Snow job: The day U-High closed

By Mark Hornung, editor-in-chief

In hours about 12 inches of snow had fallen on the city. Winds up to 30 miles an hour had blown snow back onto the streets as quickly as snowplows could remove it.

Public schools, private businesses and even O'Hare International Airport closed down. And for the first time in 11 years, U-High shut down on a school day.

AND THE blizzard of Thurs., Jan. 30, 1967, began, exactly 11 years after the Big Snow of 1957 paralyzed the city., a typical day at U-High was proceeding. While the snow fell, dominoes crashed and other schools sent students home early, classes at U-High met at their usual times, students flocked to the Snack Bar during their free periods and, as class periods ended, students congregated on the second floor landing to gossip.

The school day ended, but noise continued to echo through the building. Debaters crowded into their cramped quarters on the first floor. Midway staffers descended to the Publications Office to work on a deadline. In Belfield Theater, the production crew was getting ready for the evening's production of "Godspell," to start at 7:30.

Meanwhile, at the Van Buren street station downtown, a southbound Illinois Central commuter train stopped, serving 212 people to the hospital. John Bobrikowski was on the first train. He suffered only a few bruises.

BACK AT U-High, darkness fell and the building emptied. The snow kept falling and the 10 journalists in their basement office kept working. "We'll just get stuck here and work all night," said Publications Advisor Wayne Brasier.

Four of the journalists had tickets for "Godspell." Along with 114 other people, including Mr. McPherson and Mr. Jones, while the snow piled higher and higher, and traffic grew slower and slower, a full house showed up to watch the 11th-anniversary performance of the musical drama.

The cast got a standing ovation.

After the show, Mr. Jones announced that Lab Schools Director R. Bruce McPherson had decided to close school Friday but "Godspell" would go on anyway. Now the singing and dancing was in the hall.

At 12:15 a.m. the only people left in Belfield Hall were Mr. Jones, who managed to catch an I.C. train home to Florence Ore at 12:45; Drama Teacher Lucilca Ambrosini, "Godspell" cast member Susan Marks; and Mr. Brasier, who got a ride to the Loop with Mr. Ambrosini, then took an L train home to suburban Westchester. Every other passenger was on the train.

BRIGHT SUNSHINE reflected through the windows onto the second floor of U-High Fri., Jan. 30. It was about 10 a.m. Classrooms were locked. The halls were deserted.

On the first floor of Blaine Hall, however, Mr. McPherson sat in his office. Instead of the usual suit and tie, Mr. McPherson wore pale blue corduroy jeans and a cream-colored sweater.

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Director's directive

By James Marks, political editor

Unless a May Festival committee can agree to a general plan by Mar. 1, a Festival will not take place this year, Lab Schools Director R. Bruce McPherson has ruled in a letter to the faculty Jan. 11.

The committee, formed by Mr. McPherson, includes five administrators, four teachers, three parents and three students. They met for the first time last Thursday.

Mr. McPherson has also set an Apr. 1 deadline by which a work schedule and crew heads must be decided.

The Festival, begun in 1969, includes food and game concessions, entertainment and, culminating in the closing production, a play presented on an outdoor stage by the Drama Department.

Whether a Festival would take place this year has been a matter of discussion since last spring. In a Midway interview, Mr. McPherson gave the following reasons for his ruling:

13-story The blaze

BLESHERS outside the cafeteria disappeared under mounds of snow after the blizzard Jan. 30.

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Twelve inches of the white stuff were whipped by winds as high as 35 miles an hour into peaked drifts.

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By Paula Niedenthal

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It does, go see it. Afterwards, ask your teachers, librarians, and other adults listening to the man who picks up your garbage.

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“It’s CHARACTERS like Swivel who are the provocative hooker to a hockey player. Some characters, like a suburban salesman, are searching for the “American Dream” in their lives and jobs. The salesman goes out to find it.

Others, like parking lot attendants and cooks, can’t afford to go out and find their dreams, but they sure can dream. As Conrad Swivel, a gas meter reader says. “You gotta make excitement for yourself.”

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He was nearly three months since Lab Schools Director R. Bruce McPherson spoke to teachers about decreasing enrollment in the Schools. At the time, he urged faculty members not to react pessimistically to projections that enrollment will dwindle from 1,581 now to 1,429 in 1981. Instead, he urged teachers to work with administrators to bring new students into the Schools.

Three weeks later Mr. McPherson notified 11 Lab Schools teachers that their contracts might not be renewed when they expire. Later he notified librarians, library secretaries, the Guidance Department chairperson and the college counselor that their contracts would be cutback from 16- to nine-month contracts next year. The cutbacks, he said, were part of a contingency plan if enrollment continued to dwindle.

THE FACULTY Association, the teachers’ union, has asked Mr. McPherson to reconsider planning and making cutbacks at this time. The Union’s executive board says it questions the accuracy of Mr. McPherson’s enrollment projections. And, the board said in the Jan. 11 Union Report, premature announcements of cutbacks hurt the school’s morale and, therefore, chances for a successful recruitment program.

“A program (of student recruitment) should be implemented before any staff cuts are made,” the Board wrote.

The Union’s recommendation that administrators delay cutbacks until they see if their enrollment projections turn out correctly, or if recruitment is successful, is not a realistic one. Because All Senior Teachers are on three-year rolling contracts, the school must plan for cutbacks several years in advance. The alternative would be keeping extra teachers if cutbacks do prove to be necessary, not a fiscally sound policy.

But the Union does have a valid point about morale. Perhaps administrators can avoid planning for cutbacks, but certainly they can manage to control possible courses of action with faculty members before making decisions. The guidance cutbacks, for example, came without much involvement of the people affected in discussing problems resulting from such cutbacks, possible solutions or possible alternatives.

As a result, some people feel they have gotten orders from above without adequate information and feel that had they been consulted, some of the decisions might have been different.

FOR EXAMPLE, the Executive Board argues that a cutback in the two guidance counselors will make it necessary for teachers to submit final grades three weeks before school closes for the summer like other courses and colleges. Presently the two counselors work on senior transcripts after school is out. Administrators didn’t ask the counselors about such problems before announcing their cutbacks and, according to Mr. McPherson, Mr. John Jones says presently he doesn’t know how they will be solved, though he is sure they will be.

Back in November, when he spoke to Lab Schools teachers, Mr. McPherson was correct in saying the entire school needed to work together to bring in new students. He should have understood, though, that if he expects teachers to help the school recruit new students, then faculty members have a right to expect he will solicit their ideas before cutting back on any positions or contracts.

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Union plans to file cutback grievances

By Mark Horning, editor-in-chief

Questioning the validity and legality of cutbacks in the library and Guidance Department, the executive board of the Faculty Association, the teachers' union, plans to file grievances.

Lab Schools librarian R. Bruce McPherson has notified all Lab Schools librarians and library secretaries and the Guidance Department chairperson and college counselor that their contracts will be reduced from 10 to nine months beginning next year as part of a program to cutback expenses.

UNDER THE Union's contract with the University, it can file a grievance and require admin­istrators to meet with union representatives to attempt to come to a mutually-acceptable solution. If one is not reached, lawyers representing both sides bring the case to an arbitrator.

The executive board filed the grievance on behalf of librarians and counselors whose contracts were cut and the entire union membership, according to Executive Board Spokesperson Richard Mueller. "We feel strongly that administrators should reverse their decisions," he said.

He cited two reasons for the executive board's position:

• Both counselors and all but one librarian notified were on three-year rolling contracts for 10 months. Cuts effective next year are, therefore, illegal in the union's opinion.

• Librarians and counselors provide services to the Schools that are too valuable to be cut back.

IN OTHER budgetary developments, Mr. McPherson notified department chairpersons and teachers in charge of budgets in a letter Jan. 15 that all department budgets will be cut 15 per cent this year.

Budget cuts are necessary, McPherson said in his letter, because "it has been necessary for the University to increase the amount charged against all budgets for personnel fringe benefits effective Jan. 1, 1978."

While cutting back on expenses, administrators have increased their drive to bring new students into the Schools. Among the projects they have initiated are the following:

• Advertising the Lab Schools in local publication. Administrators have placed an advertisement in the March issue of Chicago Magazine and are considering advertising in community newspapers on the near north, near south and south­west sides as well as the Sunday magazine sections of the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times.

• Administrators are planning bus service to the Lab Schools from the near north side and possibly southwest side of the city. According to Principal Geoff Jones, one of the main reasons parents from outside Hyde Park choose not to send their children here is because the school does not provide transportation.

• Administrators have contacted Hyde Park real estate offices, telling them to mention the availability of the Lab Schools to families with children.

As a result, administrators hope, more young families may move into the area, even though a projected condominium boom would discourage it.

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Girls filling more leadership positions; opinions why vary

By Amy Blaas

The door opened during a recent May Festival Committee meeting and a boy entered, shutting the door behind him. Fifteen girls looked up as he took a seat and joined the meeting.

At a time when the University has named its first woman president (see story this page) and a women's conference in Houston has gained national attention, a Midway survey shows that for the third year in a row more girls are holding leadership positions here than boys.

６年 in the past decade, the Midway's investigations indicate, U-High has witnessed almost a complete turnaround in the number of boys and girls holding influential positions. Between 1967 and 1970 boys predominated. Only one quarter, eight of 30, of student government and class presidents were girls.

Boys and girls were about evenly represented during the following three years. Since 1973, however, eight of the nine Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC), Cultural Union (C.U.) and Student Board presidents have been girls.

In contrast, for the past ten years, the ratio of girls to boys holding leadership positions in the areas of the arts and journalism has remained consistent. Girls almost continually have chaired the Student Experimental Theater (SET) board and coordinated Arts Week since their beginnings. Slightly more than half of the Midway's and highlight editors-in-chief have been boys.

STUDENT LEGISLATIVE Coordinating Council President Anne Williams-Ashman gave her reasons for the change in student government. "It’s not girls that are different," she said, "it’s guys. They don't have the longterm involvement anymore. Many of them will start late, and sometimes they only stay on as officers a year before dropping out." She added that, although student government meetings are held before school and during lunch, and theoretically should not conflict with intramural or interscholastic sports teams, student government loses boys to sports activities.

Geoff Schimberg, the first male Cultural Union president in five years, added "I feel guys' interest is waning away from government now. It seems 15 years ago the guys here were more into academics and school activities relating to the welfare of our school than today. There seems to be a new attitude. Some boys now think government is beneath them or not worth their time."

JOURNALISM TEACHER Wayne Brasier also felt that an increase in the number of girls elected did not necessarily indicate that they have become more influential. "I think we still live in a male-oriented society," he said. "Guys look to boys for approval and acceptance, and boys look to boys, too. Only a few girls have the insight to find satisfaction in what other girls think of them."

"Five years ago, boys participated in student government because they felt it had a revolutionary thrust. It seemed significant. Now government is just 'business as usual' so they have lost interest.""Since I came here 14 years ago," he continued, "I have found that girls are in general not nearly as aggressive as boys in journalism. They are more hesitant about getting assignments on their own and about putting across their viewpoints. When facing a boy in an argument, a girl tends to back off and begin using so-called feminine tactics, like giggling. I've seen girls give in this way even when they were totally in the right."

MS. MARGARET FALLERS, U-High's only woman principal, from 1970 to 1973, and now Affective Action Officer at the University, commented more hopefully on the shift in power. Ms. Fallers was at U-High 14 years, first as a social studies teacher. In her present position she oversees equal opportunity in employment and programs at the University.

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Does school influence girls' self-image?

Women faculty members tell why they do it

By Judy Roth

To combine motherhood and career is a decision several U-High faculty members have made.

Among faculty members with infants or young children are German Teacher Silvia Sonnenberg, whose son Stephan is three weeks old; German Teacher Christine Freiser, whose son, also named Stephan, is eight weeks old; Math Teacher Shirley Holbrook, whose son Daniel is 19 months old; Guidance Counselor Mary Lee Hoganson, whose son Jonathan is 3 years old; and Guidance Counselor Ursula Roberts, whose son Tom is 6 years old.

Ms. Hoganson and Ms. Roberts share a fulltime counseling position, an arrangement so newsworthy it got a story in the Daily News and is scheduled to be featured on a channel 2 news program.

All of these faculty members talked about how classes, the social experiences, and women's roles in society would be beneficial, many girls said. Such a course was offered in 1974 by Arts Teacher Nella Weiner. The course, titled "Women," met twice a week during lunch period and focused on women in history and contemporary society. Last year, Ms. Weiner reconceived the course but had to cancel it because of the small number of students who signed up. She feels that the lack of interest partially resulted from "Women" being an elective, and not Social Studies, credit.

Other faculty members have also taught classes which focused on women. English Teachers James Raftery and Darlene McCampbell have spotlighted women authors and poets, and Social Studies Teacher Earl Bell includes women's roles in his history courses.

Rhonda Gans, like most of the girls interviewed, acknowledged the incorporation of women's issues in the curriculum as "a positive effort" which may help female students realize that women are just as important as men. Although those interviewed generally felt that most teachers treated girls and boys equally in class, many directed complaints toward the Physical Education Department. Girls said they felt their teams received inferior treatment and less prestige than boys' teams. "Boys go to girls' games and laugh," said Shrinitt Moxayad.

Women now: Gray's views

Hanna Holborn Gray, the University's first woman president-elect, did not reply to a Midway inquiry concerning observations on the role and potential of women in high school and college. But at a press conference Jan. 9, while she was visiting in Chicago, Ms. Gray made remarks about women in the academic world indicative of her viewpoint.

"There are new generations of women who have had greater opportunities as far as pursuing their studies have been concerned," she said. "They have greater expectations so far as the thought that they might go in their profession." These women, she added, "Can, and should, do whatever they think they can and want to do."

Concerning the issue of affirmative action to increase minority and female enrollment, Ms. Gray said she has a "deep moral and educational commitment" to equal opportunity, and that the University also has a "legal commitment."

Mixing job, motherhood

By Byrd Roth

Women faculty members tell why they do it

The option of choosing whether they want to or not.

Before the job-sharing arrangement was set up, Ms. Roberts worked fulltime. Working parttime, she has found, enables her to fulfill both her desire to work and her desire to be a good parent.

Ms. Roberts found that I couldn't be the mother I wanted to be," she explained. "When I was working fulltime I found that I couldn't be the mother I wanted to be." She added, "But with the job we share, I can be home in the afternoon."

While she is at U-High, Ms. Roberts' son, a 1st-grader, is in school.

Ms. Hoganson said she is "really happy" with the job-splitting arrangement. But, she added, "I sometimes feel guilty about leaving her son with a sitter after he attends nursery school in the morning."

Ms. Sonnenberg, who is uncertain whether she will return to school this year, said that she does not want to work fulltime while her child is small.

Agreeing that every woman should have the option to work, Ms. Holbrook said, "I think many women need some outlet for helping other people, for using their minds and creativity and playing a role in society."

AS TO THEIR futures, almost every girl interviewed stated a profession in a highly-academic field as her goal. The exceptions were careers in the arts or were in decline. In a survey of this year's seniors, made last year, the Guidance Department found no significant differences between girls' and boys' career choices.

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Student body to vote on constitution revisions

By James Marks, political editor

U-Highers will vote Thursday on whether several revisions should be made in the constitution of the Student Legislative Coordinating Council (SLCC).

The revisions include the following:
• The treasurer to be responsible for all checks issued by the SLCC, rather than any group of students.
• Student presidents and vice presidents are subject to recall by a majority of SLCC members rather than by petition signed at the discretion of the student body.
• The director of the SLCC allocation committee to countersign allocation checks with the director of the Student Activities Fund.
• The SLCC annual report to include a list of the new organization receiving funds.
• Amendments to the constitution, ratified, to be included in a list at the end of the constitution in order ratified.

A new organization receiving funds is to be included in the list of the new organization receiving funds. This communication is essential in order for the actors to perform at their best.

"I wish I could tell you my problem," she said. "It was fantastic."

Mr. Ebert, a friend of Ms. Ambrosini, attending the closing performance and told the Midway, "It seemed almost professional.

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 owned by John-Michael Tebelak with music by Stephen Schwartz, tells the story of Jesus Christ in a series of vignettes. In the U-High production the 11 actors moved on a multilevel stage faced on two sides by the audience.

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Regenstein, Ida Noyes act on U-High problems

By Paula Vindenthal

Supervisors at Regenstein, the University library, will check I.D.s and remove Ida Noyes Hall, the University's student activities center, may call in campus security officers if U-Highers continue to create noise and smoke and litter there, the Midway has learned.

According to Mr. Howard Dillon, associate director of public services for University libraries, many University students are complaining about the amount of noise and distraction they say is caused by U-Highers.

Supervisors may begin checking I.D.s and report offenders to Principal Geoff Jones, according to Mr. Dillon.

Only juniors and seniors may acquire Regenstein cards, except for special cases such as freshmen or sophomores on the debate team, according to Regenstein Library Circulation Officer Dan Cloonan. Many social studies and science teachers assign papers which require U-Highers to use Regenstein, which houses more than three million volumes. By comparison, U-High has 44,000 volumes.

Five years ago, all U-Highers could acquire University library cards, according to Mr. Poole. But then, "we just started saying if you had been assigned a social studies research paper created a disturbance at Harper Library, then the main University library, because they did not know how to use the facilities.

The Juniors and seniors at Regenstein make a lot of noise, many University students say. "Sometimes they'll study," one told the Midway. "But a lot of times they'll congregate around a desk and talk.

Sometimes as many as 12 U-Highers pile into one conference room with six to eight chairs. "They make a lot of noise going in and out," the University student said.

Directors of Ida Noyes have already tried Mr. Dillon's idea of checking I.D.s, according to Mr. Jones.

Because there have been complaints that U-Highers smoke, litter and cause other nuisances in Ida Noyes, U-Highers are allowed only in the Frog and Peach restaurant in the building.

Posters have been placed around U-High reminding students of that limitation. "But U-Highers are still smoking and littering in the building's lounges," the student said.

"If you have tried asking U-Highers to leave," Mr. Jones said, "they didn't work. When they asked for I.D.s, U-Highers refused to show them. So I don't know who they are."

The Directors of Ida Noyes are now considering bringing in campus security officers to remove U-Highers when necessary and report them to Mr. Jones. Mr. Jones considers U-Highers' right to use the Frog and Peach as a "privilege," so Librarian Mary Bibbo believes the availability of Regenstein is a "real advantage."

"We don't always have sufficient material for advanced courses," Ms. Bibbo explained. "A student told me our science department just isn't up to date," she added.

"Students in American Studies, Afro-American Studies, Advanced Biology and Chemistry classes use Regenstein. American Studies Teachers Earl Bell said he would have to lower his standards for research papers if his students could not use Regenstein.

"U-High has limited titles," he explained. "The availability of Regenstein allows me to offer a course of a much higher level."

Ms. Bibbo said it is also important for U-Highers to learn the Library of Congress classification system employed at Regenstein. In U-High's library, titles are classified by the Dewey Decimal system.

"The Library of Congress is used at most college libraries," Ms. Bibbo said.

IN THE WIND

Winter break
10 days away

It's coming in just 10 days. A glorious four-day winter holiday, Fri., Feb. 17 - Mon., Feb. 20. Enough time to ice skate, sled or do whatever. Provided, of course, teachers don't give homework assignments.

Other coming events:

TODAY - Boys' basketball, Glenwood, 4 p.m., at Bloomington, North Doors.

FRI., FEB. 3 - Boys' basketball, Francis Park, 1 p.m., vs. Lake View; Boys' baseball, Lake Forest, 10 a.m., vs. Evanston; Boys' tennis, Harwood Heights, 5 p.m., vs. Addison.

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WED., FEB. 8 - Boys' basketball, Lake Arlington, 1 p.m., vs. Bridgeport.

SAT., FEB. 11 - Indoor track, Andrew and Highland Park Field House.

MON., FEB. 13 - FRI., FEB. 17 - Boys' basketball, varsity regionals, site and time to be announced.

TUES., FEB. 14 - Girls' basketball, North Doors, 1 p.m., vs. Garfield.

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Get Ready

Trackmen toughen for season

By Matt Gerow

It is 3:30 p.m., Wed., Jan. 18. Hundreds of people—students, teachers and university track team members—jog around the track inside the University Field House as members of U-High's indoor track team crowd around Coach Ron Drozd to hear about their workout schedules.

The Trackmen are organized into groups according to the activities they will compete in, such as running or shot put.

"You'll be working on your stride today," explains Drozd to one group. "I want you to run for 200 meters (one lap) and walk for 200 meters."

The group jogs onto the track towards the starting and finishing line as the others disperse to start their workouts.

The GROUP starts running at a leisurely pace around the track, as Drozd clicks his stopwatch. As the runners cross the line, Mr. Drozd calls out times: "31.5, 31.5, 31.3... He's got it!"

While walking their assigned 200s meters, the runners joke about their running.

"You can't keep up the pace! says one.

Missed chances

Slumped on a lockerroom bench pressing 130 pounds at a Jan. 18 practice for members of the indoor track team, Adam Simon works out with weights three times a week.

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Cagers lament missed chances

Slumped on a lockerroom bench, Varsity Co-captain Eric Kuhnke talks about the Jan. 31 basketball game at Harvard-St. George, which had just ended.

"If we could only play the whole season like we played in the second half today, we'd be one of the best Class A teams in the state, not alone in the league," said the Independent School League (ISL)'s 4th leading scorer. "But we don't."

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GETTING READY

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I'll pace your face if you don't shut up!" retorts another.

NEARLY TWO hours later, at 5:30 p.m., the groups have completed their workouts. Team members begin walking downstairs to the lockerroom.

"I think we're ready to take on any team," says Distance Runner Peter Lortie, referring to the Maroons' upcoming meet. "The teams we're running against aren't of a very high caliber.

The trackmen face Lake View and Voe Treesheen this Saturday, and Andrew and Leo Feb. 18, and will compete against five other teams in the ISL relays Feb. 25. All meets are at the Field House.

Results of the Maroons' two meets so far, frosh-soph in parenthesis:

IAR. 28-82 (18); Thu., Feb. 11 (46). FEB. 4 —U-High varsity came in 2nd; frosh-soph came in 1st. U-High 24 (46); Kenny 14 (46); Mt. Carmel 36-27. Editor's note: In the last issue the Midway erroneously stated Peter Larvins came in 2nd in state cross country finals; he came in 4th.

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Large teams give swimmers depth

With "the largest team I've had here," Swim Coach Larry McFarlane is looking ahead to this year's opener next Tuesday at Lake Forest Academy and home opener on Feb. 24 with Quigley North.

"This year we have about 40 members," said McFarlane, "a little more than that. I came here seven years ago, when there were only seven team members.

The LARGE numbers of swimmers enable McFarlane to use divers for both the varsity and varsity teams the first time.

Despite this luxury, McFarlane feels that Fred Rudelford and Laura Abbott from lake Forest will do well against last year's Maroons.

Agreeing with McFarlane, Lake Forest Swim Coach Phil Bhum told the Midway, "I think they'll do well and hopefully we'll be U-High a heck of a battle.

McFARLANE ALSO told Quigley North Prexyler John Kiechlin would be tough to beat.

Quigley North Swim Coach Bob Artman agreed with McFarlane.

"With Kiechlin and Krause (Mark, the top breasted stroke in the state) the Frosh will do well and we'll finish last again this year," he said. We can give U-High a really hard time.

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Frosh ski trip being rescheduled

Originally scheduled for Jan. 26, the freshman class ski trip is now tentatively scheduled for Fri., Feb. 24, according to Freshman Class Advisor Ursula Roberts. Seventy-two students had signed up.

The Chicago Royal Valley Resort in Buchanan, Mich., was postpon­ed, Ms. Roberts said, because "the Indiana and Michigan state police forces warned us that the roads leading to the resort were impassable because of the large snow fall.

Just to the north, the Hyde Park Shopping Center in this issue.

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Cagers go north

Hoping that extra practices will improve their playing, the girls' basketball teams face always-tough North Shore, 4 p.m., today, there.

Varsity Coach Karen Lawler and Frosh-Soph Coach Mary Busch started the practices, for which attendance is voluntary, for about a half-hour before school three teams a week. "We need to practice shooting and we don't have time to do that during our regular practices," Ms. Lawler explained.

After their Jan. 27 home opener against Lake Forest was can­celled, the cagers met Latm Firday here and here, varsity lost 50-45 and frosh-soph won 61-42.

Varsity Cager Ellen Markovitz, a four-year varsity starter, was named captain for the third year.

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