

The other side

Positive aspects of ticket distribution

Editor: Many people have talked about the faults of the new ticket distribution system. How about some discussion about the positive aspects? First, the Tuesday, Oct. 14, editorial made some incorrect statements. For one thing, the senate survey will be conducted during Spring Pre-registration, the first week of December. Pre-registration is before the end of football season (Arkansas game Dec. 6) and not in the Spring as stated in the editorial.

I think pre-registration would be an ideal time and place to find out what the students think about the distribution system because they will have had almost an entire season to give it a fair chance. Also, a survey conducted during pre-registration would probably get more responses than a general referendum. However, for those people who would rather have a referendum, some members of the senate are now circulating a petition calling for one.

The editorial also stated that "underclassmen are getting screwed because there is no penalty for taking a non-student date." Well, that

is not the fault of this system; there has never been a penalty for taking a non-student date. I don't think that people realize that a lot of the "non-student dates" are wives and I feel that they should certainly be allowed to attend football games with no penalty to their husbands. Freshmen have always had the worst seats here and in that respect, this system is no different from the others.

I think that most people are complaining about the distribution system because they have not drawn any "good" seats. Only a certain number of people can fit between the 30-yard lines. A few years ago we only had 18,000 students in the whole school. Then, there were fewer people in each class so each class got better seats because there were not as many people wanting tickets. Now, we have around 18,000 students wanting tickets. Anyone should be able to figure out that not every upperclassman can get "good" seats.

I feel that it is the number of students, not the system, that is causing the problems. Changing back to the system won't alter the number of students wanting tickets; it will

just make getting tickets more difficult and more time consuming. And, anyone who is not able to camp out for an entire week would be sitting in approximately the same areas they are sitting in now. Remember, we have never had this many students and it's been a while since we've had such a crowd-drawing football team.

Susan Fontaine

Briarwood

Editor: The letter from Suzanne Deatherage concerning conditions at the Briarwood Apartment complex is a gross misrepresentation. I know for I too live there: Last year with two male roommates, this year with my wife and two sons.

Yes, I've had a slow bathroom drain, a toilet to overflow, a kitchen light fixture to fall, and a torn carpet, however, in every instance one telephone call to the office brought a qualified repairman to fix the problem almost within an hour, at no charge. I might add that I've owned my own home and all of these problems and more can be expected in any modern dwelling but indepen-

dent repairmen do not respond to calls for help with the promptness, friendliness, and competence of the courteous maintenance staff at Briarwood.

Facilities? I've seen students playing football, baseball, volleyball and basketball on many occasions. I've seen them playing tennis on the tennis courts, exercising in the health spa, sitting in the sauna, barbecuing in the apartment grills, swimming in the two pools and in short having more fun than a kid with his first car. By the way Suzanne, did you ask at the office for the volleyball net?

I am puzzled about two things. One, if you were so unhappy about Briarwood last year why did you sign-up for another year? There were plenty of vacancies in other complexes last spring. Secondly, you don't mention what steps you took to correct your grievances, have you contacted the management? Have you asked for help from "Hassle Free"?

Hope this letter reveals the other side of the issue. I'm happy at Briarwood, so are many of my friends. The facilities are excellent, the management competent and courteous, and the neighbors ARE friendly! Most of 'em.

Mike Mitchell

Smokey bear

Editor: Having just read "CB Forecasts Smokey Bear", and being a CB'er myself, may I make a few comments?

The use of CB to report Smokey is a debatable issue. Among the "pros" is that if people know Smokey is there, they slow down. Among the "cons" is that Smokey can't do his job and that it is a violation of FCC regulations.

This may be so, but I have seen

people warn other drivers of Smokey simply by turning their headlights on and off. Also — and this is the reason I ask for and give Smokey reports — it's nice to know where they are in an emergency.

Also, I have heard Smokey himself answer requests for Smokey reports with an "all clear" (many Smokeys have CB in their patrol cars). This is an illegal activity with the legal term of entrapment. I have read where more than one Smokey has lost his job because of it.

Fortunately, these people are few and far between. The Smokes I have talked to have been very kind and considerate people, always ready to help.

The use of CB by truckers is more than welcome by me. They and Smokey are the best friends a

"four-wheeler" will ever have on the highway. Many truckers also echo my thoughts. CB can make a lonely mobile a lot less lonely, especially when the eyelids get heavy or you feel like talking to someone.

There are also many non-CB'ers who appreciate CB'ers stopping and helping them when they are stranded alongside the roadside. All it takes is a key of the mike and the considerate CB'ers listening (although there are a few bad apples) are ready to help in any way they can.

I myself stopped to help a motorist with a broken water pump. He turned out to be an ex-Oklahoma Highway Patrolman. To further help the traveling public, many CB base station operators

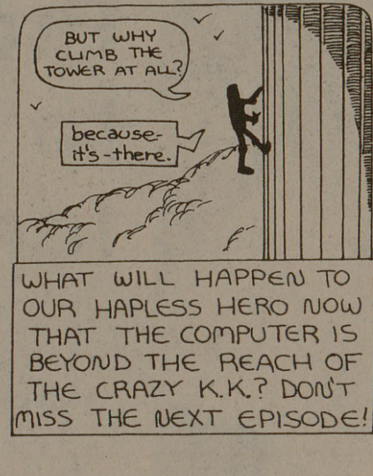
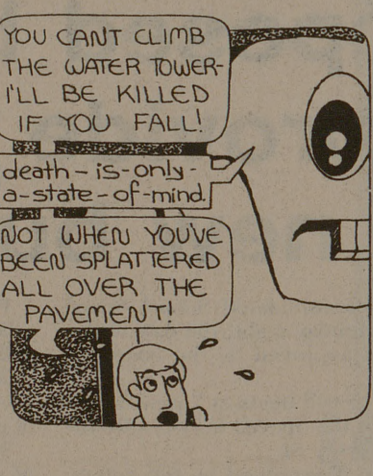
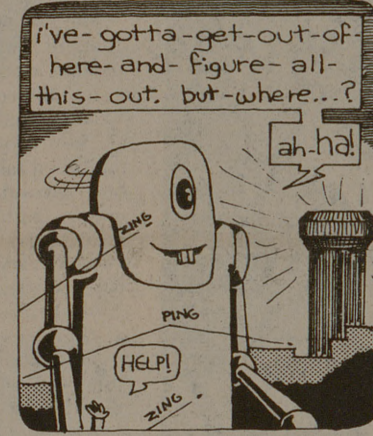
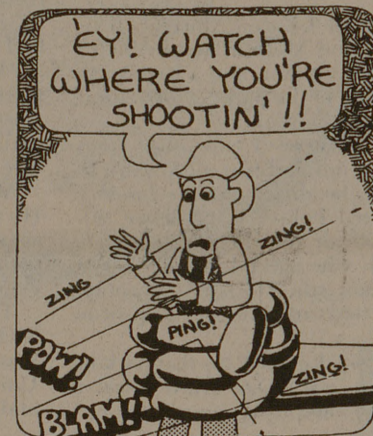
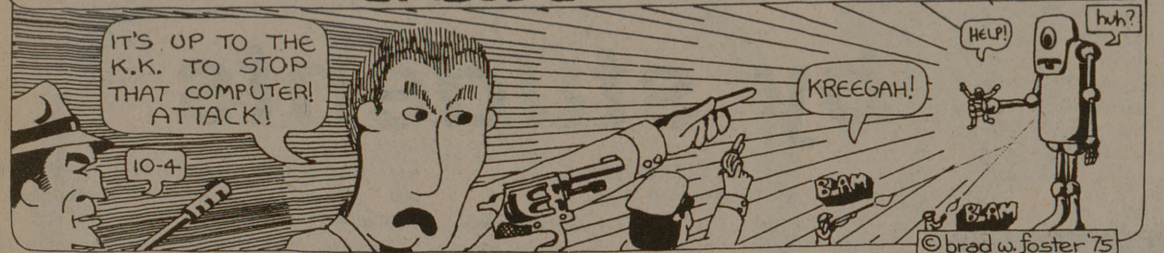
monitor channel 19 (or whatever other channel happens to be the "truckers" channel in their area of the country) into the wee hours of the morning. They don't have just do.

Concerning the use of handsets since the FCC has made it legal, contact another operator as his handle, and after establishing contact, then use his call letters. Have noticed most of the transmissions end with the operator's handle and call letters. The ones that are mostly unlicensed units that are frowned upon by licensed CB'ers

I guess I've made this letter long already, so I'll end it with a concerning feedback over my letter. I'm "10-10 and listening in."

Jeff Mullins

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