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Students hunting for apartments will find that housing is scarce near campus and that rents have increased since last year.

Race is on for affordable housing

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The race is on for the best rental housing for the least amount of money, and rates are expected to increase over last year's rates, said Chris Chupa of the University's Rental Housing Office and Kent Jennings of Jennings & Co.

Although Jennings, Joy Poust of Spyglass Associates and

Marjorie Ramey of the University Housing Office all agree that there is less to choose from in September, Chupa said that is the best time to look.

"September is by far the busiest month in terms of the number of people and listings," Chupa said.

"Listings drop off in mid-October," Chupa said, and openings increase in early November and late December.

Chupa said housing prices have increased noticeably this year. For example, the average one-bedroom apartment rented for \$195 to \$400 in 1989-90. This year, he said, the same unit may rent for \$350 to \$375.

Last year's two-bedroom apartments averaged \$250-500, Chupa said, "but you can tack some onto that."

Chupa said many students

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