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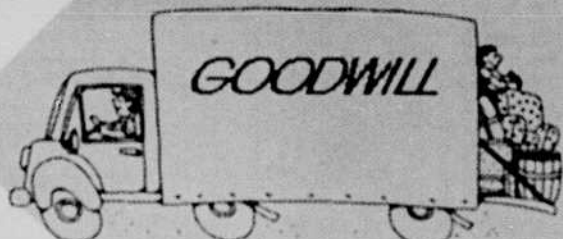
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# Two roommates share their stories about living together

### KALY'S VERSION

My journey into the world of roommates began quite simply. I was standing there in the basement of Bean Complex folding my laundry with my friend Aubree and I just asked her if she would be interested in living with me during the next school year.

I will be forever grateful to her for saying yes.

We seem to complement each other very well.

She is tall. I am not.

She is blond. I am not.

I am loud. She is not.

I am outgoing. She is not.

Most importantly, in roommate compatibility, she is neat (as in she picks up her stuff). I am not. It does not bother me to have clothes, tapes, CDs, magazines and books strewn all over my room. Or all over the living room for that matter. And Aubree will put up with it for about a week, three days if she is actually home for more than 3 hours at a time. I always know when she's had enough because I will come home to find my things in a series of piles all around the living room. She never says anything to me about it, and for that I thank her; she just piles the stuff up.

I adore that she mops the floor for no apparent reason. I, on the other hand, will only mop when there is a most compelling reason, like spilling motor oil on the floor.

But having a clean house is not the only reason I like living with Aubree. We have also become very good friends since we started living together. And that is the way

it should be. I have heard horror story after horror story about best friends living together and ruining their friendship. Although we were friends when we moved in together, there was still room for growth. This is something that you should consider very carefully before choosing a roommate. A good motto is: If you really like them, don't live with them. Or maybe I should say don't live with just them. My friend Rebecca (who wrote the sorority column) says it's OK to live with your best friend if there are other people living with you.

If you are going to be living with someone who likes to talk on the phone, I would suggest you consider getting two lines or at least call waiting. More than a few times I have had to ask Aubree to get off the phone so I could call work. On second thought maybe it's just my job that makes the phone thing so hard. Anyway she's been a real sport about it.

Speaking of sports, that is the one draw back to living with Aubree. She is sports connoisseur. I, on the other hand, only dabble in sports. A habit which usually impresses my friends who know nothing about sports. But when I am sitting there spouting out some random fact that I think pertains to Patrick Ewing, she usually one ups me and lets me know that I am actually talking about David Robinson.

So when your looking for a roommate make sure that he or she is neater than you are, and be sure you know whether it was David Robinson or Patrick Ewing.

— Kaly Soto

### AUBREE'S VERSION

Finding a roommate can be a difficult task. Mine search started my freshman year. As the school year was coming to an end I had no idea as to where I was going to live or who I was going to live with in the fall.

I decided a sorority was not for me, so the search began for a roommate. One day, while doing my laundry, Kaly and I started talking and decided to share an apartment for the next school year.

As far as compatibility goes, I guess the old saying opposites attracts applies. I am quiet, and tend to keep more to myself. Kaly is more outgoing and always wants to know what is going on in everyone's life.

I am tall and can reach the top shelves in the kitchen. Kaly is short and has me get anything she can't reach. I like to play just about any sport, and Kaly would rather watch a movie or read a book.

Even with all of our incompatibilities, we get along great. Kaly and I both have unique jobs. I officiate intramural sports, and Kaly is the editor of the Emerald. Both jobs have a tendency to create high levels

of stress. Whenever one of us has had a bad day, the other is there to listen. We are great at cheering each other up.

Because we have lived together for two years, we have learned how to live with the other's annoyances. I like things to be neat and clean. I will often be the one cleaning the kitchen or vacuuming the floor just because it needs it. Kaly, on the other hand, will have newspapers, books and shoes all over the place and think nothing of it. I try not to let it bother me, and Kaly tries to pick up after herself when she gets a chance.

The past two years have been a growing experience for both of us. I'm not anywhere near as quiet as I used to be. I've learned what I want out of life and am more apt to go out and get it than let it come to me. I think that being with someone with an outgoing personality, like Kaly, has taught me to do that. Kaly has thought to think a little more before she says things. (Although for some of the people who know her, this is probably hard to believe.) And I would like to think that I may have played a small part in that.

— Aubree Meyer

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