Mailbox Need Shown

The problem of mailboxes has come to our attention, and whereas the general feeling throughout campus is that mailboxes are a necessity and should be set up this year as soon as possible, there are reasons for feeling mailboxes are an important element in campus organization and our solutions for the problems involved with them.

It is the general consensus of the majority of the opinions on campus that mailboxes are an invaluable and irreplaceable service to them in contacting their members. This feeling is shared by many of the teachers who find the mailbox system a speedy, efficient, and convenient way of contacting students in relation to meetings, appointments, classes, etc. Besides being of value to organization and teachers, mailboxes are a definite aid to the individual student as a means of communication.

We feel mailboxes are definitely necessary to alleviate a communication problem on campus because:

1. Not all off-campus students are reachable by any other way. For those off-campus students not reachable, it requires a good deal of time and inconvenience for those students to be informed of any news or information that is being passed on the speedly mailbox system.

2. We realize dorm residents can still be reached; however, a problem arises when the students through first class mail would present an expense most organizations either do not have or do not wish to take on. Also the mail is an open-carrying process. In addition, another possibility is the intercampus mail that would go to the different dorms. We feel this is still a slow process and would surely become overcrowded and ever slower with the added burden which the elimination of mailboxes would give it.

3. In essence, any method of reaching dorm residents through their respective dorms is a more time-consuming process than through the campus mailboxes.

Problems as we see them in relation to the present mailbox system include shortage, maintenance, and students disregarding mailbox rules.

This first problem as we see it, that mailboxes are now filled to capacity, is not really a problem. After careful study we conclude that three or four people could easily share one mailbox instead of two people as we now have it. This would alleviate a problem of shortage of space for the present. If it should become necessary to build additional mailboxes, we feel that there is, and will be more, unused space suitable for this in the Main building. For example, second floor where the old bulletin boards will be taken down.

In regard to initial cost and maintenance Alpha Phi Omega, and other organizations have volunteered to take on this responsibility.

As for the problem of mailbox rules; the rules will be enforced by the Council and will be enforced. The problem of mass mail will be organized and penalties will be administered.

Music Department to Present “Don Pasquale”

A light-hearted, gay, and glamorous atmosphere will invade the University auditorium Thursday evening when the curtain goes up for the first performance of Donizetti's “Don Pasquale,” presented by the music department.

The comic, or “buffa,” opera is one of Donizetti's most famous operas. It was first presented in London in 1832 and has enjoyed continuous popularity ever since. The story is one of love and intrigue set in Italy. The curtain will go up at 7:30.

The cast includes:

Don Pasquale (tenor) — John Smith
Adina (soprano) — Monica Brown
Don Pasquale (bass) — Howard Green
Despina (soprano) — Elizabeth Brown
Gemei (soprano) — Sarah Johnson
Gemei (bass) — Thomas Johnson

The opera will be performed by the University Chorus and Orchestra under the direction of Charles Smith, assistant professor of music.

Attention Juniors

The removal of a representative due to his failure to fulfill the responsibilities of his office has left the Junior class lacking one representative on the Student Council.

The Student Council constitution provides for this vacancy to be filled in the same manner as originally elected. A special election will be held to fill the vacancy.

In order to run for an office, a candidate must file a petition in the Student Council office (petitions are also available in the office) by Thursday, November 12. Names of candidates for the offices will be published in the Nov. 17 issue of The Pointer along with a statement from each candidate. An overall grade point of 2.5 is required.

LBJ Wins Election

A man from Texas, once from Minnesota, and the democratic leader of the United States, Lyndon B. Johnson, will now be president of the United States.

Lyndon Baines Johnson was born in 1908 in the southern part of Texas. He graduated from the University of Texas and served in Congress for 28 years. Johnson was vice president of the United States and shepherded the legislative effort that produced the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Johnson was first elected to the Senate in 1948 and served two terms. He was reelected in 1954 and served as Senate Majority Leader for two years before becoming vice president.

Johnson assumed the presidency after the assassination of John F. Kennedy in 1963. He was reelected in 1964 and served two terms. He left office in 1969.

There was one sophomore Republican who would not switch neither would he vote for Senator Goldwater. That person wrote in a vote for Richard Nixon for President and Al Gore for Vice President.

A-LS Presents “Pikal Country”

The Pikal Country, a folk group formed in Colorado, has announced that they will perform in Stevens Point on October 21. The group consists of four members: Jim Schmidt, Bob Stremel, John Mullen, and Ken Mullen.

The group performs a variety of folk music, including traditional ballads, sea shanties, and original compositions. They are known for their energetic and lively performances, which often include audience participation.

The group's repertoire includes songs such as "The Parting Glass," "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald," and "The Ballad of the Titanic." Their music is a blend of traditional and contemporary elements, creating a unique and captivating sound.

The Pikal Country's performance is part of the Stevens Point Community Concert Series, which brings diverse and high-quality musical acts to the community.

The performance is free and open to the public. Tickets are available at the Stevens Point Area Community College's Box Office. For more information, visit the college's website or call their box office.
The elections are over. All the energy and emotion spent has achieved two ends. First of all, a president and many of the offices of government down to city clerk were filled. Second, students and especially important, Americans were forced to evaluate their nation and its leaders. It’s unfortunate that the spirit of scrutiny that has prevailed in these past months does not continue throughout every administration. Our future leaders and active constituents must make good government possible.

Now that our representatives have been chosen, are you going to sit back and just watch? I hope you, as citizens, will actively support and, at the same time, constructively criticize your men in government.

In this same spirit, I think the student body ought to scrutinize the student government, the student publications, and the general student affairs.

You all have reactions and opinions on every event on campus that you come in contact with. When the reactions are mild, you might make a comment to your roommate. When you are aroused to the point of personal concern, then you ought to tell others of this concern. When you get concerned about an issue, it’s a safe bet that at least 100 others are similarly concerned. When this is true, your concern certainly deserves attention.

For the tenth, printed time, I urge you to inform the students of your opinion through the Pointer. We will print every letter. This issue was an exception, because there were about 30 letters and space did not permit the printing of all of them; We tried to select a cross section of views. We will print the remaining letters next week.

Do you think floridation of water is really a Communist plot to deprive us of our Precious Body Fluids?

Please be concerned.

THE EDITOR

Judy Says “Thanks”

This is a letter to you the students to thank you for a successful Homecoming 1964. It is true, some of you did a little more to make this Homecoming, but each of you by the mere act of welcoming visitors and something in all that, of course, some students organize and contribute their efforts to one main cause — this creates a spirit of Homecoming and my thanks goes out to them for a job very well done. To others of you, I thank you for a job very well done. To others of you, I thank you for participating in planned events — You, too, have been great in your efforts.

To the people behind the scenes who organize programs for all of us to participate in, my thanks goes to especially. Without your work which everyone takes so much for granted, there would be no Homecoming.

Friends, in concluding, let me state simply that I do not make a practice of getting my name in the Pointer, but when subjects are diverse reflecting my viewpoint, I believe I can contribute to a better understanding of formal education. Occasionally I find myself in disagreement with an editor’s views or an opinion piece, and I know that you will keep an open mind.

It is possible to be able to express one’s opinions in a constructive manner and it is our responsibility to support this spirit through the forum that the Pointer provides. If our articles have veiled the real function of our paper and it is ours, therefore, to correct this spirit.

Let me call attention to Editor W. Southworth, who, while on his handling of the Pointer, I believe he has used discretion and tact and this is an important job. Not only have the political liberals been discriminated against regarding the printing of liberal articles but in many issues, the propaganda that Mullens publishes is in no sense of the word balanced.

Because of the above, this letter is for the purpose of recommending an influential position for a Democrat. This is, I have been aware of the editorial section’s position and I would have signed this letter, myself, therefore, agree with your viewpoint. I think that is the only way to make sure that the student spirit will go on and the Pointer to express his wish to be heard, on the editorial section.

BURT VANDELOE

Publicity Chairman, Y demos

Deer Editor:

Dear Editor: Do you not feel that as a Democrat you have a right to express your chagrin and sorrow over the interminable responses of political candidates to questions appearing in the last election? I have an opinion, in reaction to your editorial of October 17, that I believe nothing should be done to deal with your newspaper. I have been aware of this editorial section’s position and I would have signed this letter, myself, agree with your viewpoint. I think that is the only way to make sure that the student spirit will go on and the Pointer to express his wish to be heard, on the editorial section.

JOHN PRAIS

Dear Editor:

I’m sure many of the student body had a laugh last week when the editor of the Pointer was hung in effigy for expressing his personal opinion. Since when can’t an editor have a personal opinion? Since when can’t an editor express his opinion that he wants his personal freedom to express his thoughts taken away because he expressed an opinion?

Patrick Henry said, “Give me liberty or give me death.” Our Constitution says liberty means the freedom of expression. Don’t dare discard this principle or you may not have any more freedom than you have now.

JOHN PRAIS

Letter To Editor (Forked Tongue)

Dear Mr. Mullen (forked tongue editor)

This is in reply to your reply to my reply to Mr. Mullen (forked tongue editor)

Dear Mr. Mullen (forked tongue editor)

Firstly, I evaded Mr. Cates’ criticism and unjustly criticized him. Mr. Cates was only quoting my reply about joining the chorus referred to the obvious reaction stirred up through the article by the Conspiratorial Unionism. Mr. Cates quotes my reply and your positive action.

On this issue, we are united.

JOHN PRAIS

Tongue Plane

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Focus
by Sue Stanke

Once upon a time there was a strange type of animal called the Whiner. It had a dull, nonpartisan face (usually blank), stubby feathers that ruffled at the slightest excuse, and a big yellow streak down its back. It had a big mouth that flapped wildly before the Whiner even bothered to examine a situation, and it was always breathing hot air on everyone. It had tiny ears that heard only what they wanted to hear, but because it was so busy flapping its big mouth it rarely listened to anyone else. And because of that, it was a very dumb and uniformed bird.

No one ever takes the Whiner seriously, though, because it never does ANYTHING. Ever. It stands in the middle of the courtyard shouting at people but no one really notices or even hears it. Occasionally it might even fly away down the steps on its toes, cries, really. Whimpers. And all sorts of things upset the Whiner. Homecoming - the Board of Student Affairs and the Whimer's favorite parts of the Whiner's life. And like people, there are many different species of Whimer Whiners.

There is the "Open-Letter" Whiner. This is the Whiner that spends good money to mimeograph copies of his opinion that he could have stated for free with the expectation that he could get such vast coverage of event and purposing that the editor be hung for his op-ed. That.Whinner's paper, so tell him how it should be run. He represents proud of him himself. Indeed.

It spends good money to mimeograph copies of his opinion that he could have stated for free. That's what Whimpers.

A student, supposedly literate, with the normal set of two legs that carries him into the Pointer office, could have stated for free. That's what Whimpers.

An OSU's campus for a day or two try contacting these vets groups has proved to be hard work but we are anxiously awaiting the replies with the hope that once again exchanges could prove to be useful in promoting school spirit and provide a common background for meeting new friends. Ohio State University may provide the testing ground for the idea and it almost seems certain that they are willing to promote the idea. If replies are affirmative plans will be made with the hope of traveling to OSU's campus for a day or two, and participating in various social functions.

The Whiner has elected to change their design. Within a week or two the new design featuring white lettering on a red background will be seen on the newly ordered sweatshirts. Thus it is hoped a standard design will help to promote the organization publicly.

We would like to think the student body for their fine cooperation in the way in which they received the 550 ride program. The 550 bulletin board, second floor Main provides this service. Standard forms are now available to avoid confusion. The 550's would like to remind vets that they may still join and are urged to contact members for details concerning the organization. Vets with six months or more active duty time are eligible.

550's Promote School Spirit

After taking a deep breath the 550's hope to return to their pre-Housing activity state once again trying to promote a rivalry in traditional school spirit with their various state university counter-parts. Letters have been sent to promote the affair with the anticipation that eventually such a link-up could include an exchange program for various social events. Trying to recontact these vets groups has proved to be hard work but we are anxiously awaiting the replies with the hope that once again exchanges could prove to be useful in promoting school spirit and provide a common background for meeting new friends. Ohio State University may provide the testing ground for the idea and it almost seems certain that they are willing to promote the idea. If replies are affirmative plans will be made with the hope of traveling to OSU's campus for a day or two, and participating in various social functions.

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