

Carnival queen

sculptures. Built or carved out of snow these spectacular and often intricate sculptures are taken from legends, cartoons and history. Some are complex groupings of two or more figures and they present an impressive sight, lined up on the quaint, narrow streets of Quebec's capital. Several streets are closed to traffic so that pedestrians



Ice palace where visitors not enjoying themselves are "imprisoned".

may photograph them at leisure. Often at night there is dancing in these same streets.

As the 1974 carnival's slogan has it: "It's a big thing" — a great, joyous period of exciting and sometimes arduous activities, when snow, ice and cold are harnessed by an enterprising people to create a veritable fiesta.



Canoe races are a tradition of the Quebec carnival.



Tourists flock to see the ice sculptures at Quebec carnival.

McGill's carnival guests

Among the guest speakers at Montreal's McGill University winter carnival — the first to be held in four years — this year, will be United States Senator George McGovern and Xaviera Hollander, author of *The Happy Hooker*.