

# Second-hand shops offer low-cost clothes

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University students hoping to beat inflation might want to check out the area's used clothing stores.

Not only are used clothes cheaper than new ones, but they often are designed better and made of higher quality fabric than clothes found in regular retail outlets, says Christine Souder, owner of Old Friends Used Clothes.

Many of Eugene's used-clothing stores are located conveniently near the University.

• Old Friends, located at 671 E. 13th Ave. behind Poppi's Restaurant, offers a variety of men's and women's clothes including vintage items.

"We get mostly natural fabric," Souder says. "I buy, sell, trade and consign."

Clothing sold by consignment is entrusted to a store operator until sold, and the store keeps a

share of the profit.

Old Friends is open from 11:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

• Rags to Riches, 360 E. 11th Ave., also offers a variety of men's and women's clothes, including sweaters, coats, shirts, pants and dresses.

"We specialize in real current clothes or vintage items," says store owner Gayle Hutchinson.

Rags to Riches is open from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday

through Saturday.

• St. Vincent De Paul, 110 E. 11th Ave., sells a wealth of merchandise, including men's, women's and children's clothing.

All clothing is donated by private citizens. The store is non-profit and proceeds finance a variety of charity projects.

St. Vincent De Paul is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

• The Salvation Army has several thrift stores in the Eugene-Springfield area. The store closest to the University is located at 451 W. 11th Ave. Another store is located at the corner of Mill and Main streets in Springfield.

The Salvation Army obtains its merchandise through private donations. Drop boxes are located at McKay's Market on Franklin Boulevard, at the Drive and Save on 11th Avenue and at other sites in the metropolitan area.

The Salvation Army on 11th Ave. is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday.

According to Hutchinson, Eugene has some of the least expensive used-clothing outlets in the country.

"I think more and more people are discovering used-clothing stores as an alternative," Hutchinson says. "I think they have as good or better a selection of clothes as they do in a regular store."

## Fishbowl will get finishing touches

Still to come in the \$167,000 Fishbowl renovation is the controversial wheelchair access, a grill and two ice machines.

Plans have been completed for a mechanical lift to make the upper levels of the Fishbowl accessible to the handicapped, says University Planner David Rowe, but the lift will only serve the east platform. He has heard talk about similar arrangements for the west platform, but no plans have been drawn, Rowe says.

The city must approve a building permit before the lift can be constructed, Rowe says. Construction plans will be presented to the City of Eugene on Monday, but approval can take from a "matter of days to six weeks," he says.

Rowe estimates the lift will cost \$3,600.

Also on the way to the Fishbowl is a grill that

will enable students to buy hot foods until 8 p.m. It will open as the Fountain Court Cafe grill closes at 2 p.m. The Fishbowl has been without a grill since fire destroyed the previous grill two years ago.

Two ice machines and grease filters needed to complete the grill should arrive soon, EMU Director Adell McMillan says. Ice is now available in metal pans.

Although some students have criticized the neon lights on the Fishbowl ceiling as being too "disco," the lights were chosen to retain some of the '50s atmosphere of the Fishbowl, says McMillan.

Students on the planning committee and the architects thought the lights would help brighten the room and add to the atmosphere, she says.

## Teenagers publish local history book

"And When They're Gone ... Landmarks of Lane County" probably won't make the New York Times Best Seller List, but Oregonians may find the book interesting and informative.

The book was compiled and written last summer as a youth project sponsored by the Lane County Department of Employment and Training.

It focuses on seven Lane County sites the authors consider historically significant: Cox Island House, Booth-Kelly Store, Seavey Farm, Heceta Head Lighthouse, Shelton-McMurphy House, Cottage Grove Church and Chambers House.

The book is composed mostly of interviews with citizens — especially senior citizens — who shared their experiences and knowledge of local history.

Working 40 hours a week for about four months, the five youths and their two supervisors acquainted themselves with historical information from the Lane County Museum, conducted interviews, wrote the text, took pictures and prepared the book layout.

Northwest Working Press, a Eugene printing firm, printed the 113-page book, which costs \$5. It is available at the Harris Hall Information Center at 8th Avenue and Oak Street and will be distributed to local public and school libraries and to city councilors.

The teenagers gained not only the satisfaction of producing a book but also a new attitude toward historical landmarks. In the book's preface they state, "Now, whenever we see an old building, the paint peeling, the roof mossed over, it has a much greater meaning to us — it is no longer merely a house, but a memory of history, people and stories."



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