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Two large posters that hang on the door to Troy Thomas's office will soon be replaced by a mailbox.

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as he said that there was not enough room in the humanities suite for such a mail system.

Saying that he did not want to be judged as a trouble maker, Thomas said he could live with Mahar's decision. But he added in a somewhat joking manner, "We lost the battle without even having a fight."

And just how do other departments in the building handle their interoffice mail?

It seems that the possibilities are endless, as we found varying results.

Take, for instance, education, from which Mahar said the idea was taken in the first place. The door mailbox system, according to secretaries, works very well and cuts down on wasted time. Faculty members are allowed to keep their offices locked and secretaries don't have to worry about running back and fourth to unlock locked doors when delivering messages or mail.

Faculty members don't seem to mind this system, as well.

"Often at times they are convenient when students need to turn things in," said Bill A. Henk, associate professor of education and reading.

"It's a better system than having messages getting lost on the desk and you still have room to express yourself," he said, pointing to the education propaganda on his door.

There are of course the steadfast disciples of Thomas who say the door mailbox system is a nuisance and faculty members should have to pick up their own mail.

In the mathematics/science department,

faculty members pick up their own mail from a centralized interoffice mailbox system.

Frank J. Swetz, professor of mathematics and education, said he could sympathize with disgruntled faculty members in the humanities division and called the door mailbox system a "psychological thing."

"Students feel a few steps closer to personal knowledge," Swetz said. "We have so few ways to express our creativity. Leave us our doors."

And, by the way, one of the reasons given by secretaries in the mathematics-science department for this type of system concerned how the lights are hooked up.

Things in behavioral science don't get much better. They also operate with the door mailbox system, but for another reason. Secretaries here say the reason is purely for "cosmetic purposes."

Apparently when the department was remodeled three years ago, maintenance told faculty and staff not to put up posters, announcements or anything that would require physically mauling the door surface with nasty nails or thumb tacks.

The questions in the humanities department now seem to be:

Will there be a massive mailbox mutiny by faculty members once the boxes are officially installed?

Will Mahar step down in shame as department head and later take a job with the U.S. postal service?

Will Troy Thomas live with Mahar's decision and resort to putting up western civilization greeting cards just in time for Christmas?

These questions should be answered in the remaining weeks of the semester.

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to go and it's a good way to spend time together. It gets to be a habit."

Of the buying experience at flea markets, Bradley said, "It's real emotional. I once bought this really ugly, bad clock. I loved it when I bought it, but I hated it when I got home. Later, I gave it as a Christmas present."

One reason people may like flea markets is that every aisle is memory lane.

Remember that Snoopy lunchbox from elementary school? If it was yellow, metal, and said, "Have Lunch with Snoopy," it's worth \$23 today.

Or those Ben Franklin eyeglasses that Captain Kirk pawned in *Star Trek IV: The Voyage Home*? A similar pair goes for around \$15.

That Girl Scout mess kit from your wonder years? \$12.50 now.

Outsmarting the college bookstore is always a good reason too, so it's worth investigating The Book Worm at Silver Spring in Mechanicsburg (one of the largest used book dealers around). Balzac, Franklin, Hardy, Fielding, Milton, Shelley, Shaw, Twain, Wharton and countless others are all only \$1 each.

Searching for the perfect gift?

The tables overflow with treasures: baseball cards, comic books, teacups, tee-shirts, cassettes, cookie cutters.

For the movie buff: An 8"x 11" picture of Marlon Brando as Napoleon--\$4.

For the computer nut: Program disks on anything from graphics to geneology, plus games galore--\$2.50 to \$8.

For the workshop wizard: 67 hand planers in graduated sizes--all prices.

For the maestro: Sheet music for Dolly Connolly's Big Hit "When You Wore a Tulip and I Wore a Big Red Rose"--\$1.

Of course, there's lots of regular everyday stuff too. A hot pot for 50 cents. A toaster-oven for \$7. Picture frames, baby furniture, pots and pans, baskets, jewelry, glassware.

Some brand-new, some well-seasoned. Almost all still usable, almost all a lot less money than in so-called discount stores.

Dick and Betty Howe, flea market patrons who now have their own booth at Haar's in Dillsburg, liken flea markets to old-time town marketplaces.

"You see things here that you don't see other places. and it's a nice way to meet people and have fun," Betty says. "It's a bargain."

What if your particular bargain isn't a \$5 78 RPM recording of Pope Pius XII saying mass in Italian in the Sistine Chapel? Or a hand tooled leather bowling ball bag for \$35? As one woman said, shrugging, "There's always the funnel cakes."

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