

Trends after tuition

Thrift store clothes stretch budgets

A lesson students learn early in college is that money does not stretch far.

After paying for books, tuition, housing, food and other necessities, students' budgets often have little room for trendy fashions.

Fortunately for students, Lincoln has many stores where clothes can be purchased at low prices. Many thrift stores near campus have men's and women's clothing, furniture, appliances, and other items.

Clothing prices at most stores range from 50 cents to \$4, depending on the quality and type of garment. The clothes usually are used, donated, items. But occasionally, students can find new clothes that were simply the wrong size, color or style for their owner.

Some of the thrift stores close to campus are:

•Community Thrift Store, 1745 O St. Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

•Disabled American Veterans, 1731 O St. and 821 N. 27 St. Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

•Junior League Thrift Shop, 2201 O St. Monday, 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Tuesday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

•Salvation Army, 737 P St. Monday through Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Other stores that have used clothing specialize in uniqueness rather than low price, but bargains can be found at these stores as well.

•Blondies, 335 N. 12th St., carries both old and new clothing. The old clothing mostly is from the 1940s and 1950s fea-

turing men's and women's party clothes.

The new items are limited lines of clothing bought from international shows. The store also specializes in shoes, hats, unusual makeup colors and other boutique items. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Thursday 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

•Fringe and Tassel, 710 N. 27th St., has vintage clothing as well as antiques. All clothes in the store are at least 35 years old. The store also makes and

rents costumes for plays, parties and Halloween. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

•Ragstock, 1324 P St., sells new and used clothing. The new clothing is mostly irregulars and close-outs. All used clothes are hand-picked and include some vintage clothing. Prices average from \$2 to \$10. Ragstock also carries both imported clothes and U.S. military surplus. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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