

GAME NOT OVER?



Online emulators let gamers play for free, but legal issues loom

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Millions of gamers around the world are working hard to keep the games of the past alive using current computing technology.

The process is called emulation. Wikipedia.com defines emulation as "a program for a computer, or other computing device, that can emulate a video game console or handheld, so a computer can be used to play games that were created for that console or to develop games for that console."

An emulator simply works by having the emulator program running, and then having a file called a ROM image. A ROM image is a copy of a game in software form. Older video games are dumped onto ROM images. Emulators take these ROM images and run them like the video game console would. For example, say we have a Nintendo Entertainment System emulator. We can

Emulators offer games that are currently available for sale as well as those that are no longer manufactured, but even old games are copyrighted.

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JUICEBOX: ROBOTIC MELODICA FROM THE FUTURE

JuiceBox
Friday, Feb. 10
New Brookland Tavern
★★★★ out of ☆☆☆☆

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JuiceBox members from left to right: Tim McManus, Steve Nuzum and Matt Dill. The band's humorous music is influenced by science fiction flicks from the '50s and '60s.

Three young men, two microphones, two guitars, a set of drums, a synthesizer and a lung-powered mini handheld keyboard called a melodica are what make up JuiceBox, an original and fun band that put on an energized and goofy show at the New Brookland Tavern Friday night.

In the opening song "The Circus Won't Return My Calls," Tim McManus (vocals/guitar/melodica) played his unusual melodica instrument. He then followed with unchained and free vocals that were unquestionably original.

The band played a twenty-minute set with songs ranging from two minutes long to a little over three. They were entertaining, eccentric performers who rocked with enthusiasm. Even though JuiceBox isn't one of the most vocally harmonized acts out there, the vocals were very loose, eclectic, fun, wild and crazy.

Steve Nuzum (vocals/

keyboard/guitar) combines his vocals well with those of McManus, adding a nice layer. The synth sounds emanating from Nazum's keyboard were pleasantly sci-fi and outer space-like. The drummer, Matt Dill, who is the newest addition to the band, played a good and solid set. JuiceBox, with its slightly synthpop experimental sci-fi post-punk garage rock explosion, was the most original band of the night, setting itself apart from other acts who played unoriginal pop-rock heard a million times before.

JuiceBox, a name that was randomly selected after the members sat around for hours making up band names, means nothing special.

Steve Nuzum said jokingly, "It means

something deep, but it's a secret."

Nuzum's humor is exemplary of the comedy present in the lyrics of a band that doesn't consider its music to be deep or serious. But Nuzum stressed that JuiceBox is "not a joke band."

It seems Juicebox is a band trying to have fun with itself, and in witnessing the result of this pursuit some ironic comedy can be found. According to McManus and Nuzum, a heavy influence on their music comes from watching old '50s and '60s sci-fi flicks.

Lyrics such as "Now I'm back from the future/ And I've got a tale to tell/ And if you meet some robots/ Be sure to treat them well," and, "Captain, we have landed in a strange desert land/ It's so peaceful; life is

perfect in this strange desert land" show the truth of that remark.

Other musical influence The Ventures, The Beatles, They Might Be Giants, Tom Waits, The Cypress Knees, The Flaming Lips, Modest Mouse and Radiohead.

JuiceBox has been a band for a little over 2 years. McManus joined in as the guitarist for an already practicing two-man group consisting of Steve Nuzum and original drummer Jonathan Crutfield, who is now the drummer for The Noise. Nuzum and McManus wrote a rock opera and performed it with indiepop group The Cypress Knees. By McManus' suggestion, Alex Mabrey was brought into the group as the bassist, but Mabrey

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Sick of the same old thing? Try your local nudist park

Weather permitting, Cedar Creek offers no-clothing events

Tim McManus
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Are you tired of all this Valentine's Day commercialism? Are you looking for something simpler, something more stripped down, so to speak?

Leesville nudist park Cedar Creek, about an hour from Columbia, hosted a nudist Valentine's Day party Saturday.

The party consisted of a beach music band playing classic tunes and middle-aged men and women dancing badly but having a lot of fun.

Perhaps the most striking thing about the nudist Valentine's Day party was the amount of people clothed, which was nearly all of them.

They explained this phenomenon with an old joke: "What do nudists do when it gets cold?" The answer: "They put on clothes."

John Shaw, who owns Cedar Creek along with his wife, Susan Payne, reflected on this topic by saying, "We're nudists, not idiots."

Eventually, some people disrobed, but most of them quickly got dressed after the door opened, letting in the February air. Shaw

said nudists call those who wear clothes, "Textile People."

Shaw and his wife purchased the park in 2000 after the first owner, who started the park in 1989, left. Shaw said that the original owner started Cedar Creek because he was a nudist and wanted "a place where other nudists could come and enjoy themselves (which he could) run as a business."

Shaw added that he and his wife are also out to make money. "My wife and I are both nudists, but that's secondary," said Shaw. "We run it as a profit-making business."

While his first visit to a nudist park was over 20 years ago, Shaw and his wife have been nudists for only "eight or nine years," he said.

"She was the one who was interested in trying it. I had been to them before, knowing that it's no big deal."

Shaw says there is a difference between a nudist facility and a clothing-optional facility.

"Clothing-optional" is not a PC way to say "nudist party," he said. "Clothing-optional means you can be dressed or can not be dressed."

"This is a nudist facility," he said. "Weather permitting, you must be nude."

Shaw says nudists wear clothing as the environment

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