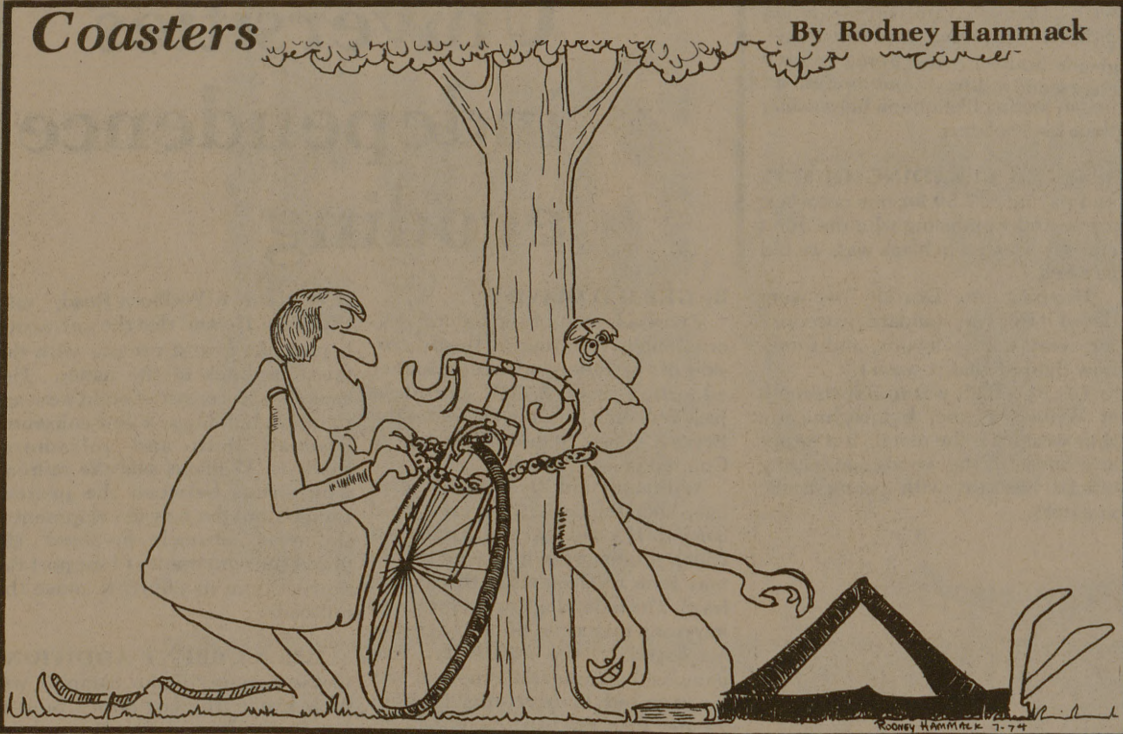


Lease line

# Now is time to check leases for August moves

## Coasters

By Rodney Hammack



This is the first column for this school year's Lease line, a column by the Student Government Fair Housing Committee, dealing with student concerns on off-campus housing. — Ed.

The Fair Housing Committee handles complaints on off-campus housing and has aided students in disputes with landlords. During the summer and coming school year the committee expects to arbitrate with the members of the Texas Apartment Owners Association of Bryan-College Station over such problems as landlord failure to return deposits, poor maintenance of grounds, increase of rent without notice, and misunderstandings concerning pets. We have access to all Texas Landlord and Tenant Laws and can quote laws as they apply to particular cases. We can be contacted at the Student Government Office, 845-3051.

We have compiled a free Apartment Guide with an example of a model lease, a legal guide for tenants; and evaluations of private and university owned apartments, mobile home parks, houses and duplexes. It encompasses ten areas of concern to the tenant and the landlord, including security deposit re-

turns, maintenance and overall satisfaction. Apartment Guide II can be obtained at the Housing Office, YMCA Building and in the Student Government Office, Room 216, MSC.

As August graduation and students move away, it is time to check your lease to find out the following information: how much advance notice must be given to the landlord before leaving, what requirements must be met in order to get your security deposit returned, and have you complied to all other agreements in your lease?

Security deposit returns constitute over half of the complaints brought to the Fair Housing Committee. Most leases state that thirty days notice must be given in order to get your security deposit returned. However, according to the Landlord and Tenant Laws of Texas, the time period must be stated in bold, conspicuous print or underlined. If it is not, the tenant is not required by law to give thirty days notice, but may give it at his discretion. Generally speaking, the security deposit encompasses the cleanliness of the apartment and any damage done to it. Each lease should specify what the security de-

posit covers and that noncompliance to it will mean a partial or total loss of the deposit. On vacating, the apartment should be left in a similar condition as was found upon rental.

Check the fine print in your lease well in advance of leaving to insure that all the terms have been met. Remember, it is easier for you to do it before you leave than to have to contact us afterward.

Study the lease. No matter how nice an apartment is, a bad lease can give you much aggravation. Make sure the amount of rent, how much prior notice must be given, and the amount of the security deposit is filled in. Do not sign a lease until these are filled in and you understand completely all of its terms. Remember, if you are eighteen and sign a lease, you are legally responsible.

A written lease is preferable to an oral lease as a written lease protects both the tenant and landlord. Oral leases are legal, but in disputes oral leases are sometimes harder to prove when it is the tenants word against the landlord. For example, in a recent case handled by our committee, a coed had only an oral agreement with her landlord and

the dispute arose over the amount which she gave notice as to the intention of moving out. The result: she is out a month's rent, and your roommate sign the lease you are vouching for other. Because of this it is best to have separate contracts on the amount of each individual's only.

If you have experienced any difficulties in the area of tenant-landlord relation in off-campus housing, please contact us. Goldberg (846-5153), Deb Gupta (846-1280), or Stan Walker (845-3600).

### Editor's note

The Battalion needs written special edition that will be made all incoming freshmen. This edition usually runs several pages in length and is designed to acquaint the freshmen with the traditions and student life. A organizational meeting will be held day night at 7:00 in the McDonald Services Building, 222.

## Cadet Slouch

By Jim Earle Listen up



## Battman quote clarified

The following letter concerns a quote in last week's Inquiring Battman which read, "It's great it's about time Bryan grew up. Look at 'The Eagle' blowing it out of proportion." —Ed.

Editor,  
Your coverage of the Willie Nelson 4th of July Picnic was very commendable. Presenting a variety of viewpoints was quite effective. However, I was misquoted as saying "The Eagle" coverage of this event was blown out of proportion. I feel "The Eagle" has covered the event aptly and has done so with an unbiased opinion. The point I was attempting to make was that a few members of this community who wrote to "The Eagle" to express their opinions and paranoia overspeculated and pre-judged what was an enjoyable and, in my opinion, worthwhile project.

Many thanks for allowing me to amend this situation.

Sarah Hendrick

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