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Something Old, Something New...

Store uncovers vintage pop treasures

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Do you have a craving for bell bottoms and skinny lapel jackets?

Then there is a store for you in Five Points. OEO opened almost a year ago with hopes of offering Columbia an alternative to the mainstream fashion dictators, co-owner Leslie Miner said.

The store got its short, quirky name because Miner and Harley wanted to get a neon sign for the front of the store. Neon is very expensive, and OEO, which stands for "old, eclectic and odd," was the shortest title they could think of, Miner and co-owner Tersh Harley said.

The name also describes the type of items sold in the store. Miner said '70s clothing is really big right now, so the store is carrying items such as bell bottoms and men's

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OEO Co-owner

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Other popular items include formal wear, jewelry, beads, modern folk art, funky home decor and tacky paperbacks about topics like the Partridge Family.

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OEO will celebrate their reopening today, after moving to their new location at 1920 Blossom St.

"I think Columbia was ready for the store," she said. "We've had a

better response than I thought we would. I knew there had been other vintage clothing stores that had trouble staying open."

OEO has a large variety of customers, mostly students and people looking for good buys.

"I shop at OEO because it's a cool store," freshman Cresta Hines said. "They have really neat stuff. I've bought a couple of suits there and a painting of the Last Supper that I couldn't have found anywhere else for a good price."

French freshman Jennifer Jeter goes to OEO because of their "very cool velvet paintings. They have the most interesting icons of modern-day Jesuses in velvet."

Miner said, "People should come to OEO because we have wonderful one-of-a-kind items at reasonable prices."



Kelly Johnson/The Gamecock

OEO, which stands for old, eclectic and odd, sells '70s paraphernalia and unusual items.

City honors St. Patrick

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Shamrocks and leprechauns are all images connected with St. Patrick's Day, but this holiday means more to USC than just wearing green.

Five Points will get into the spirit of things with a celebration March 20. A parade will begin down Harden Street at 10 a.m., followed by an all-day festival with various activities and bands.

There will also be food and craftsmanship from around the Southeast. Almost all of the merchants and restaurants in Five Points will take part.

Different bars and restaurants are also planning celebrations during the actual day of the holiday. The No-Brainer will sell green beer, and Yesterday's will serve corned beef and cabbage, traditional St. Patrick's Day foods.

Caffe Espresso said they plan to serve Irish Cappuccino and mocha with green whipped cream, along with various Irish desserts. Ribby's Barbecue said they are planning a big party at 6 p.m. with plenty of green beer and a band.

Some USC students plan to carry on the St. Patrick's Day tradition. Sophomore Kim Truluck said she intends to party. "I'm planning to go down to Five Points and do my best to honor St. Patrick," she said.

Senior Garfield Barnes and his friends are also going out to party. "I'm planning on having a good time," he said. "I usually don't do anything on St. Patty's Day, but this year, a friend of mine who is crazy about it is making me celebrate."

Sophomore September LeFevre said, "I'm dressing up like a leprechaun and going to Five Points to have just a sip of green beer."

In the Roman calendar, St. Patrick's Day is a feast-day of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. Many miracles are attributed to St. Patrick, such as the legendary tale that he drove out all the snakes in Ireland. The holiday is celebrated March 17, the anniversary of his death.



Smith College student Nita Moore of Columbia models a vintage dress.

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One week before Christmas in 1984, Jeanne White was told that her son Ryan, a hemophiliac, had contracted the HIV virus from a tainted blood product. Ryan's battle for a normal life inspired Jeanne to teach people about the realities of AIDS.

Come listen to Jeanne on Monday, March 29 at 8:00pm in the Russell House Ballroom.

Prior to Jeanne White's speech, the Ideas and Issues Committee of CPU and the Charlotte Chapter of the NAMES Project of San Francisco will sponsor a display of AIDS Memorial Quilt panels of South Carolinians who have died of AIDS. A memorial ceremony will be held March 29 at 7:00pm in the Russell House Ballroom. CPU is accepting Quilt panels from everyone, and after the ceremony, the panels will be mailed to San Francisco to the NAMES Project to be added to the Quilt.

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