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## SPACE INVADER: GOLDEN AGE

Martine Syms, a recent Art Institute grad, and fellow art student Marco Braunschweiler, opened Golden Age in the western area of Chicago's gentrifying Pilsen neighborhood this past September in order to provide the area's burgeoning artist community with access to hard-to-find or previously unavailable 'zines, records, and ephemera. "For the past year we've been asking every person we met

who makes things if they would like to sell them in our store," says Syms. The result of Golden Age's efforts are hand-painted tapes from L.A.'s Not Not Fun Records, Zurich-based book publisher Nieves' artist editions, and tie-dyed T-shirts from the record label Night People. The store, which also houses art studios in the back, will serve as a renegade performance space, offering a venue for touring and local

experimental bands and opening its silk-screening facilities to the public. "We are interested in using mass media to distribute highly personal information," says Syms. "A lot of artists make things all of the time that are usually reserved for their close friends. At Golden Age, we're selling those things." NN  
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