## Local boutiques specialize in recycled fashion

father to daughter, sister to sister, roommate to room- tury to the ones found on racks at department stores and into the 1950s. mate, one generation to the next. Clothes were meant to today. be recycled

Several University-area clothing shops have caught on to the fashion recycling trend. Whether one is interested in buying, selling, consigning, or trading, their old garments for a profit. these boutiques offer an attractive and economical alternative to department store shopping.

clothes," said Gayle Hutchinson from Rags to Riches, crisp and new," she said. 360 E. 11th Ave. "It's a very consuming business."

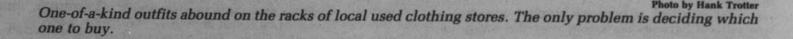
The best sweater is the handed-down sweater; from mense. They range from the garments of the 19th cen-

Hutchinson has nine wholesalers who bring in a constant flow of clothes, and there are always individuals, many of them students, who want to retire

Hutchinson is discriminating; she only accepts clothes that are clean, in good condition and don't look However, the used-clothing business isn't just a too worn. "A lot of the things that come in here maybe novelty; it's a thriving industry. "There are lots of have been worn only two or three times and look so

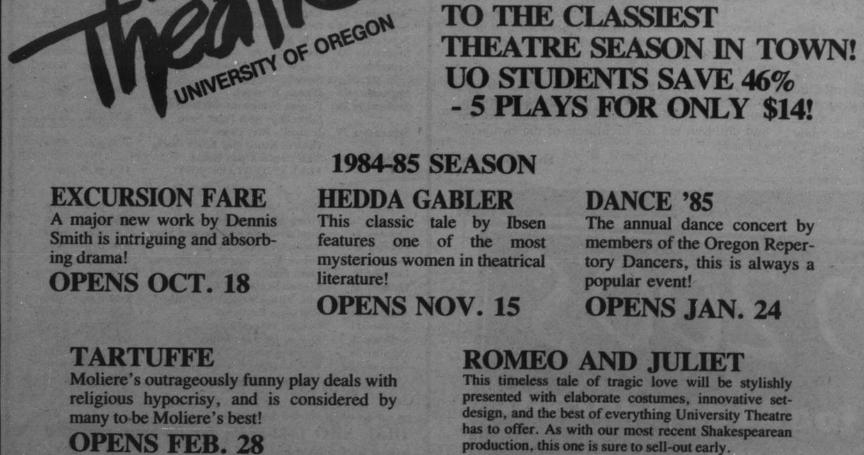
Puttin' on the Ritz, 1639 E. 19th Ave., specializes The variety of clothes found in the shops is im- in vintage clothing and accessories. The vintage period

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Owner Colleen Lillard strives to make everything she sells clean and wearable.

'We do a lot of work to make the clothing look good." she said. This includes drycleaning, pressing, and mending their clothes before displaying them on the racks.

business. One can find a little bit of almost everything in the shop, including new clothes and gifts.

'We're not just into one kind of style.'

"Our prices are close to half the price of a depart-ment store, and many of our clothes have hardly been

worn," said Rosa. Another obvious bonus is that each of the boutiques offer uniqueness in both men's and women's

"It's nice to come into a place and find just one piece, not a whole rack with 15 or 20 of one thing all in the same size," said Rosa. "Here you find just one of a kind.



A twirl of the parasol and a garment designed for

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