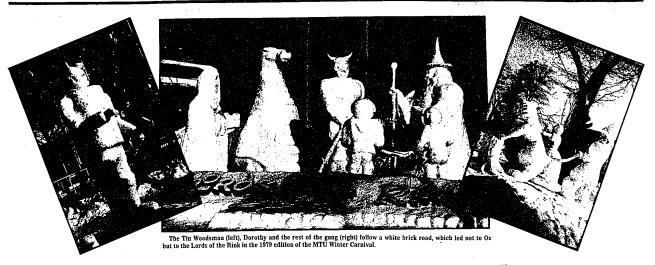
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MTU beats the heat with hot winter brewings

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HOUGHTON, Mich. - The far HOUGHTON, Mich. — The far northern campus of Michigan Technological University may seem an unlikely place for a January heat wave, but the steam is up for the 58th Winter Carnival competition.

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At 45 different statue sites,
students forget the chills of winter
as they pack, carve, shovel, and
groom their entries — super-sized
snow sculptures following the 1980
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theme, "Snow Blunders of Worldy Wonders." From Jan. 28 to Feb. 3, Winter Carnival events range from dogsledding (with students substituting for dogs) to an evening of satirical skits and a Sno-Ball. For thousands of visitors, however, the biggest draw is the display of wondrous works of arctic art.
Usually the snow falls almost

continuously in mid-winter Copper Ce-intry and there is an overabundance of raw material. 1980's skies have been a little reluctant to release their frozen cargo, but 66 inches have fallen since October and there is a good snow base.

TWO WEEKS before judgment day, snow plows push tons of the flakey stuff toward the sites and student engineers prepare the scaffolding on which the fantasies are built. Precise calculations of weight distribution and support factors are often required.

As the deadline approaches, students work into the night students work into the night installing lighting and adding finishing strokes. Somewhere between 50,000 and 75,000 hours are burned up preparing the big show. The finished dioramas, often

reaching proportions of 30 feet high and half a block long, become ghostly apparitions in the dawn sunlight and firendly glants by noon. Themes are always tongue-in-check, puns intended. In 1977, creations depicted the "White World Sports," in 1978 it was "Choller Thrillers" and the last year's line was "Snown Senes from the Silver 'Inrillers' and the last year's line was "Snowy Scenes from the Silver Screen." The Three Stooges joked in frozen form, Dorothy followed a Whitebrick Road, and Tolkien's creatures were proclaimed "Lords of the Rink."

FROM WEDNESDAY through FROM WEDNESDAY through Saturday, you can bundle into a sleigh and let a team of horses show you the campus. Although this year's carnival posters show a befuddled skier with one leg in a cast standing before three pyramids that are capped with snow, the final interpretations of the year's theme

are hust-hush until completed.
Another, less publicized,
competition takes place during an
evening of skits and satires written
and acted out by the school's
scientists and engineers. Spooting
each other to the hilt, the results can
be delightfully zany.
A band-o-ram cienturing groups
from different schools put the week
in marching mod Sunday evening,
Jan. 27, in the Sherman gym. The
next evening, following that hard
core tradition of all good carnivals,
they elect a queen.

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Basketball for both men's and
women's teams and a special
skating event takes care of Tuesday
for those who are not putting the
last frantic touches on their snow
projects.
Judging of the sculptures will
begin Thursday morning at 9 a.m.
Vinners cheer and head for places
like the Library, a popular
Houghton bar, to celebrate, while
losers drown their sorrows in
philosophy and mutter things about
next year.
The gun continues with
snowshoeing, skiing, and the beardgrowing competition.
In this atomsphere, the game of
broomball flourishes. Regular
hockey gear is cast aside while
players use brooms, a volleyball and
wear tennis shoes.
High-speed hockey action in the
best NCAA tradition takes place on
Friday, Feb. 1, as the Michigan Tech
Huskies face off against the North
Dakota Fighting Souix.

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crowds and there is a deep base north of Calumet.
Advance bookings fill Houghton well ahead of carnival time, but weather and other factors bring cancellations. If the Douglass House Hotel, the Downtowner, King's Inn Best Western and Holiday motels are filled, there are other possibilities an hour or less away. In Copper Harbor, the Mariner North, and King Copper Motel and Fanny Hooe Resort are open all year. The latter has very complete facilities for winter campers as well.

The L'Anse Hotel, in L'anse, is on your way to Houghton and the

your way to Houghton and the copper Crown Hotel in Hancock might also have room.

Michigan Tourist Information offices in Mackinaw City, and St. Ignace and the Chamber of Commerce in Marquette will be able to supply you with weather and sports event information as you drive north. For further information call or write.

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natives in popular tourist spots

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the news, but not too many things to make us laugh. My sister, Margaret, and her family were on the Hawaiian island of Mausi during the holiday season. It was early evening in the islands but yawn-time in Michigan when she called to wish me a Merry Christmas.

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though Gordie had a little problem."

Cordie is my brother-in-law, a fire-fighter by trade. He was swimming in the Pacific when one of Hawaii's famous waves knocked him over. That happens to a lot of people. When I was in Hawaii last October, a friend dislocated his shoulder by approaching a big wave in the wrong way. The wave curls over you, drags you back and slams you against the ocean floor.

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BY ITSELF, it's hardly newsworthy. But Gordie had his mouth open. And Gordie has false teeth. The big wave knocked him over and dragged his upper plate out of his mouth. He tried to grab it as it floated away but without luck.

When he struggled to shore and explained this to his wife and three teen-aged children, he didn't get any sympathy at all. They thought it was so funny that they rolled around on the sand laughing. It had the same problem. By the time Gordie got on the phone to wish me a Merry Christmas, I was rolling around on the floor laughing. He's a good sport his work of the same problem. By the time Gordie got on the phone to wish me a distribution of the phone to the sand to the sand the same problem. By the time Gordie got on the phone to wish me a distribution of the phone to the same problem. By the time Gordie day on the phone to wish me a substitution of the same problem. By the time Gordie day on the phone substitution of the same problem. By the time Gordie day of the same problem. By the same problem is a substitution of the same problem. By the same proble

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icing tourists land should be preserved in its natural state — our ancestors always had access to the beach and mountains for their sustenance ... hotels and condos should not blemish or obstruct ... access should never be denied

denied.
"Water should not go to your hotels and golf courses . . . we need the water to grow food."
"Oahu is now Los Angeles; the Big Island is still Hawaii, and we the people want to keep it that way."
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man people didn't benefit from them
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until after the while man arrived there.
He believes that natural resources
were preserved only for the chiefs during those days, and that each period of
subsequent development has actually
benefited the Hawaiian.

"No effective preservation of historical
real tax funds were used by the national park service in expanded park historical programs.

"The tourist industry has provided
numerous opportunities for Hawaiian
musicians and dancers to earn their
living in a way that promotes Hawaiian

living in a way that promotes Hawaiian culture and traditions. The state, itself,

through the tax-financed State Founda-tion of Culture and the Arts, has pro-vided increased opportunities for Hawaiian artists in every field of artis-

Hawaiian artists in every field of artistic endeavor."

THIS CONFLICT BETWEEN modern change and cultural preservation is apparent worldwide. Tourism often deprives local people a cultural identity while providing them new economic opportunities. At the same time, it is often the best preserver of customs because tourists love local traditions.

Is there a soution? The governments of states and countries threatened by tourism should be as careful about preserving the environment and the old traditions as the are about promoting growth through tourism. Most of them are. If you have a solution, 17 like to

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heen disappointing, but ski resorts near Bessemer such as Big Powderhorn and Indianhead Mountain have been drawing record crowds and there is a deep base north of Calumet.



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