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New room looking empty? Decorate it at low cost

By Kirk Zebolsky Staff Reporter

Furniture, appliances and clothing, are thrift store shoppers' most bought items, according to Lincoln store owners. But a thrift store sells more: bowling balls, pots and pans, sunglasses, lunchboxes, paintings, books, records.

tage of thrift stores is the low prices. If you think you can't afford furniture for an apartment, visit a Lincoln thrift

The furniture at thrift stores is inexpensive, if not always highest qualify. For \$10, you can buy a functional, wellworn easy chair, with spots on the armrests or tears in the cushion.

At the downtown Salvation Army Store, 9th and P Streets, you find fixedup furniture at higher prices. For example, a spotless, newly re-upholstered sofa had a \$139 price tag.

Other furniture at thrift stores inand mattresses, bookcases, tables, stores, including one at 1717 O St., said lamps and mirrors.

Many students who shop at the Salvation Army buy furnituure, said clerk Mary Ferguson.

"Then when school is out half of them donate it back," Ferguson said. "They can find some pretty good bar- "Ladies Fashion" and "Bed and Bath gains if they watch what they're buy- Shop" sections.

Kitchen needs are also inexpensive. The Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store, 821 N. 27th St., sells silverware for 16 cents per utensil.

Cheap clothing can be found if a student is flexible about styles. For example, the Salvation Army Store's clothing racks included a men's lightblue long-sleeved oxford shirt with lots Next to variety, the biggest advan- of wear left for \$1.25. All the stores displayed men's long-sleeved plaid shirts for less than \$2. T-shirts were priced slightly less. Most blue jeans were \$3 or less.

Harold Hutson, general administrator of Lincoln's three DAV thrift stores. including one at 1731 O St., said clothes sell at a "substantial" savings.

"A lot of clothing appears to have been worn once or twice, and people don't like it, so they give it to us." Hutson said. "We have decent dresses for a dollar and a half or so that would be \$25 or \$30 brand new."

Kathleen Gadeken, public relations cludes chests, dressers, bed frames director of Lincoln's four Goodwill business picks up when students come back to school.

Many students buy clothes for Halloween or other parties, she said. The downtown Goodwill store specializes in vintage clothing. It also features

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