

Lifestyle strife can cause headaches

■ Students, psychologists advise screening future roommates well

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When junior Parrish Danforth lived in the residence halls, he didn't get to choose his roommate — and he ended up with a man who slept with a sword.

Danforth chose his next roommate based on the fact that they bonded over bad roommate experiences. If he were to continue to choose roommates based on mutual roommate troubles, his list of candidates could include the majority of the population.

Bertram Malle, a social psychologist at the University, calls the matter of choosing roommates "judgment under uncertainty"; the decision is important and is usually made with very little information. It's a decision people significantly fret over that usually ends with a

plenitude of regrets, Malle said.

For the student population, the issue of roommates is a big one. Although there are many students who carefully pick their housemates, many people end up choosing roommates based on convenience and financial concerns.

Junior Charles Everett wanted to cut down on living expenses, so he looked for a roommate and responded to an ad he saw on an announcement board in March. Since they moved in together, the two have had financial disagreements, and the roommate has a pregnant girlfriend he fights with at least twice a day, shouting and screaming in the small apartment, Everett said.

Because of the lease Everett signed, he feels trapped in his current roommate situation.

"I don't know if I can ask him to move out, but if I could I would," Everett said.

Situations like these lead some psychologists to advise that people get to

know potential roommates before moving in with them.

"Having a cup of coffee with someone isn't going to be representative of how you will get along," Malle said. The most reliable way to find a good roommate is to spend a lot of test time with that person, he said.

Senior Seth Rigeles has experienced a variety of roommates and living situations, including living in a car, with friends and with strangers. He currently lives with a 70-year-old woman and a 40-year-old man. Through these experiences, he has discovered what is really important to him when it comes to personalities in roommates.

"You don't want to have to worry about offending people or getting your ass kicked," Rigeles said.

Overall, his best living experience was living in a shanty for four months

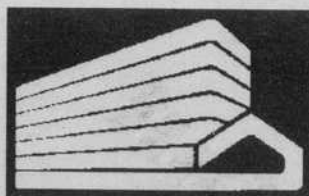
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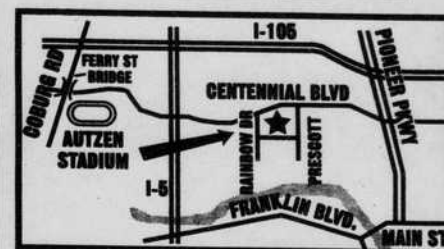
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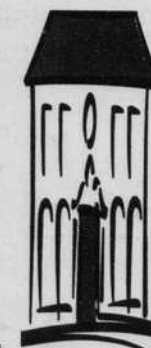
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