

## Eat Pray Love

Author makes stop at UNC Asheville

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After divorcing her husband and embarking on a journey to find herself, **novelist Elizabeth Gilbert** shared her story with the world in her book, "Eat Pray Love," and she recently released a follow-up book, "Committed."

"In 'Eat Pray Love,' Liz poured her soul into the making of a magical word ladder that enabled her to climb out of her despair and grief and up towards her dreams, and millions of readers have used her word ladder to do the same," said **Brian Lee Knopp, author of "Mayhem in Mayberry" and a friend of Gilbert.** "Today she's here to talk about commitment — commitment to our dreams, commitment to our partners and commitment to the miracle of word ladders. So, keep on climbing."

Gilbert visited UNC Asheville on Saturday at an event hosted by Malaprop's bookstore. She is currently on a book tour promoting "Committed."

Gilbert said this book is about her relationship with her husband.

"We commenced to building a life together as two very skittish divorce survivors. We made all sorts of solid commitments to stay together. We promised we would not inflict marriage on each other for reasons I'm sure I don't have to explain to anybody who's ever been through divorce. That was working well until the Homeland Security Department got involved. He was coming into the United States one day, and he got pulled over at customs in the Dallas/Fort Worth airport and handcuffed and kicked out of the country," Gilbert said. "A nice man named officer Tom told me that I had to get married, and that's the very romantic

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Elizabeth Gilbert autographed books for fans in Lipinsky Hall Saturday after speaking about the release of her new book, "Committed."

## Garage provides place for artistic expression

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Heavy bass music and a disc jockey dressed as a purple dinosaur are just business as usual at the Garage at Biltmore.

"We have always tried to do our own thing," said **Christopher Hart, owner**

**and operator of the Garage.**

Hart said a large number of the events at the Garage are electronic music shows, but other acts include jazz, metal and bluegrass musicians. Saturday, however, was mostly electronic.

**David "Mochipet" Wang, an electronic music produc-**

**er and DJ** based in San Francisco, said electronic mix does not necessarily mean the most current and popular styles.

"I definitely feel like dub-step and electro have taken over in the world of club electronic music, but I think it's important for audiences

to know there are many other different kinds of electronic music out there to explore," he said.

Wang said those styles, including ambient music and glitch hop, fit right in to the Asheville music scene.

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## Lovefest

Monday, Feb. 14

V-day Shout Outs  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
First floor of HU

The Cuddle Puddle  
12:35 p.m.  
Quad

Amy Lanou  
"Food and Sex"  
7-8 p.m.  
HU Grotto

Safe Zone Training  
8-9:30 p.m.  
HU Grotto

Tuesday, Feb. 15

Saving Private Parts  
11 a.m.-1 p.m.  
First floor of HU

Sophie Mills  
"Ancient Sexuality"  
7-8 p.m.  
HU 221

Jennifer Campbell  
"Kink and Consent 101"  
8-9:30 p.m.  
HU 221

Wednesday, Feb. 16

WNCAP & HIV/AIDS  
information  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
First Floor of HU

Free STI testing  
11 a.m.-4 p.m.  
HU 221

Dr. Wolfe  
"Ask the Sexologist"  
7-8 p.m.  
HU Grotto

Friend Speed Dating  
8:30-9:30 p.m.  
HU Grotto

Thursday, Feb. 17

The Marriage Booth  
11 a.m.-2 p.m.  
Outside Cafeteria

Ann Weber  
"When Lovefest is Love lost"  
7-8 p.m.  
HU Grotto

A Relationship Discussion  
8-9:30 p.m.  
HU 104