

# Artist asks return of three stolen pictures

Editor:  
This is to the person or persons who, unauthorized, took it upon themselves to remove three paintings from the office of Mr. Robert Schiffhauser, assistant professor of Environmental Design, in the old quack shack. The work and effort put into these paintings made them invaluable to the artists involved. This is not the first time this has happened. These thieves are making it impossible for ED professors to grade and store lab projects because of the fear of some juvenile act.

Part of the problem lies in inadequate university facilities and protection but the main blame lies with the thief who has no respect for other people's property. Why can't people leave other people's things alone? If these thieves have any sense of decency and responsibility at all, they'll return the paintings and whatever to its rightful owners. No questions will be asked.

Debbie Ashwill  
artist of a stolen painting

new water tower under construction. I have nothing against its construction and I'm sure it will make a very welcome and attractive addition to the A&M skyline, but I am totally shocked that it would be the color of our most vehement rivals. I'm sure everyone at t.u. is laughing in their sleeves at us because of this monstrosity. I consider this the greatest insult heaped upon our fine school by the conniving teapigs. I call upon the student body of this school to do something in response to this abomination! I call on Jack Williams and the board of directors to have some pride in this fine institution and stop this insult from being further erected! I will totally be ashamed of attending Texas A&M if nothing is done to combat this insult, this sore on the face of Texas A&M!

John Howard

from the meeting thinking that two candidates didn't know what they were talking about, and Bill Presnal did.

We cannot afford to elect people who do not know the issues. The only choice we have is Bill Presnal. We need people like him in the state Legislature.  
Randy Gillespie

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## Nice lights

Editor:

I feel I must commend the university on its efforts to further improve the civilian dorm area. I am speaking of those wonderful new lights the workers are so diligently putting up as predecessors to future landscaping. And notice their locations: several very close to dorm students' windows, and two strategically placed in the wooded area on the west side of Keathley. My fellow students join me in congratulating the school in its new lights, as long as they are not turned on.

Nelson Amen

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## Presnal

Editor:

The other day I attended a gathering to hear the three candidates for state representative speak.

Like most people, I came away

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## Insulting

Editor:

I would like to comment on the

"As soon as I make the graduation list, he's gonna attend class for me!"

## Lease Line—

# Law on security deposit refunds viewed

By BARB SEARS

Several questions have arisen lately concerning the refund of security deposits. A number have been new situations never confronted before by the Fair Housing Commission, so it has been necessary to research the rental laws. This column will attempt to provide some legal insight to supply an answer to those questions.

Q: Last summer, I paid a deposit plus the first month's rent to College Main Apartments in order to reserve an

apartment for the fall semester. However, when the semester began, the new apartments were still under construction and not ready for occupancy. I have tried to regain my money by filing suit in the Small Claims Court, but the landlord has already won two postponements. The ownership of the apartment complex is changing and I am worried that I will be caught in the middle with both the old and new owners refusing to refund my deposit and rent. Can you tell me which one

owes me my money?

A: The recently adopted rental laws state that when an apartment changes hands, the new owner must also assume responsibility for refunding the deposits of the tenants. However, you have never been a tenant under the new owner, so your dispute is with the old one for blatantly refusing to refund your money. The debt belongs to your old landlord and you should pursue your suit against him. In fact, you might also claim that he acted "in bad

faith" concerning your security deposit and rent which should both have been returned to you without question. This would be a claim to be awarded treble damages (three times the amount wrongfully withheld), plus \$100, as is provided by law when the landlord acts in bad faith.

Q: Recently, I paid a deposit for an apartment, but later decided not to move in. I never got a receipt or signed a lease, but I gave three month's prior notification that I had changed my mind about moving in. The landlord says he will not return my deposit because it was left as a guarantee of my renting from him. Is he right to keep the deposit or should I get a refund?

A: It is generally true that security deposits are understood to be placed as

security to guarantee that a tenant has good intentions about renting. However, it has also been a general legal guideline that when no damage occurs and no harm or monetary setback befalls the landlord, that there is then no reason to withhold the deposit. Texas law recommends that 30 days notice be given by the tenant in order to allow the landlord adequate time to arrange for a replacement and to organize his accounts to pay back deposits. Three months should have been more than adequate time for a replacement tenant to be found and also to review the books and refund deposits. Unless the landlord can actually show damage of some kind, you have a good case to take to the Small Claims Court.



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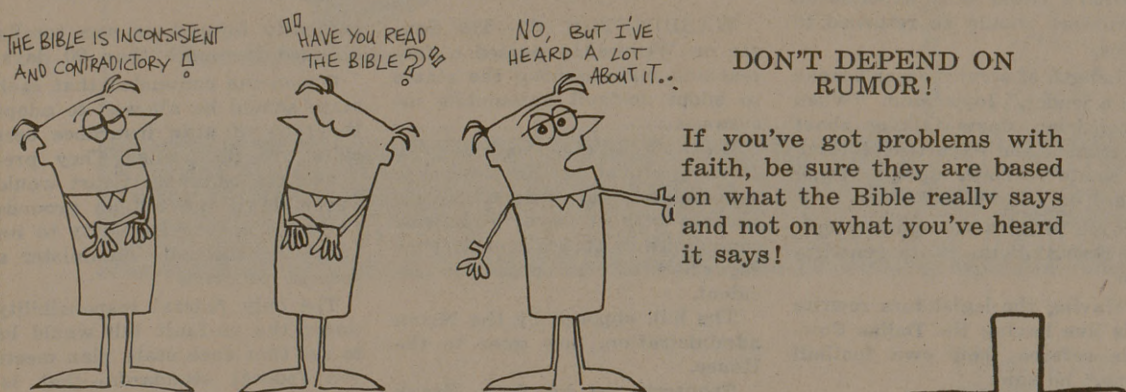
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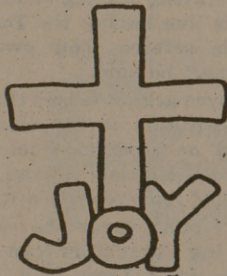
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