

**Michigan Technological University
Winter Carnival Photograph Collection
MTU-220**

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Summary Information

Repository	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title	Michigan Technological University Winter Carnival Photograph Collection
Date [bulk]	Bulk, 1961
Date [inclusive]	1961-1964
Extent	0.01 cubic feet; 1 folder
Language	English
Language of Material	English
Graphic materials [SC_Box]	2
Abstract	Photographs, 1961-1964, depicting outdoor scenes from Michigan Technological University's annual Winter Carnival.

Preferred Citation

MTU-220, Michigan Technological University Winter Carnival Photograph Collection, Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections, Houghton, Michigan.

Historical Note

Michigan Technological University often registers more than 200 inches of snow in a typical winter season. Not content to let this abundant natural resource go to waste, students band together in an annual celebration of the beautiful, tough, exhilarating and character-building climate. Winter Carnival began in 1922 as the Ice Carnival, which was a one day event. It was so popular that students made it an annual event, and Winter Carnival as we know it began to take shape. It was suspended in 1930, in the aftermath of the stock market crash, but in 1934, Blue Key Honor Fraternity resurrected the event. Then, 1936 brought the biggest change, one that would become Carnival's best known tradition: snow statues. Since then, the statues have become famous for their size, detail, and design as building methods (and secrets) have been passed from year to year. During World War II, Winter Carnival was again suspended. It took off again in 1946, when the Stage Revue was added, with fraternities, sororities, and other campus organizations presenting skits for the enjoyment of the crowd and the performers alike. Other popular Winter Carnival events include the Queen coronation, beard competition, broomball, torchlight parade and various winter sport contests.

Scope and Contents

Photographs, 1961-1964, depicting outdoor scenes from Michigan Technological University's annual Winter Carnival. Includes ten photographs of snow statues and people posing with them.

Arrangement

Photographs are arranged in chronological order by year.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Acquisition

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Related Materials

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There are several other collections pertaining to Winter Carnival, including MTU-125, MTU-167, MTU-181 and MTU-219. There are also photograph vertical files and newspaper vertical files related to Winter Carnival festivities.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Michigan Technological University.

Genre(s)

- Photographs

Subject(s)

- College students--Social life and customs--Michigan--Houghton
- Festivals--Michigan--Houghton
- Snow sculpture--Michigan--Houghton
- Winter Carnival (Michigan Technological University (Houghton, Mich.))