Bulletin boards help students advertise

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Just exactly where do people look when they have lost their dog, need a place to live, or are selling furniture? The newspaper? That is not always the case at Ohio State.

Many people use the bulletin boards around campus to place their ads, and they have been successful. The outside bulletin boards on campus can be found just about anywhere - at the Ohio Union, the Main Library and the OSU Bookstore. But that does not even begin to mention the other locations around campus.

Yolanda Dixie, a junior at Ohio State, considers herself an expert when using the bulletin boards because she has placed ads for various things on the boards throughout her OSU career.

“When I first came to school, I didn’t have a car, and no way to get back and forth on the weekends to my hometown. I saw a ride board in Morrill Tower, and decided to try it. I’m glad I did, because I’ve saved myself a lot of money using the boards since then,” Dixie said.

Tiffani Podolec, a senior at OSU, placed an advertisement about an airline ticket on some of the boards.

“I only put the notice up on Thursday, so I haven’t really had a response yet... I did put out ads in the newspapers, too, though,” Podolec said.

Dixie said one of the biggest problems she has with the bulletin boards is other people covering her ads with their own ads.

“When I walk through campus I check to see if my ads are still there. I hate it when someone covers mine up to put their’s up. It just makes you want to do it all over again, only covering their’s up instead,” Dixie said.

Michael Fitzsimmons, who works in the landscape maintenance shop, said the boards are supposed to be cleaned at least once a quarter, but that they have not been cleaned for three quarters.

“We try to keep the boards clean, but it is difficult. They do look terrible,” Fitzsimmons said.

Fitzsimmons said the bulletin boards were put in place to keep people from putting their notices on park benches and trees.