Golf course destruction is everyone's concern

It does not matter whether we live in Chicago or its suburbs, or if we play golf or not, we cannot allow land developers to bulldoze any more golf courses in the name of progress. The public's lack of concern in regard to this wanton destruction of our fast-diminishing recreational facilities and the complacency of those people who are in the position to stop it, will no doubt prove to be one of our generation's dismal inefficiencies of community planning.

I will not attempt to name all the golf courses in this area that have met their demise due to our form of "progress." I will only name the few I have personally had the pleasure and privilege to enjoy in the past years. The following list only covers those courses which were in proximity of Chicago's western border: Hillside GC, Maplecrest GC, Tam O'Shanter CC, Walnut Hill CC, Indian Head CC, Navajo Hills CC, Mohawk CC, Langford Links CC, Twin Oaks CC, Acacia CC, Westward Ho CC, Big Oaks GC and Bunker Hills CC. With the exception of Tam O'Shanter the courses were public daily fee. This summer Mohawk CC, which has survived these past 47 years, must make way for more fac-

The popularity and play of golf has increased many fold in the past decade, possibly due to the free promotion given by the telecasting of golf tournaments in the past 15 years and also because of the public's increased interest in participatory sports. In every new generation more people have more leisure time and enjoy more money than did their predecessors.

This alarming disappearance of golf courses since the 1950s cannot be due to the lack of interest in golf, not be-