

Blind marksman peppers bullseye

By Joe Sinnacher

Wednesday afternoon Bob Hulla barely missed a perfect target score at the rifle range with a .22-caliber rifle at 50 feet.

The feat is even more unusual for Hulla who is totally blind.

Jim Hayes, handicapped students adviser, said Hulla's deadly shooting showed what handicapped students can do "if you remove barriers and let them produce. If you make facilities accessible they can do anything."

Hulla said he had shot a gun "once or twice before in Boy Scouts, but that was a long time ago."

His assistant, Ann Pulse, told him where to shoot and he did the rest.

Hulla, junior history major, said he doesn't like to stand still and the main thing in shooting is to be steady. "I wanted to relax," he said.

Hulla fired a couple of shots at one target and on the second he nailed the bullseye.

Not all of his recreational activities are shot from guns. An avid football and basketball fan, he also enjoys betting.

"I love to go to the games," he said in an earlier interview, "but I always bet

emotionally and not logically. This isn't the most profitable method."

Blind since birth, he plans to either teach history or practice law.

"Studying history helps you to see what will happen in the future. The future, especially science fiction, fascinates me," he said.

"Sometimes science fiction makes me think about what it would be like if I could suddenly see. I don't feel sorry for myself, but I do feel sorry for others when they are sick or have a problem. It seems silly to worry about something that can't be changed."

Wednesday's target shooting was the third in a series of events for handicapped students sponsored by the educational support service department and intramurals. The program began with bowling and billiards and will include swimming and basketball.

Hayes said the group went bowling two weeks ago and the top score "was" about 125 which isn't bad for people who haven't bowled before." After bowling the group paired off and played billiards.

Next month the handicapped students will play a group of top student life personnel in a game of wheelchair basketball.