

# Smart Shopping

Low-cost spending helps students save money

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Everyone says it, and no matter how stereotypical is sounds, it is true. College students have no money. Since students cannot wait around all year for the big sale, how are they supposed to be able to afford buying new clothes? Fellow students, the answer is thrift stores.

There are many resale shops in Bryan-College Station, including the Salvation Army, Resale Finds and Goodwill Industries, all of which sell a variety of products. From clothes to furniture, thrift stores are a college student's solution to money problems.

Lt. Angela Cundiss, commanding officer at the Salvation Army, said the store is open to anyone, and college students often shop there.

"We sell a lot of jeans and denim," Cundiss said. Students also like to look for furniture for their apartments."

Although some may consider thrift stores to only have old and used clothing, Cundiss assures that only certain articles are chosen to sell.

"We sort through everything and only sell our 'best stuff,'" Cundiss said. "Lots of times we get practically new things. We recently received a shipment of brand new Haggard jeans, and at \$8 they are the most expensive item in the store."

Many students have already discovered the secret of thrift-store shopping is to be patient.

Kristina Pruneda, a junior biomedical science major, said patience is the key to striking gold.

"When you go to a thrift store, if you have enough patience you can always find a treasure," she said. "You may have to search for a while, but in the end, you'll always find a desirable item, and it's worth the effort."

Chris Wright, a senior anthropology major, said he agrees that the search is part of the fun when going to shop smart.

"Shopping at thrift stores is cheap and fun," Wright said. "You find great stuff and if you buy something and wear it once it's OK because you just spent a buck."

Wright also said there are certain things she looks for at thrift stores.

"I usually get good jeans and funky shirts to wear out, then there are shirts I get to wear every day," she said.

Amy Kidd, a freshman business major, said she often finds jeans at the Salvation Army that are even better than what is for sale in the department stores.

"The jeans (at the thrift store) have a worn out and frayed look, and while some stores try to make



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their jeans appear to be worn, the thrift-store jeans actually are," she said.

Thrift stores also carry authentic clothes from the '60s and '70s that have become popular again. Bell-bottom jeans are an example of one style that many thought would never come back, but now that it has, resale shops have plenty to sell.

The popularity of thrift stores has been increasing over the last few years, with more people realizing the great bargains that are out there. So no more complaining about not being able to afford anything, just grab \$5 and go buy yourself a new wardrobe.

### • Old Navy Update

Has anyone else been wondering what is going to be in that building next to Target and Freebirds? Well, wonder no more — Old Navy is coming to College Station. For those who are not familiar with the clothing store, Old Navy was established in 1994 and is the newest division of Gap Incorporated.

Old Navy franchises can be found in cities all over Texas, including Dallas and Houston. The retail store sells everything from children's, men's and women's clothing to shoes, accessories and rare gift items.

Stuart Graham, store manager of the College Station branch, describes Old Navy as an "up-and-coming" store that offers something for everyone.

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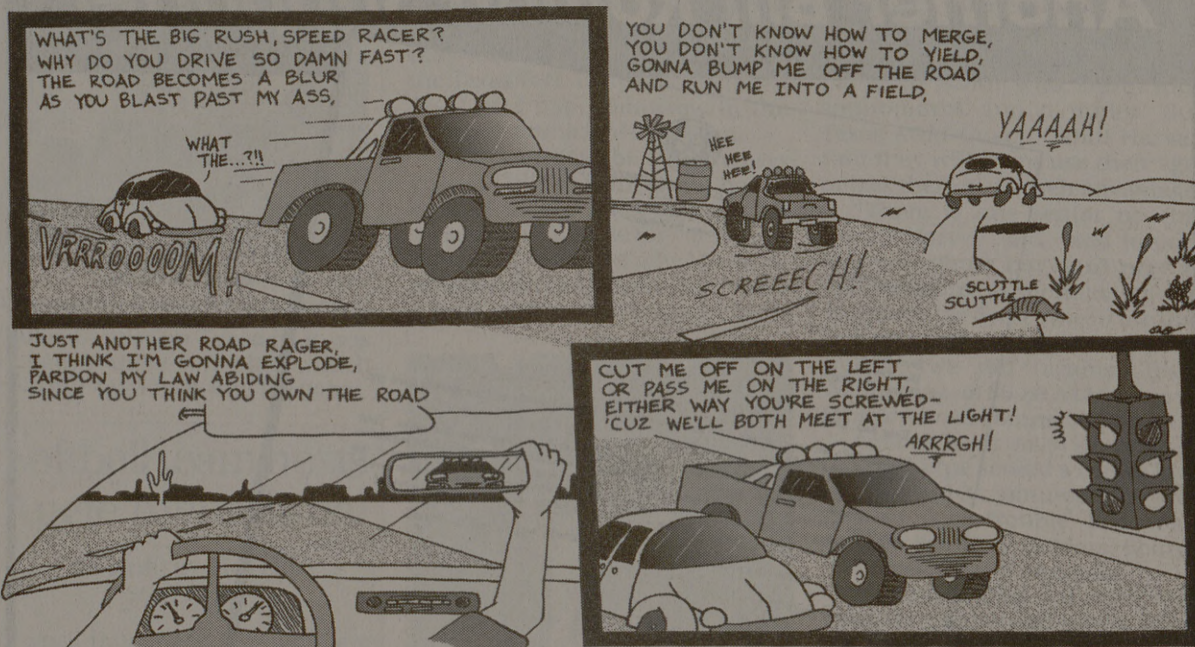
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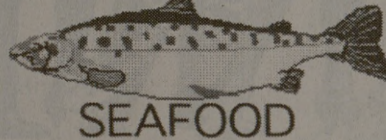
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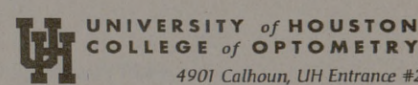
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