

One of the most common complaints we hear from the members concerns the delivery schedule of the *Mustang Times*. We all know that the *Times* has been behind schedule more than once in its lifetime and we all know that the last issue, February, was not mailed until the evening of March 16th. We are just as unhappy about it as you are. Getting the rules for 1981 in the book accounts for some of it but the major reason is that our printer kept the magazine for thirteen and a half days. Of course, this means little to the membership, who all want their magazine to appear magically in their mailbox every thirty days without fail.

So what we are doing is this: the issue you are now reading is being gotten out in approximately three weeks. We hope to have the April issue out in two weeks, or less if we can. The typesetting really imposes the ultimate limit on us, as it can be done just so fast. All of this means that the April issue will be a little down on content, and also possibly will be down a bit in pages, too, if it becomes necessary. As soon as we get the magazine back on schedule, that is, in your mailbox by the end of the second week of the cover-date month, we'll be back attempting to stuff the *Mustang Times* chock-full of Mustang information and features. Just please bear with us through this catch-up period,

if you will.

No sooner did we get last month's "Editor's Page" in your hands than the Postal Service decided that it is raising its rates. This will cause us to have to pay 35 cents to mail your copy of the *Mustang Times* to you, up seven cents or 25 percent. And they're talking about another increase before the end of the year! Please go back and read last month's "Editor's Page" and insert this new figure into all of our finely-chiseled logic to realize just how costly an item our postage bill is. Just as an aside, and hoping friend and editor Rick Kopec doesn't mind the bad publicity, we note that the latest copy of *The Shelby American*, the Shelby American Automobile Club's absolutely beautiful magazine, has \$1.19-worth of postage on it if it comes to you first class!!

We hope that everyone is pleased with the new cover format. We certainly are, although certain fine-tunings will occur on April and subsequent covers. We are going to attempt to put a different color on each cover during a year, so you can easily pick out your favorite issue from that year's pile of magazines.

This may not be possible if we end up using a lot of, say, red cars during a given year, because we still are going to try to make the background color harmonize with the car pictured. Just thought you'd like to know . . .

If you haven't noticed, we've added an "Event Calendar" to each issue and it will appear on page 10 from now on. In this calendar we will attempt to list events of interest of Mustang owners. It is just impossible to list every old car event where Mustang cars and parts are welcome and seen, so we will limit the entries to major old car hobby meets where Mustangs appear and to MCA regional groups' meets *if we are informed of them*. We must know about your show at least three months in advance to guarantee that it will be listed in the "Event Calendar." We've adopted rather a short format for the calendar entries, but this is solely for better usage of space. There is enough information present to assist someone who is interested in finding out more about a particular meet or show. If your regional group's show is not listed in the calendar this month, please send us the information necessary to construct your listing.

