

Your Man at Batt

by Greg Moses

A faculty member called last week to ask where he could refer a student who, he felt, needed psychological help.

Two clinical psychologists are splitting their time between the Counseling and Testing Center and the University Health Center to help students solve emotional problems.

Students may arrange appointments either through the counseling center secretary, Linda Workman or the Health Center receptionist.

"It need not be a life crisis situation," said Dr. Elizabeth Paquette, one of the psychologists. If a student has a nagging problem she urges them to arrange an appointment before it becomes serious.

"I deal with normal students who have normal problems. I try to offer a different perspective and an objective viewpoint," said Paquette.

She stressed that the psychologists are "separate and distinct" from the academic sections of the university. "We keep no formal records. Although I do take a few notes during sessions, they are destroyed later."

Paquette is also notifying department heads of the psychological services.

"Professors do a tremendous amount of counseling," said Dr. Sara Jones, Dr. Paquette's counterpoint. "Sometimes professors refer students to us."

She has found that many students do not resent being referred to her. "Most students recognize when they are in trouble and the reaction is usually one of relief," she explained.

"I prefer to have professors call me when they notice a student who might need our services," said Jones. (In an emergency situation she suggests that the prof walk a student to the Health Center.)

Confidentiality is the key, and a professor would not be involved any more than he wished," said Ulrich Crow, a counselor.

Grads and the IRS

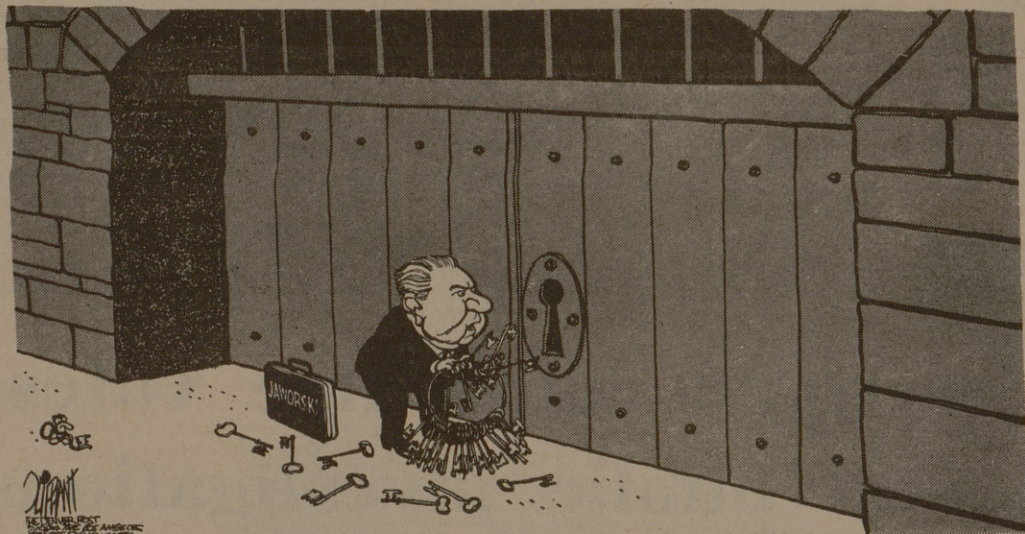
Tim Johnson, a graduate chemistry student, asked why the university officials are not advising students on the validity of their tax exempt status.

Dr. George Kunze explained the Internal Revenue Service has changed its policy on student tax exemptions. Last year, the university determined eligibility for exemptions. This year the IRS wants each student to uphold his own case for a tax exemption. An IRS official, not the university, must decide for the 1973 tax year. Students may call the IRS toll free (800-252-1000) for tax information.

Golfers need umbrellas

Kevin Coffey, a senior education major (and part-time Batt Sports Editor), screamed from his typewriter last week, "Hey, why don't you find out why they turn on the obscenity sprinklers at the Golf Course at eight o'clock in the obscenity morning?" It seems he doesn't enjoy early morning cold showers on the front nine.

Well, for Kevin and others inconvenienced by the sprinkler schedules, I asked Ed Davis of management services. Early showers chase the frost off the greens and soften the grounds for the day's play, said Davis.



'I WARN YOU, RICHARD - YOU'RE TRYING MY PATIENCE!'

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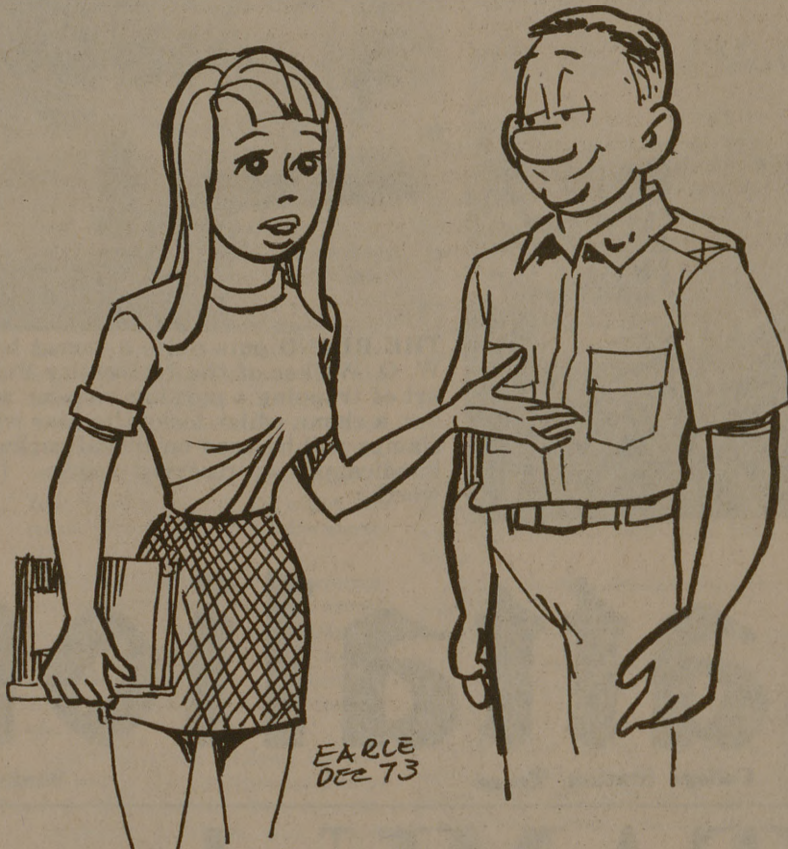
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Lease is legally binding contract

By BARB SEARS

The apartment lease is not just a loose agreement, it is a legal document. Many tenants do not realize that when they sign a lease, they are committing themselves to the terms of the contract, and it is their obligation to fulfill their part of the bargain.

Usually, if one wishes to break the lease before moving into the apartment, one can do so and lose just the security deposit. If the landlord is told soon enough for a replacement to be found, there may be no loss whatsoever.

Breaking a lease in the middle of the rental period is much more difficult. Legally, the tenant is responsible for the remainder of the rent, and the landlord can keep the security deposit. However, usually the landlord will demand just one month's rent plus the deposit. If the tenant can find someone to take up the rest of the lease, however, the landlord will usually let him off the hook completely.

Should the tenant break any of the clauses of the lease, he is liable to be evicted. This may also occur for non-payment of rent. In December, a student here rented a three bedroom house and she alone signed the lease, because her roommates had already left for Christmas vacation. Upon re-

turning, they all three moved in, but were greeted a few weeks later with a request that they vacate the premises because the lease contained a clause forbidding subletting. The request was legally justified, and the girls had to find a new place to live.

In another instance, a tenant who kept a pet, in spite of restrictions in the lease prohibiting them, soon found himself facing eviction. In such cases, the tenant has no legal ground to stand on.

Another problem arose recently when someone's roommate moved out in the middle of the lease without notice and left her stuck with the apartment. The tenant explained that the manager allowed the roommate to move out, returned her deposit, but now expected the remaining tenant to pay the full rent.

Since both girls signed the same lease, they were, in effect, vouching for each other, and from this viewpoint, holding the remaining roommate liable is justified. However, from another aspect, this is unfair to her since the apartment manager should have held the other roommate to the lease also. Finally, what the manager agreed to do, was allow the tenant an opportunity to find a roommate before attempting to charge the full rent.

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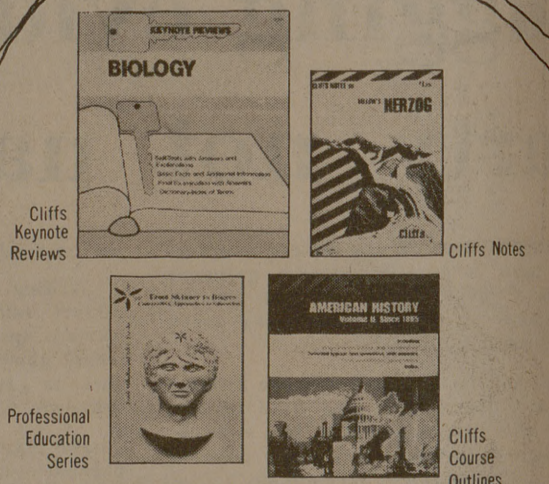
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