

Since he was knee high to a pool cue, Jack White has been polishing his skills as a pool shark. White will display his talents through Friday in the Community Center Mall. Photo by Kelly Laughlin

## Jack the knife 'Oh the shark has pretty teeth

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After touring more than 127 countries, playing against presidents, and even sparring with the likes of Muhammed Ali, most pool enthusiasts might be too tired to even pick up a stick.

But Jack White is more than an enthusiast. The game of pool, since the ripe age of eight, when he began playing, "Is probably what I'll be doing when I die," he said. "It's a great way to meet people, and a lot of fun."

At nine, White began his pool hustling career, working

for 15 cents per game. Years later he boosted his earnings, gaining \$27,000 in tie over 4.5 hours, when he won the Pennsylvania State championship. The most part of his career was he practiced for three to eight hours a day, seven days a week.

Today, however, White is prompting a pool tournament in the Community Center game room from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. White will continue the tournament today and tomorrow, as well as perform a shot exhibition from 10 a.m. to noon in the Community Center Mall on Friday.

If you plan to play pool, this man be prepared for a strenuous, though enjoyable

experience. At times he may intimidate you. "In a few months you'll be seeing me as Howard Cosell and Muhammed Ali on Wide World of Sports. There, I helped him with some trick shots and he said,

"You have to act like a gentleman when you play pool," White said. "If you're a guy anywhere you play, you'll be pecked to death. I wouldn't have it any other way. I have too much respect for the game to do that."

Just taking a look at his stick will tell you that White respects the game. Made of mother-of-pearl inlay on ebony wood, with a shaft of Canadian maple, it cost \$500 to manufacture.

One might think that all the publicity, talk shows and national appearances would give White a lofty attitude toward other people. Certainly, "How many people have you met a celebrity who is plastic?" White said. "I am White is genuine."

## Relax stress

A "time to cool out" will be offered in a Community Education course, "Stress Relaxation Meditation."

Taught by Robert Bell, the course will meet Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at McLoughlin Hall, room 101. Cost is \$6.

The day is designed to help participants develop an understanding of how meditation may be used as a tool to deal with stress.

Participants are advised to dress comfortably and to bring a light lunch.

Participants may pre-register at the Registrar's Office at the Community Center, although pre-registration is not required.

For more information, contact the Community Education Office, ext. 230.

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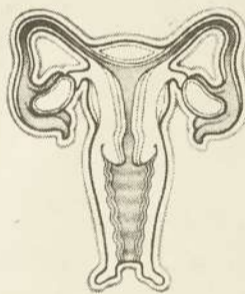
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