

# Shungnak Skates

Seventh grader Diane Sun (Right) of the rural community of Shungnak seems a bit unsteady on her feet, while testing the new experience of roller skating. Shungnak School recently acquired a few pair of roller skates in an effort to add to its physical education program. Designed not to harm the gymnasium floor, the roller

skates provide an indoor activity when extreme temperatures and/or high winds prevent students from getting their exercise outdoors.

At one point (right), young Diane thought perhaps she would be safer and wiser to simply sit on the gym floor. A wonderful idea, as opposed to negotiating those eight little slippery wheels beneath her feet.



(photos by J.C. Creed.)

Shungnak, population 225, lies a few miles north of the Arctic Circle, on the meandering

banks of the Kobuk River. Shungnak School is within the Northeast Arctic School District.