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In 1923 Stan MacArthur organized the first Winter Carnival to show off to his girl friend. Stan's girl friend was a local Copper Country girl, but her folks sent her to Mt. Ida Finishing School for Girls. One day she was telling Stan about how talented the Dartsmouth boys were in ice and snow sculpture. Dartsmouth had been having a Winter Carnival for the past years.

Stan went to Jim Fisher and asked for some money, which he got, to put on a Winter Show at the old Amphidrome. They made $250.00 after paying back Mr. Fisher, and put the money into an athletic fund.

The Blue Key Society organized a new Carnival in 1934. The Carnival consisted of a winter parade, hockey games, snowshoeing and a dance. Residents of the area also participated in the festivities. The first Queen and attendants chosen was in 1936 and snow statues began to appear. 1937 saw the beginning of the variety show and topping off the activities was a combination "Snow Ball", celebrating the college President's birthday and Carnival Dance.

The Queen candidates of 1939 had their pictures judged by Paramount Studios of Hollywood, with Bing Crosby and Shirley Ross as judges. The 1940's activities went without some of the luxuries as the war years loomed overhead. However, the winter spirit did continue. The erection of the ski tow on Hancock's Quincy Hill, now Mt. Ripley, made skiing the highlight of 1946. The variety show was revived, after a three year lapse caused by the war, with Veterans playing a major part. The only eight day long Carnival was held in 1952 which included a beard contest along with the other special events. The Ski Club also provided the spectacle of the Flare Pageant, on Mt. Ripley, using flares to create a sparkling effect in the dark. Freezing temperatures in 1952, caused the Ice Revue to be cancelled. Since then, festivities have remained about the same and high spirit has prevailed.
For the first “Ice Circus,” Stan MacArthur had just seen the silent movie “Ben Hur,” so he decided to stage a chariot race on the ice in Amphidrome. He asked his friend to make the costumes. She designed and made costumes for six horses and enough boys to make a good race. For chariots they cut half of one side of a barrel out. Skaters were horses and the barrels were rigged with skates. It was an exciting race with lots of action!

Now, a dogsled race takes the place of the chariot race, and there has been added over the years, broom ball, snowshoeing, skiing, and many other smaller events. Radio coverage of these special events is provided by the campus radio station, WGGL-FM, which makes it possible for everyone to follow the action. We’ve come a long way since 1923, but the spirit that began this Winter Carnival has continued through the years.
1976 Winter Carnival

Denise Beebe

Julie Kent

Jane Nordin

Mary Lantz

April Cripps
Queen Candidates

Laura Helbling

Karen Weber

Ann Kelley

Theresa Remondini

Mary Morin
Their Night To Shine!
Our 1976 Winter Carnival Queen

April Cripps

Our 1976 Queen hails from Lone Pine, California. She is a sophomore majoring in technical writing, and is sponsored by the Sigma Rho fraternity. Among her interests are ice skating, writing, playing the guitar and singing, horseback riding, and traveling.

President Smith escorts April Cripps through the ROTC Honor Guard.
Warm Visitor To The Icy North

Welcome, Stacy Holland, winner of the All-Campus Beauty Pageant at Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos, Texas. This will be the third year that the southern school has rewarded its beauty queen with a trip to Michigan Tech. This is an outgrowth of MTU’s traditional shipment of snowballs to STSU. Stacy, 19, is from Deer Park, Texas. She is a sophomore majoring in psychology and minoring in music. Her campus activities include the SWT Singers, Gamma Phi Beta, and serving as junior panhellenic treasurer. She lists her interests as singing, piano, dancing, getting to know new people, and caring for plants. After graduation, she hopes to travel extensively as a stewardess or professional singer. Stacy has brown hair and brown eyes and is 5' 4". Both the Texas pageant and the 1976 MTU Winter Carnival have a Bicentennial theme.
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1st Place Class III

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Sammy sez started out in the 50's as a "typical toot" and his letters were biting comments about life here at da Tech. The long, cold winters and the lack of women were all problems Sammy talked about.

Winter Carnival was a big event then too. Soon sam became involved, with his name given to the award for the "one-nighters". Most of these statues were built in one night with themes that were too suggestive or were comments about Tech, the US or just life in general. Politics, religion and sex — nothing was left untouched.

In keeping with this fine tradition, the "sammy awards" are still handed out every year, now by members of BLUE KEY. This year for example, one-nighters were built on such themes as the over-crowded dorms; the Union's "PACK 'EM IN", and what life at Tech was all about 200 years ago; the Upper Daniell Heights' teepees and Indian camp.

As Sammy sez himself wood say, "go out an sea da statues fer yerself. ya' mite git an idee fer nex' yeer!"
One of the oldest snow statues, made by John Marshal about 1912
Huskies Over Wolverines 6 - 4
A Walk Through Wads
"Around The World On Ice" presented by the Portage Lake Figure Skating Club, Wednesday and Thursday of Carnival Week, entertained many students and people from the area.

Authentically costumed skaters performed routines displaying various cultures of the world from Europe to the Orient. The grand Finale was the joyous bringing together of these cultures.
Important Dates In Tech History

1928  Army ROTC program established.
1930  Hotchkiss Hall completed.
1931  First Army ROTC commissions awarded.
1933  First degree awarded to a woman student.
1935  Dr. Grover C. Dillman elected president.
1936  Forestry curriculum established.
1937  Engineering Council for Professional Development founded; MTU one of the original members - a charter member.
1938  Dr. Grover C. Dillman elected president.
1939  First MTU Olympic selection (Eddie Maki - Hockey).
1940  Hubbell School acquired for Department of Forestry.
1942  Second addition to Koning Hall completed.
1943  Dee Stadium given to Tech by James R. Dee.
1944  Smith's House, the first women's residence hall, purchased.
1945  Portage Lake Golf Course acquired by the college.
1947  Mont Ripley ski area opened by the college.
1948  Tech joins other associated colleges in Argonne National Laboratory work.
1949  Sherman Gymnasium completed.
1951  Central heating plant completed.
1952  Memorial Union Building completed.
1954  Ford Forestry Center given to college by Ford Motor Co.
1955  Second Army ROTC unit established.
1956  Tech joins other associated colleges in Argonne National Laboratory work.
1957  Nuclear Energy curriculum established.
1958  Seventy-fifth anniversary of college observed.
1959  Married Student Housing center opened.
1960  Nuclear Engineering curriculum established.
1961  Nobel Prize awarded to Dr. Melvin Calvin, BS in Chemistry, 1931; First Tech graduate to receive Nobel Prize.
1962  Department of Biological Sciences authorized.
1963  Quandt property purchased.
1964  January 1, name changed to Michigan Technological University.
1965  Fisher Hall completed.
1966  Dr. Raymond Smith became president of MTU.
1967  Dr. Van Pelt became the first consulat.
1968  New Library was moved into.
1969  New Administration Building completed, so was the new Chem-Bio High-rise.
1970  Ice Arena completed, First phase of Athletic complex.
1971  ME-EM Building opened.
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I'm not much on making speeches, but I do wish to thank the many people who were kind and helpful enough to point me in the right way when I needed it. Those printing marvels at the Book Concern, Matt Laitala, Norman Lassila, and the whole crew, deserved not only my thanks, but yours too, for getting this book out now when you can enjoy it, instead of a month from now. When I started putting this book together I thought a “paste-up with windows” was some kind of pre-fab home, but thanks to last year's editor, Kim Stubblefield, I soon learned how to paste on copy, cut out windows for pictures, and eventually put together a pictorial. Rob Homing also deserves special credit for bringing in more ads than last year’s pictorial! I thank my photographers for getting quality pictures to me in such short time, and I send a big thanks to the rest of the crew in room 122 Memorial Union. Last, and by certainly no means least, goes a very, very, special thank you to my wife Nancy, who was the person who got me started on this thing in the first place, and made me keep going when it got rough.

As the sun rises this Saturday morning, February 7, 1976, I hand in the last pictures needed to finish this year’s Winter Carnival pictorial, and I am done.

Robert Kitch

Listed Below are the charter members of the MTU Winter Carnival Booster’s Club. The businessmen of the Copper Country welcome all the visitors to MTU’s Winter Carnival and hope your visit will be an enjoyable one. The men of Blue Key would like to extend their sincere thanks for this financial support.

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