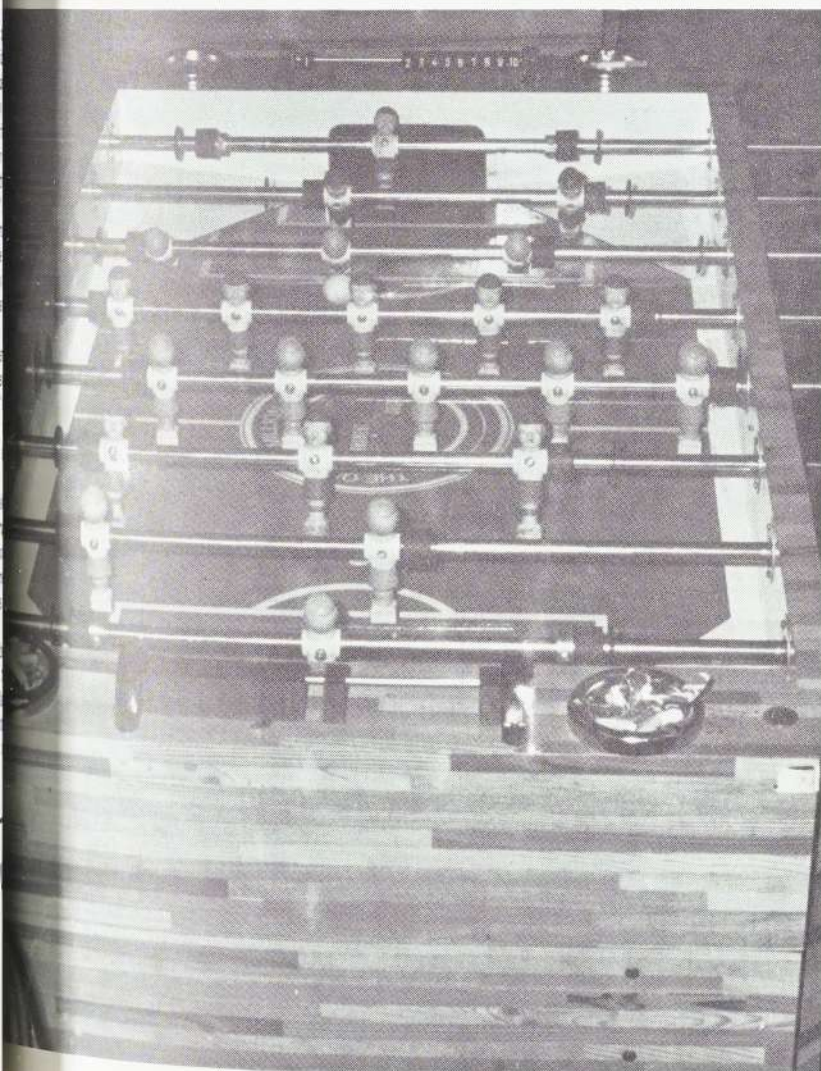
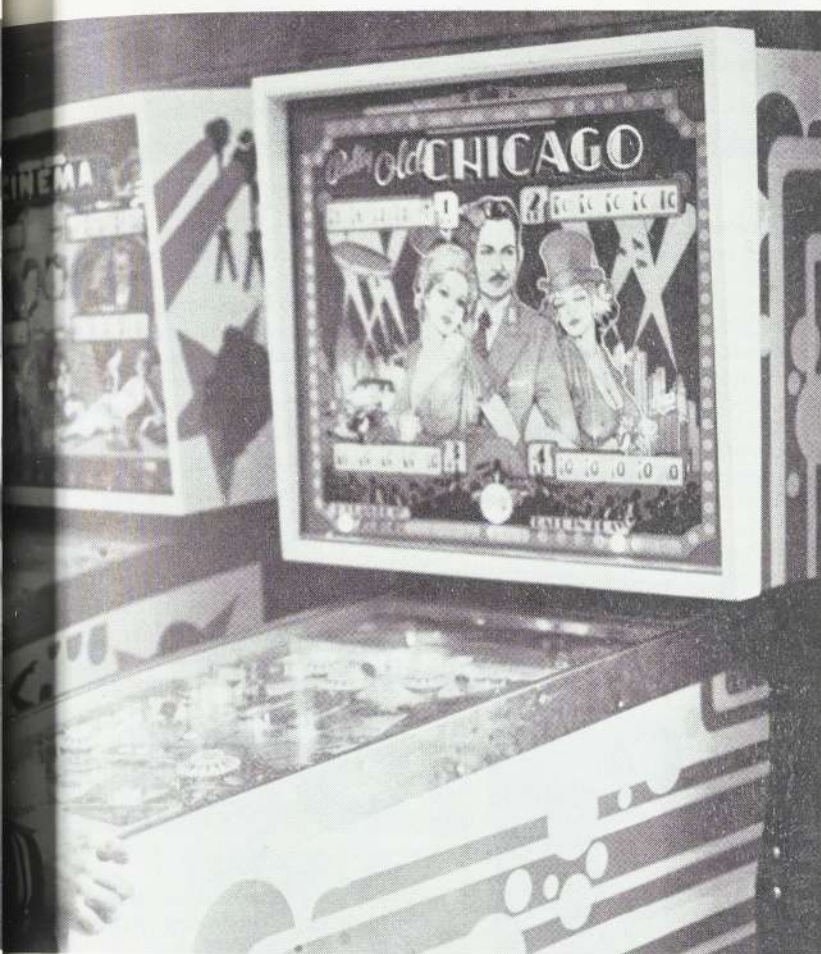


# ol freaks: it's a growing fad



Photos by Jerry Wheeler

pinball players to beat the machine and be a "wizard."

Because of the increased enthusiasm for these games, an establishment or area which features them does well financially. The Clackamas Community College game room is an example.

In the game room in the Community Center there are three pool tables, two foosball tables and five pinball machines. From the pool and foosball tables, a \$200 average revenue is generated weekly. Expectations for the game room's income for next year is over \$9,000.

The M&J Game Room opened for such activities two months ago at 16585 S.E. McLoughlin Blvd.

"We have just added some new tables and the interest is very good. The place pays for itself," said Mike Wenklepleck, owner of M&J.

M&J's has 12 foosball tables and nine pinball machines, but no pool tables at this time. According to Wenklepleck, expansion plans are being made and pool tables will be added when there is room.

Foosball makes up over half of M&J's business, with pinball and food creating the rest of the income.

Wenklepleck credits the growing excitement for foosball to the increased interest in soccer. When soccer caught on in Portland, interest seemed to be generated for foosball, he said.

Nearly 95 per cent of M&J's business comes from people between the ages of 12 and 20. At times, negative reactions are generated when this particular age group and pool and foosball are mentioned. Wenklepleck said he has had no serious problems despite the bad feelings people have.

"Actually, this is a great hangout for kids and it gives them a positive place to be," he said. "I would much rather have them here than some place else, possibly causing trouble.

"I think this is a great idea," he added. "It gives them someplace to go for good fun."

If all this talk of fun and skill sounds a little farfetched for "dumb little games" like foosball, pool and pinball, one should challenge a steady player. Anyone will be surprised at not only how much fun the games are, but also at how badly someone can be beaten.

## M&J GAME ROOM FOOSBALL PINBALLS

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7 p.m.

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