

Rec Center has fun n' games to cure wintertime blues

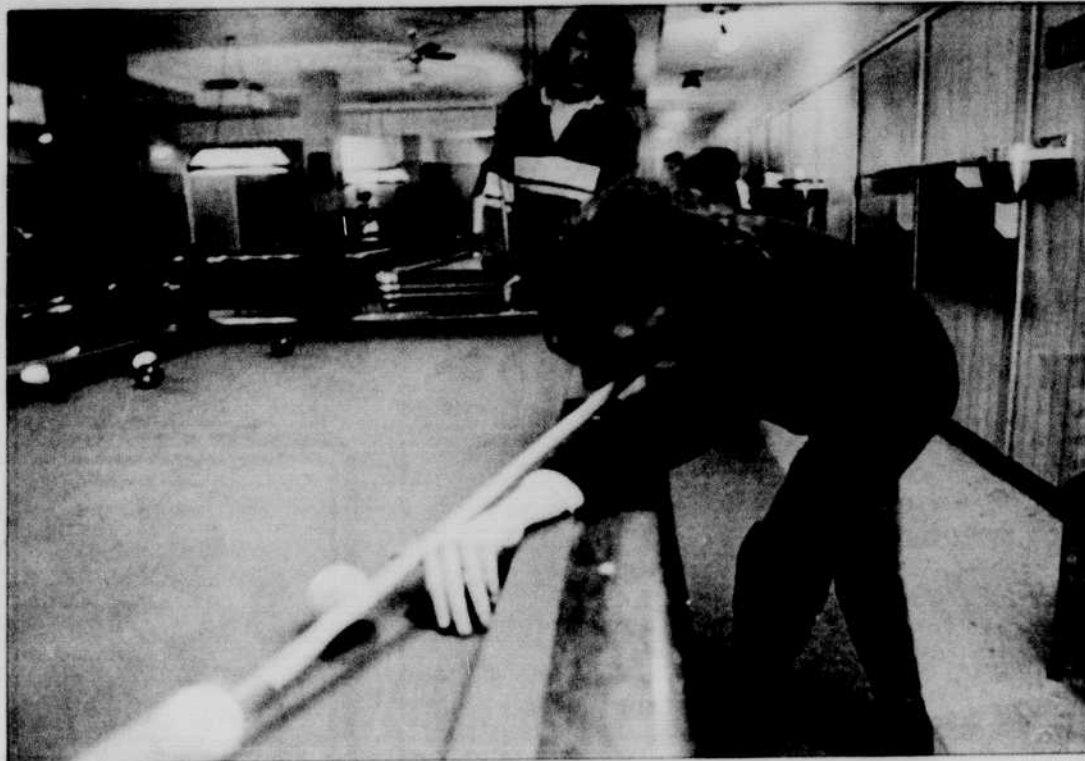
Are you having a hard time finding something to keep you entertained after the holiday chaos has faded away?

If you're tired of being hypnotized by that glowing box popularly known as the television, the EMU recreation center may have an answer to your restlessness.

Some people think of billiards as a game only played in smoky pool halls called "Sharkey's" or "Nick's." This is a grave misconception.

Pool can be a stress relieving activity made for students who need to burn off steam after mind-racking midterms.

The recreation center has twelve pool tables, and players can knock around as many balls as you like for only \$2.70 an hour (with student I.D.). If you have never played before and are shy about your billiard skill, do not fear. You can hide in the very back of the room at one of the twelve tables the center has



While pool shark Clare Winter shows Kevin McQuarrie how it's done, students can try the Rec Center's bowling alley or dart games.

to offer. There are also two snooker tables, for those who know exactly how to play that elusive cousin of billiards.

"I'd never really played pool before I came here, and now I'm really perfecting my game," said UO senior and new pool devotee,

Kirsten Henry.

If pool isn't your thing, you can always check out the center's bowling alley.

Students can knock those pins down for just \$1.25 a game can rent those neat little bowling

shoes for only \$.50.

A ping-pong table is also available for a mere \$1.50 an hour.

Those games can get pretty cut-throat, and chances are there will be someone hanging around itching for a game or two.

The center has a dart board for \$1.20 an hour, and with a little imagination, a dart game can relieve the tension caused by a favorite landlord or relative.

"The key is in proper extension from wrist to shoulder," said UO student Richard Lea on his dart throwing technique.

For the intellectuals among us, there are board games and playing cards to exercise strategic minds. These are free of charge, which is an extra bonus for starving students.

As many of us know, the recreation center is the only place left in the EMU where smoking is allowed. So, for that dying breed known as smokers, the recreation center may be the place you'll want to study, as well as find your entertainment.

The recreation center is open Mon-Thurs from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m., Sat from 12 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., and Sunday from 12 p.m. to 11 p.m.

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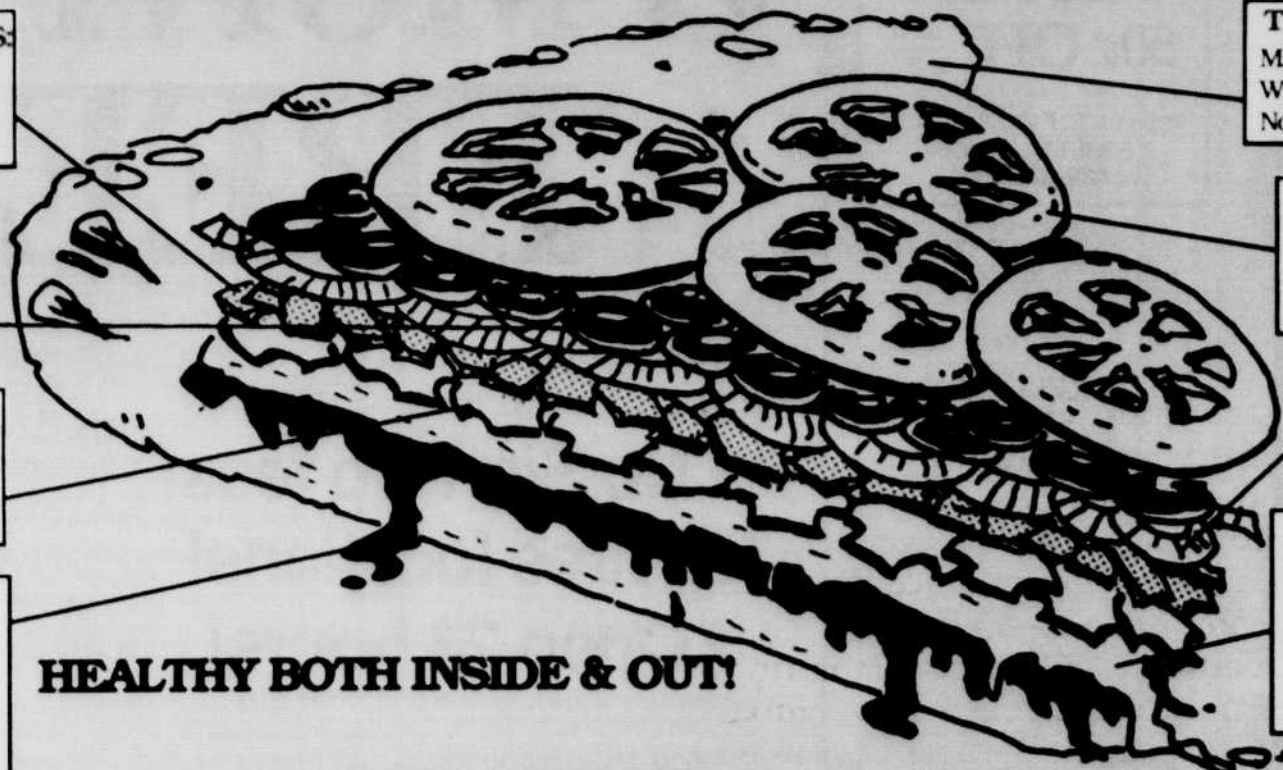
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