## Earth Is Being

## Invaded...

by Richard Halliburton
Searching for the enemy, you sit in the cockpit of your spaceship. Suddenly a ship appears directly in front of you, and you quickly press your fire button. But you are too late. The enemy fires and destroys you. Oh well, put in another quarter and try again
The popularity of video games began some seven years ago, when alongside the pinball machines in bowling alleys, a game of television "ping-pong" appeared. It became moderately popular, but the fad wore out when a version of the game which could be attached to a home television became available in department store.
Several years later, a more advanced game called Space Invaders appeared, and a new fascination overtook America. Instead of being pitted against another person, it became "you versus the computer." Hundreds of thousands of people challenged the aliens on the screen, at the same time pouring hundreds of thousands of quarters into the machines

Manufacturers of the electronic games knew a good thing when they saw it. The development of micro-electronics enabled them to program a computer game to do almost anything. Store keepers and managers saw dollar signs on the screens on the screens of the games instead of space ships. Video games can now be found in grocery store, movie theaters, restaurants, and even, you guessed it, in bowling alleys. Sometimes, a small store's electronic games take in more money than the store itself does.
Now it seems like there is a game for everyone. Forty-year old men spend their lunch hours playing Missile Command Fourteen-year-old kids sacrifice their lunch money to play Berserk. Pac-Man, one of the few games that does not feature an outer space dogfight, is popular with girls who previously showed no interest in video games.
What is the future of video games? Who knows - maybe they will start coming out in 3-D. But whatever their future, as long as people spend quarters, video games will be around to spend those quarters on.

## Places To Go

## Le Chat Allee

## by Joanne Folger

Take a frosty mug of Near Beer, mix it with a friendly atmosphere, add good friends, and you have Le Chat Allee on Times Arcade Street off Main Street.
Le Chat Allee is a bar in Brevard that serves drinks such as Pina Coladas, whiskey sour and 'Tom Collins' - but without the alcohol. Near Beer, which is also served, is made like regular beer but is not allowed to ferment. The drinks taste surprisingly like their alcoholic counterparts.
Le Chat Allee is definitely a place for those who enjoy a rich atmosphere. There is a distinctive French accent in the bar, from the checkered table cloths to the decorative lights. Helen Crais, co-owner of the afterworking hours bar, says that this is intentional. "Our roots are New Orleans French," said Crais.
"A lot of the decorations come
from the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. In fact, we are going to be celebrating Mardi Gras in New Orleans. In fact, we are go ing to be celebrating Mardi Gras at Le Chat Allee.
In addition to drinks, Le Chat Allee serves cheese and crackers, popcorn and peanuts, much like other bars. Delicious fudge brownies, herb teas and coffee are other added features. Occasionally, Le Chat Allee features special entertainment Students from the Brevard Music Center performed there this summer. There have also been poetry readings. Crais hopes to continue hosting such entertainment in the future. A television, radio, and games such as checkers, chess and backgammon are also part of the entertainment.
Everything about Le Chat Allee is friendly and relaxing and it is highly recommended to everyone.


What is it? You decide! (Photo by Steve Rabye).


A space ship invading a Student's Room? Nope, it's just Scott Lafoy and friends! (Photo by Steve Rabye)

## TheWedge n' Keg

by Kimo Anderson
Hello everyone! This is "Mo" your resident gourmet critic, here to review one of the finer eating establishments here in Brevard. The choice for this week, and a true winner if I may say so, is the WEDGE n' KEG. It is located across the street from INGLES.
The WEDGE n' KEG is divided into two separate sections. One section makes for a little country store in which you can purchase various cheeses, meats, seasonings, wines, and small home decorations. In the second section, one finds a wonderful $\log$ cabin restaurant which provides a "tasty" atmosphere for luncheon dining.

Looking over the menu, my eyes caught sight of a variety of sandwiches to choose from, as well as soups, salads, and quiches. I finally decided upon the "Kitchen Sinker Sandwich which has ham, turkey, roast beef, mayonnaise, lettuce, and tomatoes. It was the best sandwich I have had in weeks. In essence, the food was very well prepared, and quiet a feast.

As for my liquid refreshments, I selected Orange Pekoe. It was served in a large cup to three times. For about one dollar, I was served quiet a bit of tea. Also, I had some true Carolina Apple Cider. You Floridians do not know what your are missing.

However, the best part of the meal was the cold apple cream pie. Frankly, I am not going to attempt to describe it because I "ain't" far enough advanced in English to correctly and adquately describe this desert. But, for your sake I will use the word scrumptious!
As far as price is concerned, it is not inexpensive, yet what place is? But, if one day you get the "urge to Splurge" try the WEDGE n' KEG for a fantastic meal! By the way, the store is open Monday-Saturday, 10 to 6 , and the restaurant is opened Monday-Saturday, 11-2. Hope "ya'll" have some nice eating experiences.

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