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BREAKING: Florida Man Wins UMOG

Winter Carnival Week 2021 was one for the books! Students participated in a wide array of activities and traditions that have lasted many, many years. One such tradition is the annual UMOG campaign, which tracks way back to MLC's roots at Northwestern College. UMOG stands for Ugliest Man on Campus, and while this may seem strange, it's a highlight of the week for everyone involved! One man from each class transforms himself into a crazy character, then spends the week campaigning for votes around campus.

This year **Brice Guse** (*LPS / St. Peter-Fond du Lac WI*) and **Jacob Bitter** (*LPS / St. John-Milwaukee*) represented their classes as Thor and the Very Hungry Catti-Bitter. Both were defeated in the end by **Jonas Landwehr** (*DSA / Divine Savior-Doral FL*). Jonas campaigned for the junior class as Florida Man, a larger-than-life parody of outrageous Floridian news headlines.



"It was great to win the title," Jonas said, "but it's really all about the fun leading up to the victory!"

Snow, Sledding, and Smiles

Winter Carnival is an excellent time to make new friends and spend time with old ones. For first-years **Katie Tauscher** (*Luther / St. John-Barre Mills WI*) and **Annaliese Wenz** (*Shepherd HS / Apostles-Billings MT*), it was the perfect chance to hit up the fresh snow on the Center Street hill for some sledding action! These two met at MLC this fall and made a fast connection.

This year more than ever, it's a huge priority of MLC's Student Senate and Events Team to make sure that students training for ministry have plenty of opportunity to get a brain break. Future called workers walk away with refreshed minds and friendships that will last a lifetime. After all, you never know where the Lord will call you. MLC students are blessed to graduate with friends scattered around the country and the world.



Katie and Annaliese sledded till sundown, the tower of MLC's Old Main visible behind them.

A Night on the Ice

Another time-tested Winter Carnival tradition is the MLC vs. Seminary hockey game. (That's Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, where future pastors finish their training after MLC.) The seminarians were unable to make the trip this year, but that didn't stop MLCers eager to hit the rink! Two teams formed, including both students and faculty, and the game began.

Senior **Josh Kren** (*WISCO / Trinity-Waukesha WI*) has been a frequent attendee of the hockey game in the past, so he made sure to snag a ticket as soon as they were available this year. He said, "It's always a fun event, and it was a blessing to be able to hold the annual game. The special thing about MLC is that we're all here to do the Lord's work, which is pretty amazing."

Josh is right. Whether we gather for a hockey game, sledding, a silly contest, or a weekend worship service, we are all united by the love we share for Christ and for one another. Happy Winter Carnival!



Josh (left) had the privilege of announcing this year's hockey game alongside **Joe Herrewig** (*WLA / Redeemer-Fond du Lac WI*).