

## **ROOMMATE SELECTION**

As you look for a roommate, take time to compare your personality traits and life-styles. Discuss your living habits and past living experiences. Talk about what each of you expects in a roommate relationship. This partnership should be one, which compliments both parties.

Consider and Discuss These Things . .

Sharing arrangements for rent and bills

Sharing arrangements for food and cooking

Sharing arrangements for cleaning and tidiness

Personal habits and needs

Loaning and borrowing personal property

Smoking, drugs and alcohol use

Entertainment and guests

Music and television

Personality traits and communication patterns

## **ROOMMATE DISHARMONY**

Even in the best of relationships there will be occasions when problems or conflicts arise. In these instances, it is important to attempt to work through the differences. There are various alternatives available to roommates who are willing to work through their problems together. Initially, sit down with your roommate to talk about the problem and possibly ways to solve it. You may wish to have a neutral third party present to mediate the discussion.