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Erotic boutique opens downtown

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Small business owner Angela Montgomery opened The Ineffable Woman, a new erotic boutique in downtown Asheville. The shop has no nudity and is not pornographic. Montgomery wants the shop to be accessible to mothers and housewives with young children as well as professional women.

sex after their hormones start slowing down," Montgomery said.

That still does not keep the college kids away, according to Liz Porter, senior student.

As the boutique's main associate, Porter said she enjoys her new job much more than her previous one in the Asheville Mall.

"Everyone's been really nice," Porter said, referring to the customers.

Montgomery did not want her shop to be a typical shop for adults, which is why she does not advertise.

Montgomery wants her store to serve as an open forum for sexual discourse.

"Starting in March, I plan on having an open house the first Friday of every month," Montgomery said.

The open house will resemble "passion parties," which is a socially acceptable term for a gathering of women who discuss sex and learn about erotic parties, according to Porter.

"Business has really picked up the last couple of weeks," Porter said.

Montgomery has not been

advertising extensively, which means the majority of the customers come in based on word-of-mouth.

"I don't think I would have had the success I've had without Liz," said Montgomery.

Porter urged Montgomery to expand inventories and carry novelty items.

"Sometimes you just need somebody to bounce ideas off of," Montgomery said.

Montgomery recounted a recent story when a pregnant customer entered the store and approached Liz with some questions.

"Liz recommended a product, and then the woman came back in the next day just to say 'Thank you,'" Montgomery said.

"Most of our customers are women, but we get a lot of couples," said Porter. "We also get a lot of groups of giggling girlfriends who come back individually and buy stuff."

A Web site for the store is currently under construction. Lauren Abe, UNCA alumna, is doing the photography for it.

"I feel very community-oriented with this store," said Montgomery.

Progress Energy donates \$20,000

By Anna Lee
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In hopes of increasing the number of math and science teachers at public schools in Western North Carolina, Progress Energy donated \$20,000 to UNCA for scholarship money.

"Progress Energy has been a great friend to Western North Carolina in a lot of ways," said Mark Sidelnick, associate professor and chair of the education department. "We're happy that they're giving us some money for our students."

The money is Progress Energy's response to a shortage of math and science teachers in North Carolina schools.

"Math and science is important to Progress Energy because students that excel in math and science tend to do well in engineering curriculums," said Ken Maxwell, Progress Energy's community relations person for Western North Carolina. "We hire a lot of engineers in our business. It is a core part of our recruiting strategy."

Progress Energy donates money to philanthropic causes prioritizing the assistance of education, environmental protection and economic development, according to Maxwell.

Progress Energy said they hope the \$20,000 will benefit the entire community, not just UNCA.

"Ultimately, it also benefits the many students in the state's school systems that receive instruction from these future math and science teachers," Maxwell said.

Progress Energy and UNCA hope that the students who benefit from this scholarship will stay in the region beyond just the required first year, according to Sidelnick.

"The idea is that if they're here the first year out, they're more likely to stay here," Sidelnick said. "We want the teachers to be prepared in Western North Carolina and to stay in Western North Carolina."

This scholarship is one of a few scholarships available to students already enrolled in college, according to Brenda Hopper, the director of the Teaching Fellows program and the chair of the Education Awards Committee, which grants the scholarships.

"It has created lots of interest among our students," Hopper said. "A lot of students have asked about it."

The Education Awards Committee will meet and review the applications, after the deadline of Feb. 7.

They will notify the applicants Feb. 21, according to Sidelnick.

In past years, Progress Energy has provided other grants to UNCA, many focusing on the economics department.

"We've had a strong, cooperative relationship with UNCA for many years," Maxwell said. "The scholarship is just one example of our support of the university."

The committee that reviews applicants and awards the scholarships will make sure the students are academically strong candidates, according to Hopper.

"We want people to be successful," Hopper said.

Campus Crime

By Jim MacKenzie
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Underage drinking

Responding to a complaint of loud music in Mills Hall on Feb. 11, police issued Aaron Pressley, freshman student, a student conduct citation for consuming an alcoholic beverage under the age of 21. Pressley blew 0.04 twice on the Alco-Sensor test. Andrew Vincent, also in attendance, refused the test twice, according to the police report. The responding officer determined Vincent had also been drinking and issued him a state citation.

Police issued Chad Cooper, junior student, a state citation for underage possession of alcohol.

Police charged Thomas Graham, junior chemistry student, with aiding and abetting an underage person by giving them a malt beverage.

Police responded to a call regarding a loud party in West Ridge Hall on Feb. 11.

Police then issued Bryce Argiere, freshman student, a student conduct citation for the underage consumption of alcohol.

The room's three other occupants, Matthew Genova, Ryan Kelly and Zachary Parker are not UNCA students. Police issued them state citations for possession of a malt beverage under the age of 21, according to the police report.

Students petition for environment

By Paige Reinhard
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Senior Katie Morris hopes to increase environmental awareness by introducing a petition to incorporate environmental science into most classes.

"In all relevant situations, we should infuse environmentalism, environmental awareness, into our educational experience," Morris said. "So that's what the petition is about."

Morris' initial plan was to make Intro to Environmental Science mandatory for graduation.

"I had originally wanted to make it a requirement, but we changed the initiative," Morris said. "The initiative now is to incorporate environmental issues into campus-wide curricula."

The idea stems from the environmental studies class she took last semester, according to Morris.

"I'm a senior, and I've always wanted to take environmental science," Morris said. "I finally took it last semester and I just found it so edifying and crucial. It changes your outlook on the world, and it just makes you realize how bad things are and how much worse they're going to get really soon."

Morris said she is not the only UNCA student to have this reaction to an environmental science class.

"I've talked to a lot of people who have had that experience as well," Morris said.

It is imperative that students learn about and be aware of envi-

ronmental issues, according to Morris.

"Everyone needs to take this and realize what is going on in the world," Morris said. "They don't put it on the news and it's really, really important for people our age to understand what's going on."

Some students disagree with the idea of integrating environmentalism into as many classes as possible.

"That's what you take one class for," said Kendra Eaves, sophomore student. "I think it would be difficult to enjoy my classes after having to think about science all the time."

Eaves said she has trouble seeing how some of her classes could be enhanced by environmental science.

"I don't even see how Latin and science could intermingle," Eaves said.

The petition has yet to be circulated throughout campus.

"We wrote it last week, and we brought it up at the ASHE meeting," Morris said. "We haven't really started with students and faculty."

UNCA students will probably be receptive to the objective of the petition, according to Morris.

"I think the petition is going to be received very well, because a lot of people are concerned about environmental issues at UNCA," Morris said. "They understand how it affects everything and why it's important for us to graduate as citizens of the world."

The number of environmental



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Senior Katie Morris watches as Jenna Walley, senior political science student, signs her name to Morris' petition.

studies majors has decreased, even as the number of overall students has risen, according to the UNCA Web site.

"I don't think that it matters, because I don't think you have to major in it for it to be useful to

you," Morris said. "That's the way it is for me. I'm not a major."

UNCA students would be able to use the environmental education in other aspects of their lives, according to Morris.