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Apartment applications soon available

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Oakland University students may begin applying in January to live in the new student apartments, which will combine the freedom of independent living with the conveniences of campus life.

Construction of the apartments, located on Meadow Brook Drive across from the upper playing fields, is on schedule to meet an August 2002 completion, said associate vice president for Facilities Management Rusty Postlewate.

The apartments will comprise six Tudor-style buildings and a central clubhouse featuring a manager's office, lounge, two fireplaces, a game room and deck overlooking basketball and volleyball courts.

The apartments will hold up to 459 residents in 132 units. Each unit will have single bedrooms for two or four residents with no more than two individuals per bathroom. Some of the amenities are wireless computer connections in all bedrooms, full kitchens with appliances, furnished bedrooms and living rooms, basic cable TV and free parking.

Upperclassmen with previous residence hall living experience will have first priority to live in the apartments. Depending on the rental period, rates will range from \$4,240 to \$6,360 per student for a three or four bedroom unit and \$4,452 to \$6,678 per student for a two-bedroom unit.

Construction has progressed steadily since September and is about 10 percent complete, Postlewate said.

"The foundations and concrete slabs, which includes the underfloor utilities (water and sewer lines), are in for most of the buildings," he said. "The remaining slabs will be done in the spring. Right now they're building the wall panels for the units and working on enclosing the structures so they can do interior work during the winter."

The total project cost of about \$21 million is being financed by the issuance of general revenue bonds. Revenues generated by student rentals will cover the debt service.

Architectural renderings, floor plans and a description of the apartments are on display in the **Oakland Center**, next to the OC Reservations and Administration Office.

Housing applications may be obtained in January by calling the University Housing Office at (248) 370-3570.

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