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Renovations defended

I am a local pastor and third-year master of divinity student at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. I'm the immediate past vice president of the Conservative Evangelical Fellowship, the campus organization that has repeatedly gotten bad press for its views.

I've come to know Dr. and Mrs. Lewis Drummond better than most students have had opportunity, and though I may not agree with every decision that Dr. Drummond or his administration has made, I can vouch for their personal integrity and the hopes that they have for the seminary. Dr. Drummond is a man of God who is not infallible and can make mistakes, but the ones attributed to him in an article of May 13 can't "pin the tail on the donkey."

I have toured the house being renovated and have seen no major extravagances. The renovations come to a house built in 1928, today worth more than \$1 million. It's a 12-room house built for entertainment purposes for visitors, students and faculty. A solid portion of the renovations were needed for roof repair and further structural needs. All that I've seen indicates good stewardship rather than waste.

There is no "fur closet." Added closet space was built in the attic directly under the existing air conditioning duct work. This closet is made of particle-board. An added 3 feet of duct work was directed into this closet to maintain the Drummonds' winter wear. Mrs. Drummond showed my wife and me her

"collection" of furs, which is one. The Drummonds lived in England for years and in colder climates here in the States, and have clothing suitable to this. It must be cared for. It was implied that the closet was a climate-controlled refrigerated unit likened to one in a fur store. This is simply not the case.

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