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## Demand high for new student apartments

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Students have shown great interest in making Oakland University's new student apartments their on-campus residence next fall.

More than 300 applications were requested during the first two days they were made available, said Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing.

"The forms are going out real quick," Reynolds said. "We'll start accepting them and processing them next week. People will know by mid-March if they're in or on a waiting list."

Though demand has been high, Reynolds said those interested should not be discouraged from applying.

"Even though demand has been more than I expected, people should obtain and fill out an application form," Reynolds said. "Situations for people change. We will be able to house 454 residents, and I anticipate that we will be able to meet most of our demand."

Construction of the apartments, located on Meadow Brook Drive across from the upper playing fields, is about 15 percent complete and on schedule to meet an August 2002 completion, said Rusty Postlewate, associate vice president for Facilities Management.

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. Each of the 132 units will have single bedrooms for two or four residents, with no more than two individuals per bathroom. Some of the amenities are full kitchens with appliances, furnished bedrooms and living rooms, basic cable TV, and free parking.

Depending on the rental period, rates will range from \$4,240 to \$6,360 per student per academic year for a three or four bedroom unit and \$4,452 to \$6,678 per student per academic year for a two-bedroom unit.

Upperclassmen with previous residence hall living experience will have first priority to live in the apartments.

"The high demand is evidence that we made the right decision to build the apartments," said Mary Beth Snyder, vice president for Student Affairs. "It shows that students feel they are affordable, at a high level of quality and have all the amenities that they'll need, including wireless computer connections and cable TV. Students will be able to roll out of bed and walk to class. We'll even shovel the walks for them in the winter."

Apartment applications are available by calling or visiting the University Housing Office, 448 Hamlin Hall, (248) 370-3570, and may be picked up at the reception desks in Hamlin Hall and Vandenberg Hall. Architectural renderings, floor plans and a description of the apartments are on display at the University Housing Office.

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