

Second hand clothes, first class style

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Polyester double knits, big flowery prints and bargains abound at Lincoln thrift shops.

At Community Thrift, 1717 O St., there are three dress racks, according to price: 49 cents, 79 cents and \$1.49 and up (for really big spenders). I slowly began to realize that my \$15 thrift shopping spree sponsored by the generous Daily Nebraskan was going to be more fruitful than I had thought.

I began to unearth bargains by the bushel. At first I was dismayed by the many racks of unsized and unsightly clothes.

As I thumbed through the racks, checking each of my finds for tears and discoloration, I began to wonder just who had worn these clothes before, and what they had done while they were wearing them. I had discovered part of

the magic of shopping at a thrift store but I had to get back to business.

I found my skirt (\$2.51), shirt (\$2.97) and gloves (50 cents) in the Vintage section of Goodwill Industries, 1717 O St. My companion and I unearthed the earrings (30 cents) in a dusty box under the store's display counter.

We discovered the shoes for 99 cents (and just my size) at Community Thrift. The necklace (\$1.50) from Salvation Army, 737 P St., provided a final touch.

I exited the Salvation Army with my \$8.71 wardrobe complete — more than \$6 under budget. Near the entrance I noticed a sign (right under a posted warning to "select items carefully, no refunds or exchanges.") It read "Though our program many men are rehabilitated and restored to families . . . Your contributions and purchases make this possible."

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