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Beltz

Saving money the college way

You won't have enough money. You will have to cut a corner eventually. Deal with it now.

Maybe the check from Financial Aid has been delayed (surprise!), you had an emergency car repair, or the timing between paychecks just plain sucks.

Fear not, oh almost-penniless kindred spirits, for a few simple tips can help you through these dire straits, or possibly avoid them altogether.

Come. Follow me down the well-worn path laden with mac-and-cheese

boxes and gather information which could add up to some nice savings.

Groceries

Never shop while you're hungry. You'll buy more junk food than you need, and also run a much greater chance of impulse buying. Bad, bad. At least grab a sandwich or big glass of water before you head out to do the shopping.

Always have a shopping list.

True, buying food in large quantities can save you money, but if the

food goes to waste before you can eat it, you have lost the money you saved. The lesson: don't buy more than you need.

Grocery ads come out in Wednesday's paper. It can be worth the investment of buying the paper to find some good specials. On the flip side, driving across town to save ten cents on a gallon of milk is rather counter-productive. Be realistic.

The Sunday paper has the

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Thrift stores help relieve students' economic strain

BY LORI ROBISON
Staff Reporter

For the economically challenged student, learning to stretch precious dollars can take on all the time-consuming characteristics of a second major.

But some relief is just around the corner.

Within the city of Lincoln, several thrift stores brimming with a variety of slightly used merchandise offer students a relief from the "sticker shock" experienced after paying for tuition, fees and books.

Whether you're looking for extra clothes (priced from \$.76 and up), pictures for those blank walls (\$.46 and up) or a couch to collapse on (\$10.98 and up), local thrift stores are probably a good place to start your search.

And if late-night study sessions have you in the dark, you may want to consider purchasing another lamp. Area thrift stores offer many styles,

including floor lamps, ranging from the truly weird to contemporary and range in price from \$4 to \$15.

An inexpensive stereo or television (priced from \$2.98 and up, depending on style and whether minor repairs are needed) can also provide a much needed respite in those few breaks between classes, work schedules and study sessions.

With more than half a dozen thrift stores situated within the downtown area of Lincoln—only a few blocks from city campus—students have many opportunities to check out several bargains and shop around for the best deals.

In addition to holding policies ranging from ½ hour at the Family Thrift Center, 1745 O St., to several days after payment for an item at the Disabled American Veterans Thrift Store, 1731 O St. and 821 N. 27th St., most also accept checks and/or major credit cards.

And some stores, including The Salvation Army, 737 P St., and

Goodwill, 1338 South St., even offer sales on various items several times a month.

However, several employees and managers, including Mike Beeman, manager for the Seventh Street Salvation Army store, cautioned students on waiting until too long to check out the slightly used bargains offered.

"Our products are based on what we get," Beeman said, "and our products are priced where they sell very quickly."

Shelly Powell, manager for the 27th Street D.A.V. store agreed, and said that it is during the beginning of each semester when items such as televisions, couches, chairs and stereos disappear the fastest.

Other thrift stores near the city campus area include the Frederick Ozanam Thrift Shop, 1911 R St., Junior League Thrift Shop, 2201 O St., Mission Thrift Mart, 1825 O St., The Ozone, 1411 O St. and Retro Recycle, 1320 P St.



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