# The Bridge

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#### News Briefs

#### Picture yourself a winner

by Vanessa Sanchez

Grab your camera and take a few pictures, it's the Seventh Annual Nikon/Nutshell photo contest. The contest is open to all students and faculty mem-

You could win up to \$1,500 worth in prizes and even get your photo published in the well-established Nutshell magazine.

To enter you should send in as many pictures as you want before January 24, 1980.

Photos will be selected by an independent panel of judges based on its composition, creativity and overall quality.

For more information you can pick up an official entry blank in the Bridge

#### DAVEA center open

by Holly Gatehouse
DAVEA (DuPage Area Vocational Education Authority) presents a Parent/Student Open House, of the center next Wednesday, November 14, from 7:30 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Students currently enrolled in DAVEA, or those interested in attending the center in the future are encouraged to attend

with their parents. The Open House will be held at the DAVEA Center located at 301 North Swift Road, Addison between North Avenue and Army Trail Road.

#### **PSAT** Finalists recognized

by Pat Dillon

This year, West Chicago High School has two Merit Finalists, Robin Stroebel and Steve Teske. The Merit Finalists are students who achieved scores on the PSAT test that ranks them in the one-half percent of the nations seniors. The Merit Finalists go on to take another test. If they do well on this test, they will be named National Merit Scholars. This makes them eligible to receive National Merit

Six people have received Letters of Recommendation, David Johnston, Sharon Keeley, Peter Kerstan, Dennis Miltner, Lynda Simpson, and Michael Turner. Letters of Recommendation are received by students who achieved scores on the PSAT test that placed them in the upper two percent of the nations seniors.

They receive a Certificate of Outstanding Performance from the National Merit Scholarship Foundation.

# Vandals strike stage sets, again

by Pete Girard

Vandals struck the auditorium again this year, leaving four stage flats seriously damaged. This marks the second incident of this nature in the past two

The flats were vandalized sometime between Friday afternoon October 12 and Monday morning October 15. The damage was discovered by Gail Adams, who is supervising the building of sets for the fall play, "You Can't Take It With You."

"It really upsets me to think that anybody could have so little respect for the hard work of someone else," Adams said. "These flats have lasted for quite some time without a lot of repair work having to be done, but they were so badly damaged that the canvasses will have to

The damaged flats were not going to be used in the play because they were not tall enough, but it still hurts the spirits of the crews because a lot of time and effort had been put into the flats in the past

Due to their large size, storing them has always been a problem for the stage crew. "They have always been kept backstage, but unless something can be done to protect them from this sort of thing, another place will have to be found, Sheila Hodges, stage crew chairman, said.

The backstage area has often been used as a storage area for desks and other school equipment, and last year, it was used by the temporarily relocated guidance department. "Another problem with storing the flats backstage," said Cheri Turner, who is in charge of costumes, "Is that the custodians are not always careful when they move things and we have had some props damaged because of this."

The damage done to the flats adds up to about one or two hundred dollars. This is not covered by the schools vandalism fund because the flats are the property of the Thespians and not the school. They will be paid for by the school's educational fund.

"Security has been a problem for a long

time," James Mast, director of business said, "And it would be easy enough to restrict the auditoriums use to the Thespains, but it is a multi-purpose area and it is used by the dance production classes as well. It can't be locked up just for the

One possibility that is being looked into is a chain-link fence type of enclosure for storing the flats when they are not in use. Any costs for securing an area for them will come out of the school's general

# GIS offers further guidance

by Brad Falls

The guidance department recently acquired a new computer system made possible through a federal grant. The GIS (Guidance Information System) is tied in to Wabonsie Community College and is updated twice a year. The system provides informtion about occupations, four and two year colleges, and sources of scholarships and financial aids.

The GIS also contains information on

the average beginning salary, personal qualifications, recommended school subjects and other areas of related occupa-

Obtaining information from this system is direct, immediate and easy. A terminal resembling an ordinary typewriter is used to acquire data from the computer. You can request both general and specific material. Facts and statistics then come out in printed form that you can take with

Although information on specific colleges and job occupations are available, they are not the only areas covered. If you are undecided about what college you wish to attend and what field you wish to study, the GIS can be very

Through an indirect method it is possible to tell the computer things you enjoy doing and would like to get into. The system can then suggest occupations related to the information you gave it.

# Economy relies on energy efficiency

by Debbie Smith

In recognition of Thomas Edison's invention of the practical electric light bulb 100 years ago, Stanley Sarwark, district manager of Commonwealth Edison, gave a slide presentation on energy conserva-

The presentation, held at Fermi National Accelerater Laboratory in the Central auditorium, recounted man's progress since October 21, 1879.

Reviewing our present energy sources we see our domestic oil consumption this year averaged 20 million barrels per day and 10 million has to be imported. The largest supplier of oil is Saudia Arabia, and there is a possibility that the availability of their oil may become tied to a solution to the Palestine problem. Currently about 9 percent of the oil and 16 percent of the gas we consume are turned to generate electricity.

Since 1970 our total consumption of energy nationally has increased by about 16 percent, whereas electricity consumption has gone up about 44 percent.

Commonwealth Edison hopes to make the greatest possible use of coal and of a new energy source, uranium. They believe coal and uranium are the only

energy sources which are large enough and sufficiently well developed to offset their dependence on oil during at least the next decade

For example, in 1978 nuclear generation at three plants replaced the use of 2.3 billion gallons of oil. Based on last years consumption, much of it in Illinois, the U.S. has about 1500 years of coal left.

Commonwealth Edison fully understands the public concern for safety of their nuclear plants. The low-level radioactive material is buried permanently in a licensed facility. The high level waste is contained in the spent fuel rods; 98 percent can be re-used. It is important to keep the subject of nuclear waste in perspective, to recognize that the amount of waste is extremely small. Radiation from a nuclear plant is physically no different from the radiation found in nature.

If a person were sitting on the bank of the Susquehanna river outside the plant without clothing, throughout the incident he would have received the equivalent of two chest X-rays.

What about the danger of nuclear proliferation as a result of diversion of nuclear fuel into the hands of terrorists? True enough, the theory of making a bomb is simple and known to many. All you need is five pounds of pure uranium and a detonating device. The problem comes in obtaining that pure uranium.

We can expect a 46 percent growth rate in households with the people already living, by the year 2000. This country's economic strength and standard of living will depend on the wise and efficient use of all energy resources.

# Survey reveals student opinions

by Holly Gatehouse

Principal Richard DuFour recently conducted an informal survey of the students in American Government classes.

The main questions he asked involved what students liked most and least about the high school. Here are some of the results:

What two things about the high school program do you like the most?

- The opportunity to participate in athletics and extra curricular activities.
- The opportunity to self-schedule and off-campus privileges.

Also among the top five responses given

were unscheduled time and the excellent facilities. What do you like least about the high

school?

- 1. The school rules are too restricting.
- Supervision of parapros. 2. Required physical education
- The length of the school day.

Mr. DuFour believes that disliking the supervision of parapros is based on a real misconception. "In fact," he ponted out, "having parapros here is in the students best interest." DuFour stressed the fact that if we had no parapros, no one could leave the building. He went on to say, "It's only because we have parapros that we have some of the privileges that students are given.'

# Citizen Advisory Committee

by Wendy Lewis

Sub-committees of the Citizens Advisory Committee of Energy Conservation met to point out final objectives.

Two sub-committees met on October 17 at 8 p.m. These include the curricular and extra-curricular aspects.

The curricular group discussed a four day week, closing school in winter and staying open longer in the summer and drivers' education simulators.

The four day week plan was shot down



because of the problems with conflicting schedules with the grade schools.

It has been determined that keeping the school open longer in the summer, and closing during the winter would not be practical. The cost of heat and air conditioning would balance out.

Drivers' Education simulators could be

installed, but they cost too much money and use electricity

The extra-curricular group decided that Friday night football games do not use excessive amounts of electricity. Saturday afternoon games would be used as a last

Plans to double up team practices are already in effect but still need to be expan-

The Technical group met one week later on October 23. They discussed the results of a walk through the school by six members of that sub-committee. The purpose of this walk was to identify specific energy loss areas of the building. They discovered the third floor to be the major problem area. Work needing to be done includes roof repairs, insulation, and cleaning the air vents.

The final meeting of the extracurricular sub-committee will meet on November 21 at 8 p.m. After this date, all three sub-committees will unite to draw up final conclusions, and work out an emergency plan.

# **Opinion**

### Rock and Roll forever

Dear Editor,

I have wanted for the longest time to express my opinion about something. This something is Rock and Roll, and the group Rush in particular. When many people hear of the group Rush, students as well as adults, they say, "What a bunch of burnt out freaks, all they do is make a lot of noise." My reply to this statement is "BULL" If people would just shut their mouths long enough to listen to the music, I think they would change their opinion. I have taken just two stanzas from the Rush song "Something For Nothing" to prove my point.

Waiting for the winds of change To sweep the clouds away Waiting for the rainbows end To cast its gold your way Countless ways You pass the days You don't get something for nothing You can't have freedom for free You won't get wise With the sleep still in your eyes No matter what your dream might be Waiting for someone to call And turn your world around Looking for an answer to The questions you have found Looking for An open door.

I have just one thing I would like to ask, is this only racket made by a bunch of burnt out freaks, who don't know what they're doing?

Marie Gaither

# Senior speaks out

Dear Editor,

In response to an editorial entitled "A few rotten eggs at Homecoming spoil it for some," it was definitely a one sided, stupid, and ignorant article. First, it states that "we feel" this or that. There was no "we," but an "I" feeling. Second, can you prove that one single egg "hit" the senior float? Were you there at the incident of which you accuse the crime of "hitting the senior float with rotten eggs." The eggs were fresh, by the way. Third, what gives you the right to flat state, "three of our senior football players were suspended from the game"?

Also ask a football player if "winning" doesn't matter to them. Can you tell us seniors why you stated we were "losers"? Can you tell the BRIDGE readers what other past conflicts involved the class of '80 only? If you can't answer these questions with satisfaction then you should start writing an apology to the senior class!

Senior damn proud of his class Michael Pacie '80

#### BRIDGE replies to letter

The BRIDGE stands by its original article. Nevertheless we feel the need to comment on parts of this letter.

First, no editorial ever printed in the BRIDGE reflects the opinion of just one person or what you describe as an "I"feeling. The content of an editorial expresses the opinion of the entire paper.

Second of all, Mr. Pacie, if you would care to check the article again, there is no statement whatsoever where we said "hitting the senior float with rotten eggs." While you're at it you might also check where in the article we said that winning wasn't important to the football players. Neither statement was made.

#### Reader displeased with article

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of the BRIDGE an article was printed entitled "A few rotten eggs at Homecoming spoil it for some!" This article may have been written in good taste, but it turned out to be pretty "rotten." The article not only tried to embarass the guys who egged the float, (incidentally did any of those eggs actually hit the float?) but the senior class as a whole. The guys who egged the float were suspended from the game and from school. That I might stop them from ruining things, (but don't bet on it). I have listened to many of the seniors talking, and this article has only made matters worse. We seniors aren't ashamed but now some of us are looking for revenge because of the article. It seems to me that people, such as this editor, should think before they write.

Maria DiNicolo

#### Stage crews' hard work ruined

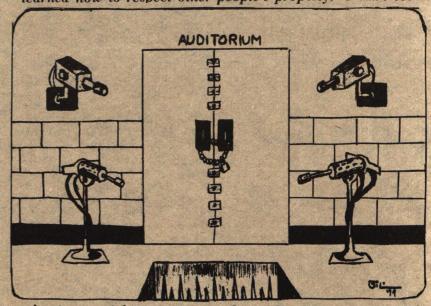
Dear Editor,

I'm writing this letter for all the faculty and students involved in WCCHS Theater. For as long as I've been going to this high school I have yet to see the auditorium completely locked.

Last Monday the stage crew for the fall play had a big disappointment. Almost all the flats (streched cloth on a frame used as walls) were punctured and slashed.

This isn't the first time that this has happened. Things are being destroyed, damaged, and stolen all the time.

It is upsetting to know that fellow students have not yet learned how to respect other people's property. I can't see



what is so satisfying in ruining things that other people have worked hard to make.

It is depressing to know that our administration doesn't even care or appreciate it enough to put locks on the doors. The drama department has been waiting for these locks for over three years. The administration is always grumbling about the vandalism of the school, yet no measures are taken to prevent it.

I think action should be taken immediately. New locks should be put on the doors and a place to store equipment should be found. After all, we have been waiting for over three years, isn't that long enough?

Robin Horn

#### Student refused use of PET

Dear Editor,

On October 17, I went to the library fifth hour. I usually go to work with the computer the library purchased.

I was observing a game going on when Ms. Meyer came and told us that the PET was reserved for sixth hour. We asked if we could stay and watch, but she rejected us in a very UN-PLEASANT MANNER!!!!

I feel that the computer was bought for everyones' enjoyment and because she refused us, I feel I was deprived of my right to enjoy it.

If the students can't enjoy it, then why was it purchased? The money could've been used to raise the teachers' or boards' salary.

Feeling Deprived Dave Wollenberg

Editor's Note: Board members receive no monetary compensation at all for their time.

#### Student clashes with parapro

Dear Editor,

Three students were at a concert that a parapro was "patroling," one student did not know this person was a parapro. During the concert tha parapro began to scold all three girls loudly for their quiet whispering. Then the student, who did not know the parapro was a parapro, went "shhh" to this unidentified parapro.

The student got a referral for going "shhh" and "being rude." In fact now the parapro is denying the way the offense happened. The student feels the parapro is lying, the parapro feels the student is lying. The student brought a parent in to fight the accusation of being rude by saying "shhh" to a parapro. The parent and the student took this "case" to two school officials. Both officials told the parent and student they thought the student was lying.

Now the student is banned from attending any musical concert and drama performance before Thanksgiving. Is this justice, the staff member is always right, no matter what the student and parent say? If so, this student has not yet begun to fight!

Amber Ashpole

Life long interest

# Ron Benner keeps track of trains

Ever since his childhood he has loved trains. While growing up, he dreamed of becoming a railroad engineer. "Then in high school I got into music," says Ronald Benner, music director at WCCHS, "and now I really like music more than anything else.

Mr. Benner still has his love for trains, though. "I'm the only person I know who really likes being stopped by a train," he chuckles. Mr. Benner also enjoys

#### We-go people

collecting trains. Two weeks go, WCCHS had the opportuniy to view a portion of Mr. Benner's vast train collection which was on display in the L.R.C. show cases.

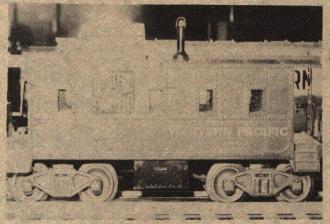
Mr. Benner started his collection at the age of 12 when he acquired his first set of trains. He has been collecting them ever since, and claims his collection is now big



Benner displays part of his train collection (photo by Mike Bodnar)

enough to take up most of the L.R.C.. The set includes ten passenger cars, twentyfive engines, and approximately four hundred freight cars.

When searching for a new train to add to his collection, Mr. Benner is selective. He explains, "I look for detail, for something that catches my eye." This detail is exemplified in that the passenger cars actually light up inside and contain miniature people. Price is another major factor. A new diesel engine could cost anywhere from forty to fifty dollars, while steam engines run anywhere from seventy-five to ninety dollars. The steam engines actually blow smoke, whistle, and have horns that



Besides the LRC, Mr. Benner has also displayed his trains at last year's house walk and the West Chicago Public Library. (photo by Mike Bodnar)

Mr. Benner also collects O-gauge trains. The letter "O" represents the size of the train, with Z-gauge being tiny and O-gauge being one of the larger models. Mr. Benner prefers the large size trains because they are more in scale and have better

As of now, Mr. Benner is just beginning to construct a layout, which will include the arrangement of the track accented with a model countryside. He already has acquired much of the needed materials to build the layout such as the track, a whole miniature city, and a farm.

When finished, the layout is expectd to fill up most of his basement. "As long as my wife can have access to the washer and dryer she doesn't mind," says Benner with a smile.

Mr. Brenner spends up to four or five hours a week working with his collection. He gets much satisfaction out of it, and feels that "train collecting is a good hobby for anyone, boy or girl, to take up.

#### Mellowed-out Zeppelin returns

by Cindy Heinrich

After what has seemed like an eternity, Led Zeppelin is back to show their powerful magnetism with a new release In Through the Out Door.

Since their first album in 1969, Jimmy Page, Robert Plank, John Paul Jones, and John Bonham have captivated rock 'n roll hearts with a special brand of music.

In Through the Out Door continues to captivate, but this time it's mixed with

Record review

conflict and confusion of a new sound

stealing through the minds of classic Zep-

The most updated sound on the LP,

Carouselambra, is a combination of

Page's electrifying guitar work blended

with Jone's new and unusual synthesizer

Unlike traditional Zeppelin style is the

honky-tonk piano sound of Hot Dog and the

unexpected Latin rhythms of Fool in the

pelin followers.

In the Evening charges the album with energized vocals while All of My Love and I'm Gonna Crawl close wih an emotionfilled, mellow mood. In spite of all the changes shown on In

Through the Out Door, some nostalgic Zeppelin traces still remain. Included are



photo by Steve Binder.

Page's detailed guitar work and Plant's habit of composing music with a repeating

A mellowed-out and experimental Zeppelin has emerged from the studio this time, but remember that it's just their way of ramblin' on, and a good one at that.

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#### We-go club corner

by Dawn Picton

Preparations for the fall play "You Can't Take It With You" are in full swing. The performanes will be held November 16 and 17 at 8 p.m. in the auditorium. Drama Club and Thespians are working to make this years play the best one yet.

On October 27 and 28, Mr. Zabelin accompanied by Mike Turner and Mark Shaughnessy, attended the regional Future Business Leaders of America conference in St. Louis. Their attendance brought them closer to becoming an FBLA Gold Seal Chapter. This could eventually bring national recognition to the

West Chicago Chapter.
VICA held election of officers on October 10. IRO officers are: president: Pam Smallman, Vice-presient, Mike Buenrostro, secretary, Becky Bell. CWT officers are: president, Gene Stolp, vicepresident, Buddy McCuan, secretary, Kathy Allan. Sue Holland serves as treasurer for both. A community service project is being planned by VICA for November or December.

Swing Choir hosted a clinic on November 3 at the High School. Members of the West Chicago and Brookfield-Riverside swing choirs improved their choreography and arrangement abilities. They were taught by Tom Terrien of the University of Wisconsin. Terrien has produced such hits as Jesus Christ Superstar and

The German Club held a pot luck dinner last Wednesday. The dinner featured German dishes and desserts. The club is also planning a T-shirt day. German students ordered T-shirts wih German slogans on them and will all wear them to school on a scheduled day yet to be announced.

BRIDGÉ editors, accompanied by Tim Courtney, BRIDGE advisor, attended the National JEA (Journalism Education Association) Convention held in Milwaukee two weeks ago.

The editors competed against other journalism students from around the country. They entered in competition such as writing and layout design. Steve Binder, BRIDGE sports editor, received an Honorable Mention for his efforts in the

sports writing category.
In the middle of October, Mr. Courtney and the editors went to the Illinois High School Publication Association (IHSPA) Convention at the University of Illinois. The BRIDGE was voted State Treasurer of the IHSPA and they will take over the responsibility in January.

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"Family" atmosphere existed

# Wildcats champions despite season end

by Jeff Lisewski

As We-go's regular football season came to an end, the chance of going on into championship play also diminished.

But this shouldn't mean that the Wildcats aren't champions in every other sense of the word. Exactly what is a champion? Is it a group of players that with the right guidance from coaches and players alike, played as a team and gave 110%? Is it also a team that could overcome obstacles such as a low turnout and injuries? Is it a team that kept their poise and confidence when they lost a heartbreaker or two, and bounced back to show that they could by winners?

If these definitions fit the word champion, it seems the Wildcats are just that. Yet there had to be something which put a damper on the Cats' chances for a playoff birth - and difficulty exists in trying to locate it in the Wildcat organization.

Despite a few injuries, the physical aspect of the game seemed more than admirable. Mentally the team seemed sound and determined, and in the eyes of the team, everyone was close, and blended to form a "family" type unit.

Defense was definitely not a problem. Statistically, the Cats were rated one of the best in the conference. Players who helped this squad tremendously include lineman Steve Boorsma, who according to Head Coach Larry Parker, was "one of the outstanding defensive linemen in the conference. Linebacker Rich Cannavino played "extremely well and was a real



Flanker Keith Serpa will probably repeat his All-conference honors from last year, catching a total of 48 passes this season.

plishment seems ever greater when it is realized that Serpa has had knee surgery, and last season all he needed was only 40 receptions to receive All-Conference

It is clear to coach Parker and this writer that Serpa was undoubtedly the "best receiver in the conference." Serpa's completion companion, quarterback Larry Miller, is also a hopeful for conference honors. With no experience from last year, Miller has already broken many of the records set by his outstanding predecessor, Don Stockton. Another member of We-go's aeriel attack is tight end Scott Armbrust, who in Parkers mind was an excellent blocker and highly "overlooked."

Passing has definitely been the bread and butter of the offense. The problem was seemingly visible in the running game. "We're just being outmanned up front" expressed Parker in explaining the lack of success in the running department. Parker also states that they just "didn't have a lot of depth and didn't have a lot of

A perfect summary statement for this

(photo by Frank Kerr)

# Sport shorts

Wheaton North.

We-go gridders exemplify the "family" type atmosphere just before kick off against

#### Free Throw-a-Thon unique event

by Steve Binder

Last year the "Running Wildcat" basketball team participated in the Carbondale Christmas Holiday Basketball Tournament, one of the finest Christmas tournaments in the state. This year the "Running Wildcats" again will participate, having been invited back after

last years' performance.

Because the basketball teams' share of the gate receipts was not enough to cover the expense of last years' trip, the Booster Club has organized a Free Throw-A-Thon to be held on Saturday, November 17.

Each member of the basketball program will shoot 100 free throws. Money will be made from pledges of anyone who wishes to sponsor a participant. The amount pledged will pertain only to the total number of free throws

The Free Throw-A-Thon will highlight the Running Wildcat Basketball Open House beginning at 7:00 p.m. in the Bishop

#### Skiing popularity builds at WCCHS

by Steve Binder

"The interest has really mushroomed" expressed Steve Arnold about the sport of skiing at WCCHS. Mr. Arnold will sponsor a total of 13 ski trips this year, offered to anyone interested in skiing. Places the trips will be held include Chestnut Mountain, Wilmont Mountain, Devils Head, Cascade Mountain, Alpine Valley and Villa Olivia. Brand new to this years' schedule is a cross country skiing package offered on three consecutive Sunday afternoons beginning January 6 at Villa Olivia. Mr. Arnold mentioned, "This years' ski

trips do a better job of offering more low cost opportunities for the beginning skier and more opportunities for the experienced skiers in terms of quality places to ski." Detailed prices and dates of the ski trips will be available a week before Thanksgiving from Mr. Arnold in room

leader," and safety Larry Miller also played exceedingly well. To the time of this story Miller has broken two conference records, one for interceptions in a game (3) and the other for interceptions in a season (7)

(photo by Steve Binder)

The three investigated portions of their game show nothing to justify playoff cancellation. Therefore the problem must lie within the offense. To put the problem in its proper perspective the offense must be divided into two catagories, rushing and passing.

Every offense must contain a necessary commodity, "balance." This means there must be a happy medium between throwing and running the ball, which the Cats never seemed to obtain. The definite majority of offensive success was a result of the passing game. In breaking down the passing personnel we find flanker Keith Serpa, who has caught a total of 48 passes at this point of the season. This accom-

experience and size."

Hopefully, the experience of juniors Mark Hedrick and Lance Kammes and sophomore Rob Ream can provide the talent to even out We-go's uneven offense

season was provided by Larry Miller when he stated, "We know what it takes, and we like being winners." With a team attitude such as this one, the Wildcats can once again anchor a winning tradition at

#### We-go Scoreboard

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#### Candy Clausen swings sweetly for successful season

by Mike Fisher

Many people didn't know who she was. They were suprised to see her picture in the Chicago Tribune. They were even more surprised to find that it was junior Candy Clausen, who earned that picture by shooting an 83 at sectionals for the golf



Concentration in putting is essential as Candy tries to sink the birdie putt.

(photo by Michelle Monroe)

team, and finishing in a tie for first place.

Candy Clausen is the lone female member of the West Chicago golf team. However, she does not consider this loneliness to be of any handicap to her game. "I've accepted it now. It's a lot of fun. I would rather play against guys. Guys are more of a challenge.

Candy has been playing golf since eighth grade. Through the encouragement of her family, friends, and teachers, she has blossomed into a definite threat for opposing teams. She emphasizes the fact that her coach, Mr. Swan, has also had a great deal of influence on her playing ability. "I think he enjoys the fact that I'm the only girl on the team. It gives him a big challenge. He worked me pretty hard and gave me a lot of special attention. I owe much of my success to him."

In her three years as a member of the golf team, this year marks her finest by far. She went to districts and shot a 94, good enough for third place. With that score she qualified for sectionals, where she shot her "incredible" 83. "That was my most memorable moment. Of course it's unfortunate that I lost it on the first hole of the playoff, but I feel I'm getting better as I go." She then progressed into the state tournament, where she placed 24th out of 140 girls, with scores of 92 and 94 respectively.

Likewise, her attitude towards the game of golf is as solid as herscores. "It lets you relate to the outdoors and gives you time to think. Golf is a real challenge for the mind, and in my opibnion, is like no other sport around." She does point out,



Candy shows the style she used to shoot her "incredible" 83 at sectionals. (photo by Michelle Monroe)

however, that the game suffers from two distinct disadvantages. "The game has a bad reputation, and the time it takes to play 18 holes is too much for most people. But if you want to do well, you have to overlook them," she stresses.

As far as the future goes, however, she hasn't been able to make a definite decision. "I know I could do it (play golf professionally), but it depends on how bad I want to do it. I think I'd like to be a psychology teacher or a counselor. I think I would enjoy working with kids," she laughs. "But don't get me wrong. I love golf and it has enabled me to grow up more as a person. And because of that, I am more able to handle myself under pressure. Most importantly though, I've learned a lot about others.'