

Faces of Winterlude '85 Ottawa's winter carnival

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Governor General Jeanne Sauvé (facing) with Jean Pigot, National Capital Commission chairman and Maurice Sauvé in a horse-drawn sleigh on the first day of Winterlude.



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First prize ice-sculpture winner in the general public category went to the team of Gatineau, Quebec alderman Claire Vaive-Séguin for "Loggers of the Gatineau".

Planned for the enjoyment of the entire family, the national capital's annual winter carnival includes every conceivable type of winter fun, from pleasure skating or speedskating, snowshoeing, skiing, curling, tobogganing, sleigh rides, hockey matches, snowmobile races, dogsled races, to lumberjack contests, waiters' and waitresses' races, barrel jumping, harness racing, kite-flying, hot-air balloon rides, polar-bear swims and ice-fishing contests, as well as parades, clowns, balloons and fireworks. There's also Ice Dreams, where this year more than 100 snow sculptures were created by artisans competing for \$6 000 in prizes, and a children's 1826 winter camp, where costumed surveyors told tales of the original 1826 survey of the Rideau Canal.

Skating, dancing, singing and clapping, an estimated 60 000 people attended the opening on Dow's Lake of the seventh annual celebration that is planned and sponsored by the National Capital Commission as a tourist attraction. And throughout the ten-day event, from February 1 to 10, the festivities continued to draw large, enthusiastic crowds.

New this year to Winterlude was a professional skating show and daily demonstrations of Inuit games. Parks Canada, in celebration of its centennial, decorated the Rideau Canal and held an exhibit of historic skates and 1885 skating scenes. This year also marked the first year of Winterlude on the Fringe, an extension of the ice festival throughout the Ottawa-Hull region.



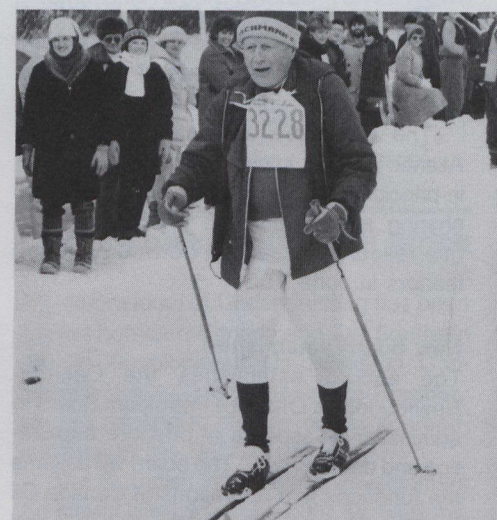
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Dog sled races are an important part of Winterlude. This year kamotiq (dogsled) rides were available for the first time. The dogs, owned by Tuullik Wilderness Adventures and Nuna Kuuk Outfitters of Ottawa and Frobisher Bay, are being trained for Canada's first attempt to reach the South Pole by dogsled.



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Members of the bed-race team of radio station CJSB collapse in laughter at the finish-line of their race. Thirty-nine teams participated in the sixth annual Great Canadian Bed Race where teams of four push beds that are mounted on wheels or skis.



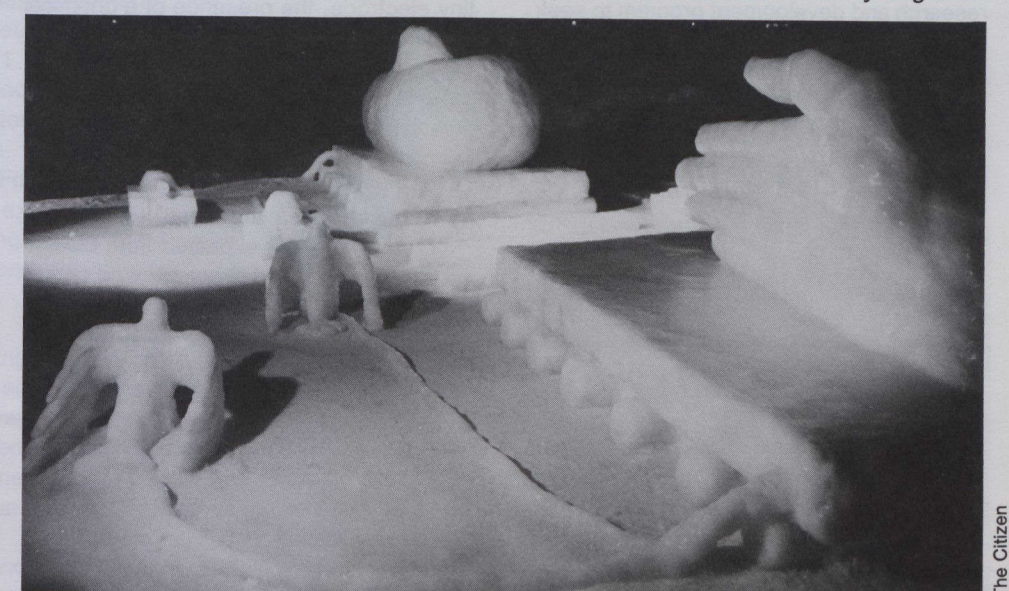
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The two-day, 160-kilometre Canadian Ski Marathon and other Winterlude ski marathons, draw people of all ages including Frank Fetter (above), 85, who skied 18 kilometres.



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Ottawa's Rideau Canal, the focal point of Winterlude celebrations and festivities.



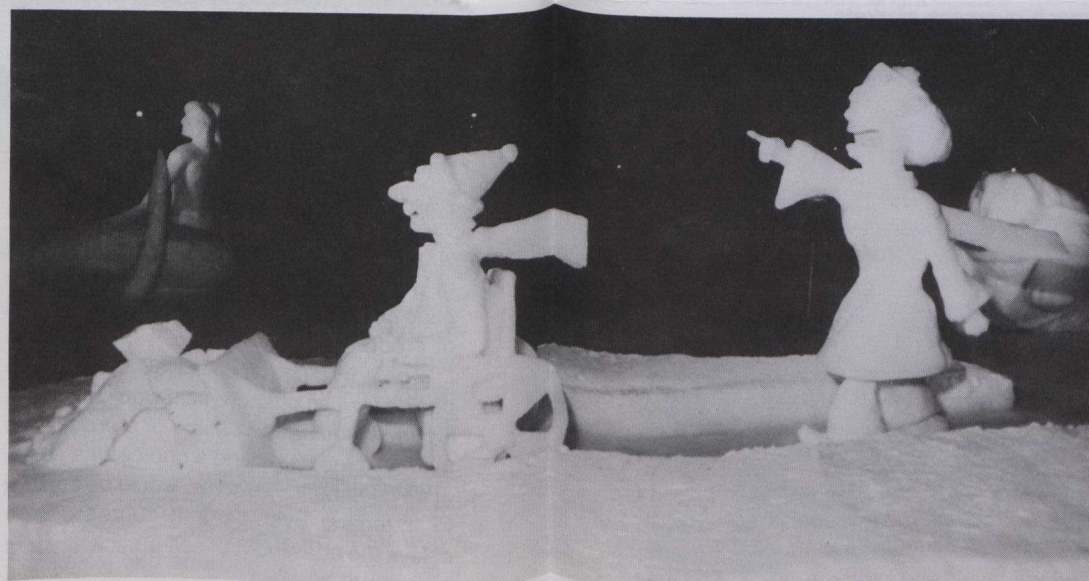
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The open hand of friendship was the theme for College Dominicain's winning ice sculpture in the university category.



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Clowns cluster around Winterlude's mascot, the Ice Hog, and provide happiness and fun for the thousands of children who join in the activities.



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The federal government's ice-sculpture prize went to "Dashing Through the Snow" by the team of F. Brisebois.



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Danielle Duquet drives Goodbye Skipper (5) to a narrow victory over Festin Grade (3) and Lea Mar Stan (7) in one of five quarter-mile sulky races. She was the only female driver of nine and she scored two wins and a second place finish to win the driver's competition.