

DAZZUNG DISPLAY— Michigan Tech students carve enormous, and intricate, snow sculptures for Winter Carrival, set this year for Jan. 25-Feb. 2.

Winter wonderland springs from mountains of snow

Houghton, Michigan-In the middle of winter, you shouldn't be surprised at anything you see around the campus of Michigan Tech University, located about 40 miles from the northern-most tip of

Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

At a time when an easy chair in front of a roaring fire seems like the meest spot in the world, Tech student head outdoors. They channel all available spare-time and energy toward producing a spectacular carrival in the snow known as Winter Carnival, set this year for Jan. 26-Feb

rly every year since 1422, r matter how low the temperature or how deep the snow, the students have come through with a dazzling display of winter wonderland talents. The cinphasis is on fun, both in preparation an Lactual participation in the carmy al-

Michigan Tech's chanter of Blue Key National Honor Fraterinty Poteors and organizes the Carney at shich offers a variety of activities for both students and visitors, including student sporting events, snow statue viewing, quality theatre productions. and fast-paced Division I hockey.

Special events that begin Carnival and continue throughout the week provide opportunities for everyone to participate. Students compete against each other in a variety of winter sports events such as speed skating, broomball, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, downhill skiing and dog sled racing (where the "dogs") are actually teams of students.)

*Classes end on Wednesday of Camiyal Week as students put forth their final efforts to complete the snow statues they have been working on for the past month. For many, this is the most exciting part of Carnival.

The campus is active throughout the night with help from special lighting systems and gallons of hot chocolate, as students complete the demanding work of carving the giant, intricate snow and ice sculptures that make Winter Carnival famous Included in the statues competition is a special category called "one-nighters". These statues are built between 4 p.m. on Wednesday and 8 a.m. on Thursday, with the judging for all statues taking place shortly

afterward. Winter Carnival buses pull in on Thursday morning, just in time Is friends and relatives to view the completed snow statues. Sponsored by the Underenduate Students Government (USG), these bases ofter transportation to Michigan Tech from the major cities in lower Michigan and from Chicago at reduced rate and army a in time for some of the best Carmy all events (1.80) can be contacted by calling 90%487/240%

The Carnival Stace Revue offers students the chance to show off their acting and writing skills during an eight-part skit competition held on Dursday atternoon and evening Students groups try out a month ahead of time for the honor of competing in this judged event, which has been entertaining students, families and friends since if started in 1946.

A fireworks display and for blight parade will be held on nearby Mt Ripley at 7 p.m., between showings of the stage revue.

For more information on Winter Cannyal, call Blue Key National Honor Frateritty, 906-487-2818. Houghton is located on US-41 in the northwest Upper Peninsula, about 500 nules from Chicago and 550 miles from Detroit.

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