

*Same policies, new locations*

# UHS history long, varied

**William Watts Folwell, first president of the University of Minnesota, 1869-1884, told a convention of school superintendents they must work "to bring about a vital, organic connection between the University and the high schools."**

**That was in August, 1870.**

In 1908 an act of the Board of Regents established University high school as a laboratory center for the College of Education.

U High first held classes in a men's rooming house near Northrop field.

When this building burned down in 1914 the school moved to the old Mines and Metallurgy building, now Child Welfare. It was described as, "a new, thoroughly modern, fireproof building . . ."

In 1949, the Minnesota Legislature appropriated \$1,404,000 to build a larger U High. Construction was held up by indecision over a location.

The final decision to build on the knoll was unpopular among University students. They protested that U High would spoil the knoll. Construction started in 1952.

However, a proposed theater and band building between Pattee and Shevlin Halls, and a connecting walk-

way over Pillsbury drive were excluded because of lack of funds.

Few changes in primary objectives have taken place in the 60-year history of U High.

**According to a June, 1916 University bulletin, the school was to provide "an opportunity for the study of problems of high school instruction and administration, for the application of the most approved methods and practices of secondary instruction, and . . . for University students . . . to do practice teaching under normal**

**high school conditions."**

In the early 1960's, two major projects were undertaken at U High. Project Social Studies attempted to present a logical sequence of instruction in the social studies through the elementary and high school years. Project English attempted to redefine and fulfill the objectives of English instruction.

These programs are typical of the progressive curriculum of U High. In the fall of 1968, U High will expand to further accomplish its objectives.