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Video fever infects Happy Valley

By KEVIN McCULLOUGH **Daily Collegian Staff Writer**

Jim has just finished eating dinner in his area dining hall. He walks down the steps past the recreation room and feels an irresistible urge to deposit 25 cents into a machine and defend his video spaceship in an unknown galaxy.

Jim is typical of hundreds of students. He has the fever - video game fever, an ailment that can strike people from all walks of life - but which is particularly infectious among college students. "I know it is a waste of time, but it's challenging and gives me something to do between classes," Beth

McLean (5th-division of undergraduate studies) said. She said she spends about \$5 a week in the arcades. Another student, Kevin Kriess (2nd-mechanical engineering), said: "Playing the games is a new challenge, one that hasn't been encountered in the The popularity of pinball and video games has

reached an all-time high, Gene Steele, manager of Playland, 352 E. College Ave., said. College students are especially talented at video games, he said, because when they were younger

they learned to play on home TV video games. The average person can play video games, Steele said, because there are no physical limitations as may be encountered in more conventional entertainments like sports.

Video games aren't new. Pong, the first video game, came on the market in about 1971, he said. cause of specific time limits, he said, but with the games, Steele said. addition of a replay for a high score, as in pinball, their popularity soared.

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The supergames — Asteroids, Pac Man, Space high scores in a difficult game represents a formal At first, video games were not very popular be- Invaders and Galaxian - are the most popular test of ability, Bord said.

On campus, pinball and video games can be found in every dormitory area and are the main source of funds for the Association of Residence Hall Students and dormitory area governments, said ARHS Presi-

dent Chrís Calkins. State Amusement Co. provides the 24 machines on campus and receives 50 percent of the revenues. The other half of the income is divided between ARHS, which receives 40 percent, and dormitory area governments, which receive 60 percent, he said. "The funds are used for Spring Weeks, coffee houses, social events and various other student activities in each area," Calkins said.

Besides just playing pinball or video games for fun or something to do, many people may play for other, hidden reasons, a University sociologist said. "One of the clear reasons for the popularity of these

games is people's desire to take control or manipuate an environment, even if it's just for a moment," Richard Bord, associate professor of sociology, said. "The average student role is one in which you don't have a lot of control over your environment, but by playing these games it provides you with the chance to be in complete control over something for a little while," Bord said. In addition to competing with a machine, players

can compete with each other and playing pinball and video games'takes on a cultural aspect, Bord said. A player's skill or ability to impress friends with

"It's really an exercise in masochism," said Bill

Foster Ave.

These games employ the latest in miniaturization Eichenberger (8th-English), "because there is no and computer techniques to simulate anything from winning, unless you consider beating your last score Playland, the oldest and largest arcade in State an invasion by creatures from outer space, to a round or high game winning." **ARENA | Starts Friday** 7:45-9:45 David Bowie is... SUITS & SPORTCOATS MICHAEL'S CLOTHING CO. jor gentlemen FRASER S1. 238-4050 MINI MALL Open Daily from 10 - 5 In the participation of the pa ARENA-5-PLEX THEATRES & CASINO 1600 'N. Atherton St. 237-2444 -Free Parking-**BRUCE DERN**



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