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Love 'em and Lease 'em

by M.J. Hamilton

You should be very careful when you live with others – even if your roommate is your "best" friend. After you sign a lease, you are personally responsible for your rent, damage to the apartment/room, and the other terms of agreement as set out in your lease.

Sure, you can always abandon your own bachelor apartment (leave before the lease is up), but at the expense of your damage deposit. Problems start when your roommate skips out on the rent, phone bill, paying damages, or other such ugly situations.

Anyone whose name appears on the lease is ultimately responsible for the rent and all damage to the apartment Even if their names are on the lease, if roommates leave without paying the bills, there may be nothing you can do about it. If a roommate cannot be found or is unwilling to cough up the dough, all you can do is count your losses and take the name out of your address book.

You should also be careful when your roommate brings destructive and/or noisy houseguests home. You are the one who is liable for damages, not your houseguests.

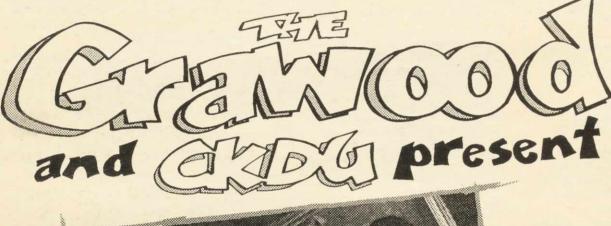
You may want to take out insurance in case of fire, flood (it could

happen), or your roommate(s) or houseguests deciding to take your belongings with them (i.e. theft). You have to protect your interests.

The responsibility of paying bills is the same as for lease agreements. Anyone whose name(s) appears on the bill is responsible for payment. It does not matter if it was your roommate or a houseguest who made that \$68.00 call to mother at 12:00 p.m. (at full rates) — if your name appears on the bill, you may have your telephone connection cut until you pay the bill.

Another thing to be aware of is bad cheques. Do not give someone money for a cheque made out to you for the same amount. This is not safe. The cheque may be bad and it may bounce. You will be out the amount you gave away (unless you can find that person and get it back.) This is not likely as the cheque's writer knew the cheque was bad.

You shouldn't be paranoid, but be aware of your rights and responsibilities when living with others. If you have any specific questions about landlord /tenant issues – especially legal ones – please write to the *Gazette* or drop off your questions to the *Gazette* office, Room #312 of the Student Union Building, attention: Mary Jane Hamilton.





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