## Pinball wizards, foosball jun

By Brad Boyer Staff Writer

"He's a pinball wizard There has to be a twist A pinball wizard S'Got such a supple wrist. He's a pinball wizard He's a scored a trillion more A pinball wizard The world's new pinball Lord."

This excerpt from the rock opera, "Tom-' typifies the growth in the interest of the exciting game of pinball. Two other games that are equally popular and com-monly associated with pinball are foosball and pool.

All these activities are enjoying a rapid surge of interest. Nearly every tavern, bowling alley and college has one - if not all of these games. The excitement and competition creates fierce matches that can be observed in any place that has these games.

One example is in the taverns around the Portland area. The Oregon Foosball Association has been formed and players represent their respective taverns in competitions within the league. Dr. John's Tavern in Gladstone is one establishment which sponsors a foosball team. Pool is also offered for inter-tavern action.

'The teams offer a great change for competition and there is a great deal of interest," said Bruce Hedlund, manager at Dr. John's.

Hedlund said the teams are great attractions for the taverns and create a great deal of business. They feel that it is well worth the tavern putting up the small amount of money it takes to sponsor a team.

Pool is also a very popular game as was evidenced by the 200 students that signed up for the pool tournament held earlier this year at Clackamas Community College.

The college's student activities program intends to continue providing for this increased interest and have again secured the services of Jack White, world billiard champion. White is scheduled to give a clinic and conduct a pool tournament over a week's period again next year.

Although pool is still very popular, foosball is gaining fascination and recognition very rapidly. Foosball, a table game modeled after soccer, is no longer a luck game, but has become a game of speed and skill.

When someone needs to know about a game, one should go to a fanatic expert in order to understand the subject completely. Clackamas definitely has such an expert.

Associated Student Government President Michael Ayers, a self-proclaimed "foosfreak," is knowledgeable and talented in the fine points of foosball. Ayers has fine credentials as he and his partner, Sheldon Thingvold, compete for Dr. John's Tavern and are undefeated so far this year.

Ayers has competed in foosball for two years and eight months and appreciates the game because all kinds of people can compete and be good.



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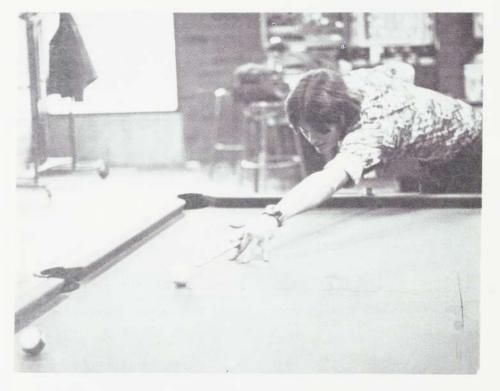
cause either sex can compa Ayers said there was no w going to be any quicker to when playing foosball.

"Foosball is a very even difference is made concerning ball hits the table, it's a battle

Pinball, as one uneducated stated, "is a game where no volved."

This statement does not to disprove. It takes a little of gainst someone with experien flippers and the silver ball, and a sudden realization that skill factor.

Various pinball machines has factured. Since the release of "Tommy", however, one partial has had fantastic success - " Pinball Wizard." It is the gol





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