The Student Affairs Newsletter Committee is Lynda Heinonen, Mary Ann Struthers & Susan Liebau

Message from the Vice-President

The words of the popular Kid Rock hit “slipping whiskey out of the bottle, not thinking ‘bout tomorrow, singing Sweet Home Alabama all summer long” cut crisply through the air, the smell of deep fried Twinkies permeates my nostrils, the snow falls softly to the ground and the campus is abuzz with people. It is our biggest night of the year, it’s the “All Nighter” and Winter Carnival has returned!

In his seminal work, Campus Life: In Search of Community, the late Ernest Boyer talked about the importance of a celebrative community, one where the heritage of the institution is remembered, and traditions and rituals affirm the past while embracing the future. It is a well known fact that Winter Carnival at Michigan Tech is the event which exemplifies the spirit of what Boyer was talking about. We are fortunate to have Winter Carnival and a number of other great traditions at Michigan Tech, but most importantly, we are blessed with incredible students.

Over the course of the past five years, I have watched these students as they have embraced our long standing traditions like Parade of Nations, Winter Carnival and Spring Fling; rehabilitated old traditions like homecoming and hobobeen Tech and introduced new traditions such as move-in, Make a Difference Day and summer reading. There is nothing quite like joining the parade with students from 80 different countries while the pep band loudly plays the engineer song, watching nearly 400 students compete in cardboard races on a brisk fall day, or seeing the excitement on the faces of our students as they diligently raise money for schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Students are the heart and soul of our traditions and much like families that pass cherished heirlooms and customs from one generation to another, our students incubate others into the ways of Tech while also encouraging new and innovative ideas.

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Thanks and you have my best wishes for a healthy and productive year.

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Staff Match

Match the staff member to their respective clue on the right and be entered to win a large pizza. Submit your guesses by Friday, February 20th to lheinone@mtu.edu.

A. Deb Streiter
1. Can’t decide which activity they like best

B. Rachel Wassou
2. Coordinates the Houghton MACRAO college fair

C. Mike Johnson
3. Helps students to travel abroad

D. Greta Gustafson
4. An expert on FERRA

Alternative Spring Break Trip to Puerto Rico

It’s the time of year again when the snow starts to fly and the sun disappears for longer than most of us would like... The Outdoor Adventure Program is planning spring break trips for March 2009 for your enjoyment! OAP will be offering a new alternative spring break trip to warm, sunny, Rincon Puerto Rico. The trip will leave from Houghton and drive to Chicago, and fly into San Juan, Puerto Rico. From San Juan we’ll drive to Rincon and the west end of the island.

Upon arrival in Rincon, the travelers will take up residence in a villa that sleeps 10. The villa is one block from the beach and walking distance from downtown. The trip leaders will provide food and the majority of the meals will be cooked at the villa. The trip leaders will coordinate outdoor group activities based upon interest level. Possible opportunities are surfing lessons, snorkeling, sailing daytrips, island hopping and caving.

The price of this trip will be $800/person. $400 will be required prior to departure to hold one’s spot on the trip. This cost includes all transportation, food and lodging costs in addition to at least one group activity. A swim test will be required for all travelers.

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Winter Carnival: The Snowy History

Participants in this year’s Winter Carnival will take their own spin in more than 80 years of Michigan Technological University’s history. The annual celebration known as Winter Carnival got its start in 1922, when the Michigan College of Mines Student Organization presented a one-night show called the “Ice Carnival.” Acts were presented in a circus style, with students in costume depicting various animals. The circus theme continued for the next two years, and it was so enthusiastically received that the Ice Carnival was made an annual event.

By 1927, events had expanded to include many traditions of today’s Carnival: human sled dog races, snowshoe races, ski and skating races and a hockey competition. Originally, Winter Carnival hockey consisted of two teams, the faculty versus the students, with the faculty outplaying the students for many years running.

Tech didn’t graduate its first co-education students until 1940, and by 1940, snow statues had become established as a hallmark of Winter Carnival.

The 1960’s saw the addition of broomball and the stage revue, a competitive and entertaining set of skits. Also, during the 60’s, student organizations funded buses of women from Minnesota, Detroit, Chicago and New York who met up with their Tech boyfriends to attend the Snow Ball, the Winter Carnival formal dance. Recent Carnivals have also added the sports of ice fishing, snow volleyball, ice bowling and broomball.

The “All-Nighter” held the Wednesday of Winter Carnival includes a host of activities, including performances by various local bands and organizations selling food and warm drinks. Although Winter Carnival may only impact most people over a matter of days, almost a year’s work of time, effort and financial commitment goes into each event.

Historically, it has been known as Michigan Tech’s Winter Carnival, but that misnomer implies purely campus involvement. In fact, the university receives the support of both the cities of Houghton and Hancock and many local businesses. In turn, the thousands of parents, siblings and friends who visit during Carnival bolster the area’s tourism businesses. Winter Carnival is the one time of year over any other that the community gets together to honor a long-standing celebration of winter.

Photos courtesy of Michigan Tech Archives & Copper Country Historical Collections.

2009 Winter Carnival Events

For a full listing of all Carnival events visit: http://www.mtu.edu/carnival/

Wednesday, February 4
4:00 p.m. All-nighter Statue construction begins

Thursday, February 5
5:00 p.m & 9:00 p.m Stage Revue performances at Kocz Center

Friday, February 6
7:07 pm Hockey vs. Colorado College at the SDC

Saturday, February 7
5:00 p.m Awards Ceremony in MUB Ballroom B
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8:30 p.m Torchlight Parade followed by fireworks at Mont Ripley
Students Share What They Look Forward to About Winter Carnival

- **Samantha Wojda**
  Biomedical Engineering, Member, Blue Key Honors Society

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- **Stephanie Garback**
  Environmental Engineering/ Municipal Engineering Minor, Member, Alpha Gamma Delta

  “Having grown up in Laurium, I have seen the festivities that take place during the week of winter carnival for many years. The snow statues that are created are amazing, but my favorite part of winter carnival during my three years at Michigan Tech has been the hockey games. The arena is filled with energy and emotion because of all the friends and family in town, which makes the series even more exciting to play.”

- **Derek Kitti**
  Biomedical Engineering, Member, Varsity Ice Hockey Team

  “My favorite part about Winter Carnival is definitely Stage Revue. Not only do you see how hard every organization worked on their skit but you also laugh until you cry the entire show!”

- **Jonathan Parrott**
  Electrical and Computer Engineering/ Computer Engineering President & Statue Chair, Delta Sigma Phi

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- **Lisa Pignotti**
  Biological Sciences, Member, Blue Key Honors Society

  “My favorite part of Winter Carnival is the snow statue competition. My organization spends countless hours each week working together to create a magnificent work of art. The best part about the snow statue competition is that everyone has the opportunity to do something important, whether it be sculpting snow, creating characters, or working with ice. It is a great opportunity for our members to work together for a common goal and build a stronger bond as brothers.”

- **Candice Holt**
  Civil Engineering, Member, Blue Key Honors Society, MUB Board

  “My favorite part of Winter Carnival is seeing how the campus as a whole and the community all pitch-in and come out for an amazing event in the freezing cold. And the deep fried twinkies…”

**Staff Focus**

These Student Affairs staff were featured in the “Staff Match” area in the fall newsletter. Take a few minutes to learn something about someone you may not know, who is contributing toward the success of Michigan Tech.

- **Marie Ryding**
  graduated from Lake Linden High School and earned a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Michigan Tech. She has been employed at the University since 1985 working eleven of those years in OSRR and the last twelve in Financial Aid. Marie has a daughter, Kaisa, who is currently a high school junior.

- **Ed Corrigan**
  and his wife Dan- dene have 2 children Billy of Houghton and Julie (Cam) Ellis- worth of Sioux City Iows, and a grandson named Jackson. Ed has been at the University for 30 years. Starting out in Dining Services and now works in Housing Facilities at McIntyre Hall. In his spare time, he en- joys hunting, fishing and spending time with my friends and family.

- **Ed Henning**
  retired from the US Coast Guard in 2000 as a Chief Petty Officer. He worked as Dispatcher for Public Safety, and was in the Office of Student Records and Registration for two years, until he recently moved to the Army ROTC area as a Supply Technician. He and his wife live with 2 of their daughters in Baraga; their son is currently attending Michigan Tech for Computer Science, and they have two daughters attending colleges in Lans- ing.

- **Tom Henning**
  graduated from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in secondary education for Language, Literature, and Writing. She moved to the upper peninsula in 2006 to be with her husband who is studying for his PhD at Michigan Tech. She loves to travel and last May spent 10 days traveling through Norway and this spring, she plans on experiencing Germany. She enjoys living in the UP and working for Michigan Tech.

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