

CHEAP CLOTHES



Shopping. College. The two terms don't exactly go hand in hand. But you have to have things to wear, right?

Shopping at thrift or consignment stores can be a fun, inexpensive alternative. And lucky for you, Chapel Hill's just teeming with them.

Within walking distance is **Time After Time**, where the photo below was taken and where you can get everything from bowling shirts to sunglasses. Also among the Time After Time fare are postcards, jewelry and buttons.

Across the street from Time After Time is the **Stock Exchange**, a consignment store. Unlike its vintage-clothing store neighbor, the Stock Exchange pays a percentage of what it earns to the people who brought in the clothes. For this reason, clothes may be a little more expensive, but are generally of higher quality and are more appropriate for social — even somewhat formal — oc-

casions. If you're determined to wear a new dress to every cocktail, formal or whatever you ever attend this year, shopping at consignment stores may be a good way to keep your clothing budget in check.

Down the road a ways is **Surplus Sid's**, where you can buy boots, jackets and other stuff left over when people like our president didn't ever come by to pick up their military-issued supplies, or when the Pentagon decided to economize by ordering in bulk. For whatever reason, there's plenty of stuff right out of M.A.S.H., for not-too-bad prices. The good thing about shopping at Sid's, other than the inherent coolness of walking around in combat boots, is that you can be sure that because the stuff was constructed for members of the armed forces, it's extra-durable.

PTA Thrift Shops have two locations, one in Carrboro on Jones Ferry Road and one in Chapel Hill, in the Village Plaza. Both sell clothing as well as some small pieces of furniture and occasionally various appliances. The stores are staffed by volunteers, and earnings help area schools.

So shop. Just shop smart.

—Jennifer Brett

If you're really desperate, you could always follow people around campus, hoping they'll trip and drop some change your way



Just no end to the vests at thrift stores



"Hey Mom, can you hook me up?"



Who says dating has to be expensive? With a case of Olympia at your side, not only are you gonna rock, you'll do it cheap

of the night.

Dress up in your cocktail dresses and tuxes and crash a frat or sorority function for some real fun.

Of course there's always the arboretum to take a nice romantic stroll any ole time, or if you feel like driving, go to the Duke Botanical Gardens. Cruise out to Jordan Lake and stay in the car, or climb on top of Granville Towers' roof (that is if you can get the key to get up there).

Coming up with creative things to do on dates just takes a little imagination. Remember: even *the Beatles* said money couldn't buy them love.

—Kristi Turnbaugh



Because of the enormous positive response Mr. Omni got last week, we've decided to make him a regular. Although he responded to fashion questions last week and will tackle the No. 1 endangered species at UNC, the dollar, this week, Mr. Omni is available for virtually any problem. Send or bring your questions by The Daily Tar Heel office. Don't call and ask to speak to Mr. Omni. As you can tell by his picture, he is very small and has trouble reaching the phone. But he likes mail, and his shrewd advice is sure to pull you out of whatever jam you're in.

This week, we bring you Mr. Omni's financial advice.

Dear Mr. Omni, my freshman year, my folks sent money and care package and I could go out every night. Now, I get zero rations from home and have to work two jobs to make ends meet. Why? Why? Why?

Dear Reader, your parents are forcing you to grow up. You may be eating Oodles of Noodles every night, but at least you earned them. By the way, where could you go when you were a freshman? Time Out doesn't count as "going out." You were about 18 or 19. And you know you weren't cool enough to get into bars, even if you did have a friend who lent you an ID.

Dear Mr. Omni, I only get paid once a month. How can I budget myself so I can make it between paychecks?

Dear Reader, one word: Olympia.

Dear Mr. Omni, why does it cost more to buy stamps at Kinko's than at the post office?

Dear Reader, like many establishments, Kinko's Copies on Franklin Street sells stamps out of vending machines. My suspicion was that the funds must be financing either hair dye or the think tank that invents things like the names of the copy machines there. But night manager Lars Nielsen said that an outside vendor is "probably cleaning up" on the stamp surtax and added, "I think the money goes into the little cardboard boxes that hold the stamps."

Dear Mr. Omni, why do graduate students all look like they're living in poverty?

Dear Reader, they are.

Dear Mr. Omni, what's the cheapest form of birth control?

Dear Reader, abstinence.

Dear Mr. Omni, c'mon.

Dear Reader, at 50 cents each, condoms aren't too bad. A whole box will set you back up to \$15. The cost of the Pill is about \$8 a month at Student Health. But shopping for birth control isn't bargain-hunting time.

Dear Mr. Omni, do I really have to do my taxes? It's such a pain and I don't make that much anyway.

Dear Reader, file your taxes. It may not seem like a lot now, but it would sure suck to be audited later and found guilty of tax evasion. Just ask Joe Herzenberg.

Dear Mr. Omni, why do bagels cost 73 cents at Lenoir when you can buy a whole bag for a dollar at the store?

Dear Reader, why do you keep buying Lenoir bagels for 73 cents when you could be buying them by the bag for a dollar?

Dear Mr. Omni, why does UNC raise out-of-state tuition so much more than in-state?

Dear Reader, NC has one of the lowest SAT ratings in the country. You figure it out.