

Used-clothing shops offer cheap prices, funky items

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There is money to be made and money to be saved at Eugene's 15 used-clothing stores.

Styles from the practical to the bizarre to the downright funky provide a wide range of choices for the money-conscious clothes shopper interested in unique clothing.

And for the woman or man with an overflowing closet, some used-clothing stores offer cash, trade-ins or sale by consignment for unwanted attire.

Many of these stores began as an owner's hobby.

"I was a junkie as far as collecting old stuff goes, so opening a store seemed like a good outlet for keeping my fever of buying down," says Alice Strong, owner of Boogie Blues.

Vikki Chapman, owner of Starting Over, opened the shop to supplement her husband's income. Now, she says, "business is doing better than I ever expected. My husband helps me now, cleaning the shop and doing some of the buying."

Listed below are 10 of Eugene's used-clothing stores and what they have to offer the University consumer:

BOOGIE BLUES, 8th Avenue and Lincoln Street, has been operating for five years and is geared to low incomes, says owner Strong. She says she feels a second-hand clothing

store should offer "good quality cloth" at prices affordable to the shopper with a limited budget. "I want to stay buying cheap and selling cheap." Strong looks for "quality cloth" and doesn't sell synthetics or polyester.

BRASS HANGER, 50 E. 25th Ave., is a women's resale shop, specializing in clothes for "working women, professional-type clothing," says owner Christina Friberg. Friberg says she looks for current styles — no vintage or dated material.

HALL CLOSET, 35 Coburg Road, has been operating for 11 years, and has been owned by Lee Holycross for five years. A lot of elderly people and "working girls" shop at her store, she

says. She buys and sells "good condition contemporary clothing, not over two years old," for ladies only.

MINERVA'S, 17th Avenue and Willamette Street, is a five-month old shop that deals in vintage clothing only. Owner Minerva Boutell says she looks for clothing from the late 1800s to the 1950s and shoes and accessories from the same period to match. Most of her shopping is done out of Eugene but she says she might also buy from people who bring special items into her shop.

OLD FRIENDS moved to 1128A Alder St. and now its ownership is shared by four women. The shop looks for vintage

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