

SHUFFLEBOARD INSTALLED

700 Use SU Recreation Daily

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The basement of the Student Union is a recreation area which attracts about 700 students daily for bowling, billiards, ping pong, and newly-added shuffleboard.

Winter term brings heaviest use of the game facilities, according to recreation manager Louie Bellissimo. The games are also used a great deal fall term, but students favor outdoor recreation in the spring.

An average of \$100 is taken in each day in fees for use of the facilities, but the small profit which is made is eventually put back into additions and improvements.

Shuffleboard Added

Latest additions are two shuffleboard tables which were moved in Monday night. The beginning price for shuffleboard will be ten cents per game, according to Si Ellingson, SU director.

The 250 student and faculty bowlers who use the eight alleys daily pay 30 cents a line and 10 cents more if they rent shoes. About 300 use the 10 billiard tables each day, and the charge per table is 60 cents an hour.

The seven SU ping pong tables, in a glassed-in room adjoining the other facilities, receive the play of about 150 students daily. The charge here is 25 cents an hour.

There has been increased interest in the recreation program, Bellissimo said, since the SU recreation board, chaired by Dick Blue, was organized this year.

Students Given Preference

Preference for use of the recreation equipment is always given to UO students, faculty and employees; alums sometimes use the games, but townspeople seldom do. During the state high school basketball tournament, the recreation area is flooded with game enthusiasts, Bellissimo said, and there are waiting lines for all facilities.

The recreation area is open at 8:30 a.m. and receives fairly steady use, with increasing play in the afternoon and early evening. During summer school the recreation room is kept open afternoons, although it is not profitable.

About 150 receive bowling instruction in PE classes every day, with Bellissimo coaching the men and Miss Rena Barsanti instructing women. The fee for a term of bowling instruction is \$5, plus \$2.25 if shoes are rented. The bowling room has seating space for 60 spectators and features modern equipment, including eight tel-e-scores, which project the score papers into glass panels overhead so the scores can easily be seen by a large number of people. (Disadvantageous, possibly, for the beginning bowler, but the device can be turned off.)

Electric eyes on the foul lines cause a bell to ring if a bowler steps over the line. If the ball cuts the beam of the tel-e-foul, the bell does not sound, however.

There is an adequate supply of shoes for rent—60 pairs from size four to 10 for women, and 60 from size six to 15 for men. The 14's and 15's receive little use, but

Bellisimo said that he once offered a free game to a girl with a size four foot if she would bowl wearing the 15's. She did, and finished the stunt with aching feet.

A single control panel behind the counter contains switches which turn on lights over each bowling alley, ping pong table, and billiards table. A small button on the panel releases the lock on the door of the pin setters' room.

Bellisimo, who has bowled 30 years and now coaches the Oregon team, said that there is a larger stock of bowling shoes for sale in the SU than in any bowling alley on the coast. He stocks sizes three-and-a-half to 10 for women, six to 13 for men in "right-handed shoes," and six-and-a-half to 12 for men in "left-handed shoes." In the bowling stroke, Bellissimo explained, one foot slides, depending on whether the bowler is left or right-handed, and the sliding shoe is chrome-soled while the other is rubber-soled.

Trophies Displayed

Trophy and showcases in the recreation area contain an inter-

esting accumulation of pictures and prizes which circulate in campus intra-mural bowling or have been won by the bowling team or individuals. The UO bowling team, which has an average of 940, won the national college championship in 1953 and placed second last year. The SU bowling alleys will be the scene of the regional intercollegiate tourney April 12, 13, and 14, with 10 or 12 schools participating.

The SU facilities are used by several campus bowling leagues, including the Tuesday and Thursday WRA leagues, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday intra-mural leagues, and the faculty league.

The UO alley record is held by Bob Boyle, who scored a near-perfect 283 in April, 1955, in open play. Mary Brooks scored the women's high of 268 in a PE class.

The showcase contains pictures of some of the famous people who have used the SU recreation room. Among them are Charlie Peterson, retired world's billiards champion who puts on an exhibition annually, and Dr. Arnold Toynbee, world historian, who bowled here in 1955.



RECREATION FACILITIES in the basement of the Student Union are in great demand, according to Louie Bellissimo, recreation director. Over 700 students use the basement facilities daily. Above, a University coed sends a ball spinning down one of the eight bowling alleys.

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	FSFF Steering	111 SU
	Journ Lnc	112 SU
	Arch Lnc	113 SU
	Drama Staff	114 SU
2:30	Pi Sig Alpha	111 SU
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