

tion director. With a roommate who you don't have a lot of commitment with, it's much easier to withdraw and break off and live with someone else next quarter instead of working through the conflict."

Gibson said. People who move in with people they know are at an advantage because they probably already have a sense of the person's likes and dislikes. Robbins said. However, rooming with friends or acquaintances is no guarantee of roommate bliss.

'You may find out your dear friend is a pig.' Robbins said. "Though she dresses neatly, you

mediated between have arguments over issues such as noise, cleanliness, visitors and sharing food. The biggest problem roommates have is agreeing on noise, Gibson said.

Carole Kirkpatrick, a psychologist, said some of her patients with roommate problems believe they're failures if they must spend time negotiating with their roommates. But a roommate relationship, like other relationships, requires work. However, some roommate pairings are just not

made in heaven. Kirkpatrick said.

"There are certain people who will always push your buttons the right way," she said. "It will be too much of a hurdle to get over."



