents net. The rules are in accordance with those of hockey.
Skiing and Skating

Skiing is conducted with a five man team with three of the men from each team qualifying. The giant slalom course is located at Mont Ripley.

Skaters compete in three events consisting of a 220 yard race, a 880 yard race and a four man relay.
Beards and Snowshoeing

The Winter Carnival Queen helps to judge four categories of new and old beards including full beards, goatee and mustache, side burns, and novelty. Snowshoers compete in two events. The first is a three man relay followed by a cross country race.
Wall Paintings

Students living in Wadsworth Hall employ their artistic talents through wall paintings. Area residents judge the paintings individually and as a dorm house.
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WINTER CARNIVAL

QUEEN CANDIDATES

AMY OLESKO
Amy is a freshman from Grosse Pointe, Michigan. Her interests are mainly in the Liberal Arts and including black and white photography. DHH sponsored her.

MONICA WOJDAK
Monica is majoring in Forest Products and is from Warren, Michigan. A few of her interests are piano, guitar, dancing, and scuba diving. ROTC sponsored her.

MELISSA ROW
Melissa is majoring in Computer Science. She enjoys the outdoors, people, cats, horseback riding, puzzles and needle work. Beta Manna Dey sponsored her.

MARGARET O'BRIEN
Margaret is a freshman Business Administration major from Kalamazoo, Michigan. She enjoys out-of-doors activities such as camping, sailing, and skiing. Mamma's Boys, a house in Wads, sponsored her.
**CYNDIE SMITH**

Cyndie is a sophomore Social Science major. A few of her interests are sewing, reading, football, hockey, and music. Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity sponsored her.

**LINDA COON**

Linda is a Med Tech major from Gaylord, Michigan. Activities she enjoys include hiking, biking, skiing, swimming, team sports, reading, sewing and cooking. Phi Lambda Beta Sorority sponsored her.

**KAREN STOECKEL**

Karen is a freshman Forestry and Geology major from Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan. She enjoys singing, basketball and track. Stagger Inn, a house in Wads, sponsored her.

**VICKI SALONEN**

Vicki is a freshman from Saginaw, Michigan majoring in Biological Science. She enjoys cross-country skiing, gymnastics, dancing, baseball, and reading. Saint Al's sponsored her.

**ANN MARIE HILL**

Ann Marie is a freshman, planning to go into Technical Communications from Roseville, Michigan. Her interests include people, dancing, theater, art, literature, needle work, biking and hiking. Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity sponsored her.

**BEKI HERRIMAN**

Beki, a junior, is majoring in Accounting. She is interested in skiing, skating, snow-shoeing, and all types of handworks such as knitting, and needle point. Theta Tau Fraternity sponsored her.
Monica Wojdak does a song and dance routine entitled "The Music and the Mirror."

TALENT COMPETITION

Linda Coon does a dramatic reading entitled "Tom Sawyer, Abroad."

Margaret O'Brien does a dramatic reading entitled "Send in the Clowns."
(Left)
Beki performs a dance entitled "Steam Heat."

(Below)
Melissa depicts a child in "Life At Six Months."

(Above)
Karen sings a song she composed entitled "Wonder Why People Change."

(Left)
Vicki does a tumbling act to "Live & Let Die."
Ann Marie does a modern dance routine entitled "Poetry in Motion."

Amy sings "'Nothing' From A Chorus Line."

Cyndie does a pantomime about TV entitled "I Get Carried Away."
1979 QUEEN: Margaret O'Brien

First Runner Up Monica Wojdak, Queen and Miss Congeniality Margaret O'Brien, Second Runner Up Linda Coon.

Visiting Queen from S.W. Texas State University, Susie Angel.
Winter Carnival Week began with a Band-A-Rama. Participating in the event were the Pep Band (Top) the Symphony Band (Above) and the Jazz Band (Right).
SNOW STATUES
1st Place Class A  Delta Sigma Phi
All-Ice In Winterland - Delta Sigma Phi
The Winterful World of Disney - Sigma Tau Gamma

2nd Place
Class A
Sigma Tau Gamma
Avast Ahab, Thar She Snows - Douglas Houghton Hall

3rd & 4th Place Class A

We're Off To See The Blizzard - Phi Kappa Tau
Are You Sure This Is The Congo, Mr. Allnutt? - ROTC

1st Place
Class B

ROTC
Ice Station Tech: It’s Not The North Pole, But It’s Close - Nads

Alice In Winterland - Mama’s Boys

2nd & 3rd Place Class B

Ice Station Tech: It’s Not The North Pole, But It’s Close - Nads
Chilly Chilly Bang Bang! - Cross Stone

A Real "Blue" Off - St. Al's

1st Place Class C & Class D

Chilly Chilly Bang Bang! - Cross Stone
Alice In Winterland - Eden House

2nd & 3rd Place Class C

Journey To The Centre Of The Earth - Kybo House
A Real “Blue” Off - St. Al's

1st Place Class C & Class D

Chilly Chilly Bang Bang! - Cross Stone
I'm Singing In The Snow - Mafia House

2nd & 3rd Place Class D

You Dirty Rat, You Chilled My Brother - Phi Lambda Beta
Sammy Awards

One Nighter Statues

1st Place - Snowboat Willie - Valhalla

Bridge on the River "Rye" - ASCE

2nd Place C - Freeze - SPS
Huskies Win First Game of Governors's Cup Series 5-4 Over the Wolverines in Overtime

Merkosky puts in the winner with 1:30 left in sudden-death overtime.
Michigan Techs Men’s Varsity Basketball Team played two games during carnival week. The first against Mankato left the Huskies with a 65-81 loss. In the second game against Saginaw Valley, Michigan Tech avenged last year’s no show with a 66-56 victory. High scorers for Tech were Kevin Luke with 20 points, Geof Kotila with 16 points and Mike Susko with 13 points. Luke and Susko also held ground beneath the basket with 12 rebounds apiece. Fifty-eight percent of the points were scored from the floor.

Michigan Tech’s Women’s Varsity Team did not fare as well against Saginaw Valley. The final score of that confrontation was 50-32. Barb Bonefeld led the Huskies with 8 points.
The Blue Key National Honor Fraternity is an honors society whose sole purpose is the planning and running of Winter Carnival. Blue Key has had responsibility for the organization of Winter Carnival for forty-six years out of the Carnival's fifty-eight year history. Membership is limited to thirty seven juniors and seniors who are in the upper thirty-five percent of their class.

(Left) Pat Tucker assembles this year's trophies.

(Below) Blue Key Honor Fraternity.
Skit Preparation

Organizations spend as much time working on skits as they do on constructing a snow statue. Early in December each group holds a number of meetings to dream up skit ideas. At skit eliminations, a panel of judges decides which ten of the submitted skits will perform at the stage review. The pressure on the qualifying groups increases. Rehearsals become a nightly event and construction of props and scenery go full swing. The final rehearsals are conducted the weekend before carnival to let the sound and lighting crew practice their cues.

(Right & Below)
Sigma Tau Gamma in "A Part From The Bible: Noah and the Snowmobile."
Cross Stone in "By George They've Got It."

Phi Kappa Tau learn that "Next Time, Tribe For Reservations."
Campus Crusade For Christ in "200 Leagues Under The Snow."

Mama's Boys in "Home Movies."
DHH finds that "The Mounties Almost Always Get Their Man."

(Left)
Forestry Club in "Nut Work."
(Right & Below)
Sigma Phi Epsilon act out “Custard’s Last Bash”

(Bottom Right)
Phi Lambda Beta in a “Celebrity Roast to Heikki Lunta”
Delta Sigma Phi in "The Case of the Missing Sphinx"

Phi Lambda Beta in a "Celebrity Roast to Heikki Lunta"
Two groups performed during Winter Carnival this year. The regrouped Guess Who gave two concerts and comedian Michael Marlin showed his skills at juggling.
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