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By SUSAN TAUBER KLEIN cold for meets and practices at least four school-nights a week and traveling to the ski slopes by bus. But despite the drawbacks, the takent. It means being out in the teams at Southfield. Southfield-Lathing FIBERGLASS 3-DAY WEEKEND

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rup, and Farmington Our Lady of Mercy high schools are competing and practicing in full-force during the January-February ski season of the Southeastern Michigan Ski League-Brighton Division.

Last year, then band short two Southfield high school ski teams that short two But High States are shorted and the Southeastern South States are working hard to combat their lack of experience.

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A Southfield-Lathrup, the nine-member boys' ski tearn and the nine-member girls' ski tearn bus to Mt. Brighton three nights a week after school to practice.

"It takes one hour just to get to the slopes," said Robert Hetherington, Lathrup's first year coach.

"AND BEING A member of the ski team is expensive. The students must have their own equipment and have to buy a \$50 racing pass. But, this year, the school board picked up most of the cost so the members only have to pay \$36," Hetherington continued.

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The 18 Southfield-Lathrup members aren't experienced racers. So the team is working on "learning to compete and sportsmanship. All but three boys and one girl will be back next season," according to the coach.

season," according to the coach,
"Skiing is a demanding sport,"
Hetherington, a skier for 20 years,
said. "In recreational skiing, you do
what you want ben you want. But in
racing, the kids have to learn to move
institutionally Reading requires contient annually Reading requires contient annually Reading requires contient in the right direction."
"It all takes timing," he said. During a meet, each skier runs a course
twice through the gaits and are timed.
Lathrup doesn't have the same starting team for each meet. Hetherington
believes in having all the racers race
for experience. But the two strongest
boys' team racers are sophomore Rob
Kantor and senior Gregg Dieth. Gail

Kantor and senior Gregg Diehl, Gail Walsh is the top female.

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"THE REST are all steady skiers,"
Hetherington commented.
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walk along the side of the racing course to become familiar with it.

"THEY AREN'T allowed to ski the course before the race. But by going over it mentally, talking to others, the course before the race size of the races learn how to ski it before actually doing it." Sandy explained. The girls' team is composed of mostly new racers. But on the boys' team, "There are two really good men, janiors. Jim Kurylo and John Thompson," according to Mrs. Domentally only has six members.

The coaches try to have everyone regulation team for both sexes usually only has six members.

And every Friday night, in addition to other practices, the Southfield drams have the option of taking a ski lesson with an instructor at the Mt.

Brighton Ski School. This was arranged specially by the Davis'. Mrs. Davis pointed out that sking is an outstanding way to get physical exercise. "It's a sport the team members can carry on into later life."

Kusch thinks her team will do very well this year. Last season, they THE SKI TEAM at Mercy has been coached for the past four years by the coached for the past four years by the different points. The proof of the past four years by the proof of the past four years by the region. The proof of the proof of the past four years by the region of the proof of





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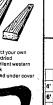
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