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## Vintage Adventures

Dumpsters, resale shops and garage sales can offer treasures

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Students find hidden treasures in unlikely places.

From The Galleria to Pottery Barn, there are endless shopping possibilities for shoppers; unfortunately, the endless choices usually come at the expense of a hefty buck. Some students choose to look in unconventional places such as thrift stores and garage sales, often finding many diamonds in the rough.

Erika Ellis, a junior anthropology major, said she found some of her most prized possessions in random places such as in dumpsters.

"I found this really pretty cabinet in the trash once, and I decided to fix it up," she said. "I polished it, painted it and added baskets where the drawers were missing. The end result was this really cool, funky-looking dresser drawer."

Some of Ellis' other craft projects also began from trash can adventures.

"I found a scrap piece of wood in the trash once and shaped it into a headboard for my bed. I fitted some nice fabric over it to match my room," she said. "Once I fitted it on my bed, it created a great look and feel for my room."

Although Ellis often hits garage sales in search of random items, she once came home with formal gowns instead.

"A few years ago, I found this beautiful prom dress at a garage sale," she said. "It was custom made for somebody by Neiman Marcus back in the 1960s, but it still fit me perfectly."

Ellis said she wore the sea green dress, which was made entirely of raw silk, to a friend's prom and received many compliments on it.

"The dress was the most beautiful, vintage-looking piece of clothing I had ever seen," she

said. "I never plan on letting it go. The best part was that I only spent 10 bucks on it."

Ellis' garage sale treasure inspired her to shop for her own prom dress at vintage stores.

"I didn't look in regular department stores because I knew that's where everybody else would be shopping," she said.

After hitting up the vintage shops, Ellis bought a very "old-school" gown that was tea cup-shaped with a petticoat and puffed sleeves.

Other students, such as Darcy Modouni, find their "going out" outfits at places such as Value Village.

"I'm a big fan of the retro look, but I can never find authentic-looking clothes in regular stores," said Modouni, a psychology graduate student.

Modouni enjoys rummaging through thrift stores and the Salvation Army, where she has found corduroy pants, velvet jackets in four different colors, and baggy jeans that were "a little floppy."

"I love all of the clothes that I found at value places because they are just a lot of fun to wear," she said.

Sana Mohiuddin, a junior history major, doesn't necessarily wear what she buys at vintage stores. Instead, she treasures the artifacts that can be found in such places.

"I once found a really old British copy of Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* in an Austin resale shop," she said. "The publishing date was back in the 1950's, so I bought it immediately because I love reading. I also figured that it will be worth something someday."

Mohiuddin said she has also found items that decorate more than just her bookshelf.

"I found these old, really funky-looking flowers for really cheap in a vintage store once," she said. "I put them in my room and they looked very out of place. I kept them anyways because they add character to my room setup."

Mohiuddin said she has always been a fan of the alternative shopping lifestyle.

"In all reality, thrift stores are the only place left to find things that have at least a little bit of originality to them," she said. "I never really liked

going to the mall because the prices are usually too high. After all of those setbacks, there is always a good possibility that somebody out there will have the same thing that you bought from the regular store."

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graduate student



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### PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

#### Anthony Hopkins marries antique dealer in Malibu

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — Oscar winner Anthony Hopkins married antique dealer Stella Arroyave during a private ceremony in Malibu, said publicist Paul Bloch.

It was the third marriage for the 65-year-old Hopkins, who won a best-actor Oscar for 1991's "The Silence of the Lambs," and the first for the 46-year-old bride.

The small wedding on Saturday was attended by family and friends, but Bloch said Monday that he couldn't provide a guest list or any additional information.

A photograph released by a private photographer showed

Hopkins in a dark suit with his smiling bride in a white wedding gown.

Hopkins reprised the role of serial-killer Hannibal Lecter in 2001's "Hannibal" and last year's prequel "Red Dragon."

Hopkins, who was born in Wales and knighted by the queen of England in 1993, became a U.S. citizen in 2000.

He divorced his second wife, Jennifer Ann Lynton, last June after 29 years of marriage. The couple had married in 1973 after Hopkins was divorced from his first wife, Petronella, with whom he has a daughter.

Although Hopkins is usually guarded about his private life, he once described himself as a loner. "I live a separate life and am not very good with any rela-

tionships — with anyone," Hopkins said in a 2001 interview. "I can't be locked up with anyone for too long."

#### Bruce Springsteen breaks Ticketmaster concert record

AST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Bruce Springsteen's homecoming has broken a record.

Fans of the musician snapped up tickets to seven July shows in Giants Stadium, the first time in Ticketmaster history that a performer had sold tickets for seven stadium dates in a single day.

Ticket demand for three announced shows on July 15, 17 and 18 was so extraordinary that two more dates were added on July 21 and 24. When the press for tickets continued,

two more shows — July 26 and 27 — were tacked on, said officials at the Meadowlands Sports Complex.

More than 300,000 tickets were expected to eventually trade hands for the Springsteen extravaganza. The tour again features Springsteen with the E Street Band.

#### Barry Bostwick honored for promoting cancer awareness

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — Tony and Golden Globe award-winning actor Barry Bostwick has been honored for being a nuisance — about promoting early detection of prostate cancer.

Bostwick, who played Mayor Randall Winston on the TV show "Spin City," received the Gilda

Radner Courage Award from the Roswell Park Cancer Institute on Saturday.

"I do all I can to beat the bushes for early screening for men," he said. "I've made sort of a nuisance of myself getting my message across the air."

Bostwick, 58, was diagnosed with prostate cancer six years ago after taking a test. He underwent surgery to remove his prostate and is "now as cancer free as can be," he said.

#### Sheen fears his war stance will hurt his show's TV ratings

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Actor Martin Sheen said NBC executives fear his opposition to a U.S.-led war against Iraq will

hurt his popular television show "The West Wing."

Sheen, who plays fictional U.S. President Josiah Bartlet on the NBC series, told the *Los Angeles Times* for a story Sunday that the show's staff has been "100 percent supportive" but top network executives have "let it be known they're very uncomfortable with where I'm at" on the war.

The 62-year-old actor helped lead a "Virtual March on Washington" last week.

But NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks told The Associated Press on Sunday that she knows of "no concern among top management at NBC regarding Mr. Sheen's stand against the war or fear that it could impact the show."

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