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Interviews:

1st Interviewee: Erik (sophomore) living in Newman talked about his roommate situation over the last two years. I asked him about if he'd rather have random roommates and he touched on how the amount of roommates a person has makes a difference.

- Results: May get tired of living with people you already know, but also may be better than gambling with a random roommate. Living alone may be better at times because of privacy, but campus is so big, there are other places to find it. Having roommates introduces you to more people. Having roommates helps because there is always talk to.

2nd Interviewee: Bradley (freshman) living Leonard Hall talked about his thoughts about his incoming freshman roommate situation and also about what would be better to live with more or less roommates. And if you would want to know them beforehand.

- Results: wanted to live with friends, couldn't coordinate. Know who is going to the University beforehand. Better to live with people you know because you already know their habits, better bonds already. Has a roommate that's different than him. Find someone who is the similar to you. More like home with more people in your room. Roommates can help introduce you to other people. Friends of friends could just become friends. Living alone means you dictate what goes on. All up to you. Community bathrooms can help make friendships too. Make plans with friends who are going to the same school and see if they want to become roommates. Random roommates, just make the best out of it, it's only temporary,

Leads: UIUC students try to find the best roommate situation.

Advice from former UIUC freshman can help you make the right roommate decisions.

Roommate advice? Look no further.

Additional Sources: Interview more students living in university housing and maybe one person who may be living in the greek system or living in an apartment. See what they thought about their past roommate situations were like. Also I may contact the University Residence Halls and see if I can set up an interview with someone there that can answer my questions about what concerns incoming freshman have about their upcoming roommates situations.

Questions:

- What do incoming freshman most want, to have random or roommates that they know?
What are some of the concerns freshman have about the random roommate system?
And for the students: what concerns did you have when coming in to the university about roommates? Why do you think one way would be better than the other?