

## Right in the backyard

*The CUB provides gaming on campus*

*Dining guide*

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Walk down the stairs in the CUB and the noise of crashing pins and rhythms of Dance Dance Revolution mean the CUB Games Area is near. Home to numerous arcade games, 10 lanes of bowling, 16 pool tables, four ping-pong tables, foosball and air hockey, the CUB Game Area fulfills its job description. "We get students, non-students, community members, alumni, different ethnicities, everybody," said Jennifer Burroughs, CUB Games manager. The CUB Game Area is open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Fridays, noon until 2 a.m. on Saturdays and noon until 11 p.m. on Sundays. The majority of gamers come to brush up on their bowling skills. "I think it's a combination that (bowling) is not over priced, and it's something that takes a while to do, so it's worth it," Burroughs said. "You can have a lot of people doing it at once — from five to 30 of your friends — and you can all do it." Ashley Pankaskie, a sophomore communication major, follows the crowd when it comes to the game area. A member of the bowling team, Pankaskie said she practices there once, if not twice a week. "It's just (the bowling team) when we're down here," Pankaskie said. "It's a good experience, and you practice to get better against your teammates." Pankaskie said what she likes most about the games area is it's calm and comfortable accommodations. "It's a nice, homey atmosphere," Pankaskie said. However, there's not just bowling.

There is also a wide range of video games, including the game Dance Dance Revolution, where one to two players compete in a dance competition to a dance that is choreographed on the screen in front of them. A DDR fan, Grant Fyall, an undecided sophomore, said he plays the game at least twice a week. "I just started," Fyall said. "But I'm full contact. I bruised myself last week." Claiming to not have rhythm, Fyall explained the reason why he loved the game so much. "I have no rhythm so it's really fun and good exercise," Fyall said. "Doing it to flips and cartwheels is better than running to the max." Fyall recommended stretching and wearing close-toed shoes to play the game, but said wearing "breathable shorts" was also imperative. Other than DDR, there are arcade games, such as the racing game "San Francisco 2049 Special Edition," "Jurassic Park III," the football game "Blitz 99." The CUB Games Area also supplies customers with 16 pool tables for billiards lovers. Classes fill the tables from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from there on, the tables are open to anyone.