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Summary Information

Repository:	Michigan Technological University Archives and Copper Country Historical Collections
Title:	Michigan Technological University Winter Carnival Collection
ID:	MTU-167
Date [inclusive]:	1928-2019
Physical Description:	2.22 Cubic Feet (3 manuscript boxes, 1 flat box, and 1 oversize folder)
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Mixed Materials [box]:	1-3
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Abstract:	Collection, 1928-2019, of Winter Carnival, a long-standing tradition at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Michigan. Includes programs, correspondence, pictorials, videocassettes, photographs, and other printed ephemera.

Preferred Citation

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Biography

Michigan Tech often registers more than 200 inches of snow in a 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, with a one-day Ice Carnival. 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.

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Access

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Controlled Access Headings

- Houghton (Mich.)
- Programs
- Correspondence
- Photographs
- Videocassettes
- Printed ephemera
- Student activities -- Michigan -- Upper Peninsula
- Winter Carnival (Michigan Technological University (Houghton, Mich.))

Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Blue Key National Honor Fraternity business cards	box 1	folder 1
Michigan Tech 1973 Winter Carnival Frigid Fairytales schedule of events, 1973	box 1	folder 2
Mont Ripley and torchlight parade, photograph and postcard	box 1	folder 3
Phi Kappa Tau snow statue photograph	box 1	folder 4
Report on the Michigan Tech Winter Carnival, 1947	box 1	folder 5
Winter Carnival articles and publications, 1995, 2003	box 1	folder 6
Winter Carnival community and student rulebook, 2002-2003	box 1	folder 7
Winter Carnival community and student rulebook, 2004	box 2	folder 10
Winter Carnival event posters, 2002	box 1	folder 8
Winter Carnival information guide and donor directory, 2003	box 1	folder 9
Winter Carnival Pictorials, 1965-1986	box 3	
Winter Carnival Pictorials, 1995-2011	box 1	folder 10-11
Winter Carnival Pictorials, 1995-2011	box 2	folder 1
Winter Carnival Pictorials, 2017-2019	box 2	folder 2
Winter Carnival presentation, carousel slides 4-76, undated	box 2	folder 7
Winter Carnival presentation, carousel slides 100-135, undated	box 2	folder 8
Winter Carnival program, 1943	box 2	folder 3
Winter Carnival stage revue program, 2002	box 2	folder 9

Winter Carnival information guide and donor directory, 2004	box 2	folder 11
Winter Carnival stage revue program, 2004	box 2	folder 14
Winter Carnival publication, 1963	box 2	folder 4
Winter Carnival queens coronation program, 2004	box 2	folder 13
Winter Carnival scrapbook, 1946	box 2	folder 5
Winter Carnival slides, 1984-1985	box 2	folder 6
Winter Carnival Stage Revue program, 2002	box 2	folder 8

Winter Carnival video recordings

Title/Description	Instances
Winter Carnival footage, 1984 Blue Key video of Winter Carnival, 1928-29 film transfers, other various 1986-87 Winter Carnival footage transfers, Betacam SP, 1928-1984	box 4
Winter Carnival footage, 1984 Blue Key video of Winter Carnival, 1928-29 film transfers, other various 1986-87 Winter Carnival footage transfers, Betacam SP, 1928-1984	box 4
Winter Carnival queens #1, U-matic, 1983	box 4
Winter Carnival queens #2, U-matic, 1983	box 4
Winter Carnival queens #4, U-matic, 1983	box 4
Legends and myths in snowy drifts, queens, tape 1, Betamax, 1984	box 4
Legends and myths in snowy drifts, queen coronation #2, Betamax, 1984	box 4
Legends and myths in snowy drifts, queen coronation #3, Betamax, 1984	box 4
Legends and myths in snowy drifts, Stage Review dress rehearsal, Betamax, 1984	box 4
Winter Carnival Stage Revue, skits tape one, U-matic, 1983	box 4
Winter Carnival Stage Revue, skits tape two, U-matic, 1983	box 4
Winter Carnival queens, tape 1, Betamax, 1986	box 4
Winter Carnival queens, tape 2, Betamax, 1986	box 4
Winter Carnival queens, tape 3, Betamax, 1986	box 4
Winter Carnival skits rehearsals, tape 1, Betamax, 1986	box 4
Winter Carnival skits rehearsals, tape 2, Betamax, 1986	box 4
Winter Carnival queens coronation, GLITCH Video Productions, Betamax, 1987	box 4

Winter Carnival queens talent, GLITCH Video Productions, Betamax, 1987	box 4	
Winter Carnival footage, Winter Carnival history segment and Winter Carnival student video, Betacam SP, 1989-1997	box 4	
Winter Carnival, generic, VHS, 1998	box 4	
Winter Carnival queen competition, VHS, 2000	box 4	
Winter Carnival queens coronation and stage revue, DVD, 2007	box 2	folder 17
Winter Carnival, raw interviews and footage, 2002	box 4	
Winter Carnival, raw interviews and footage, MiniDV tape, 2003	box 4	
Winter Carnival world's greatest winter carnival, DVD, undated	box 2	folder 16

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Winter Carnival what we love the most from coast to coast logo, 2004	box 2	folder 12
Winter Carnival window clings, 2002-2010	box 2	folder 15