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IN TOUCH with the EMU



Photo by Dylan Coulter

Kung Fu Master is a favorite of the joystick crowd in the EMU video arcade.

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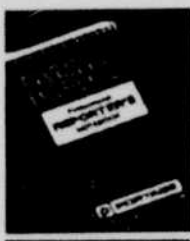
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It's Not Just Fun and Joysticks Anymore



Reporter's Notebook

I was frightened when I first entered the EMU video arcade. Everywhere I turned flashing neon lights blurred my vision and the noise of sirens, bells and buzzers at peak decibels filled my ears.

"Duck, it's an air raid," I screamed.

This could not be a video arcade. Where was the Pac-Man, the Asteroids and that little guy who climbs ladders and dodges barrels? And for God's-sake, where were the joysticks?

Apparently, that was the dark ages of video games.

The University now houses a complete coin operated video arcade equipped with such technological video game advances as Street Fighter II, Mortal Combat, Atomic Punk and myriad control panels, buttons and guns designed to render your opponent completely unrecognizable. A virtual palace of amusement. (Something every highly accredited university should have.)

For some however, the EMU video arcade is not a mere amusement palace.

University sophomore Jack Occors visits the arcade every day and is prepared to spend \$10 thrashing his opponent in an intense game of Street Fighter II.

"I'm in training for the annual EMU competition on Nov. 18," he said. "If I can't make high score there's no way I have a chance at the national title."

Don't come to this arcade looking for a friendly game of Pac-Man. The stakes are much higher and the competition is fierce.

"People have been known to get quite upset when they lose a serious match," arcade regular Chris Dorman said. "It's not uncommon to see a few broken toes from kicking the machines at the end of the day."

But with the agony of defeat comes the thrill of victory, and a victory at the EMU video arcade is quite a climactic experience.

"Yes, yes, yes, oh God yes, I've got high score!" screamed an esteemed Mortal Combat player as the screen lit up.

These games are not for everyone. People with



Photo by Dylan Coulter

Intense concentration is necessary if you want to master the new high-tech world of video combat.

weak stomachs are advised to stay away.

"We pretend it's our teacher," said sophomore Mike Palocine as his opponent's head toppled to the ground in a bloody mess. "It's more fun that way."

But the fun doesn't stop there. There are all kinds of ways you can pretend to kill your teacher at the EMU video arcade. For a quarter a pop you can blast your professors out of the solar system, karate chop their limbs off, or dunk their heads like basketballs via such innovative video games as Galaga, Kung Fu Master and Rim Rock'in Basketball.

If you thrill-seekers are interested in entering the action-packed, fast-paced world of video game entertainment, you only have to venture down into the EMU's basement corridors. There you will find a dark room similar to the mission control center of the Starship Enterprise.

Don't be alarmed, it's just the arcade.

So loosen up your fingers, equip your wrist with sweat bands, and get a good night's sleep because there's a lot more to work with than your basic joysticks. And don't forget your quarters because they won't take Visa and they won't hold your place in line while you run to the change machine.

—Jenny Carey

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