BOWLING, THAT IS...

HERE'S WHY THERE'S NO ALLEY IN THE NEW M.S.C.

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In the past few weeks as the Student Center has generated increasing interest, a cry has come from some of the louder segments of the Rice Student Mob for a basement bowling alley. As yet, no one has been commissioned to place such a facility in the nether regions.

Bowlers Don't Know

The reason stems from background material of which the majority of the bowlers aren't aware. When the center was originally planned, no basement was to be included. Only after receiving bids did the building committee decide it would be relatively inexpensive to build.

It's Unlikely

Thus no plans had been made to furnish that which was not expected to be included; and for lack of funds, the basement won't be completely furnished for some time. Although bowling lanes are an unlikely addition, nothing is definite yet for the above reasons.

Alley Was Shelved

The prospect of a bowling alley was considered and shelved because the amount of free space for recreational facilities is not enough at present to allow more than four lanes.

This means the exclusion of all other recreational facilities such as underwater ping-pong, pool, billiards, and that core of the Rice academic life, card tables. These four lanes, according to Harvin Moore, Sr., mosaic tile chipper extraordinaire, would cost a fantastic amount.

It's Impractical, Too

Compared to the small number of students that it would serve at a time, which would be evidenced by a waiting line longer than the one waiting to see I Was a Teenage Cadaver for the A.M.A., the cost makes the proposal impractical.

Bowling's Future Is Dim

When more definite plans are formulated concerning the recreational facilities in the new basement, a bowling lane or two will be considered and may be included, but presently impracticality makes things look dim for the Rice bowling minority. But the future, available funds, the desire of the student body concerning their public recreational facilities, and the omnipotent view of the Administration will resolve the problem.