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## Applications still available for apartments

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OU's University Housing Office has been very busy processing applications for its new student apartments, but it's not too late to apply.

"We're into the second week of receiving completed applications and have a total of 328 thus far for 454 available spaces," said Felicia Bumpus, manager of the university housing apartments. "It's slowed to a steady pace, and people are still calling for forms and to ask questions. We do have space available, though, and people are still welcome to fill out an application form."

Bumpus and her staff currently are entering the persons who have applied in a database system that will help determine apartment assignments based on established priorities. Upperclassmen with previous residence hall living experience will have the first priority to live in the apartments. University Housing will be sending out pre-approval cards to applicants by mid-February. After a rental agreement has been signed and a down payment has been received, students can request a particular apartment location.

"We have 32 two-bedroom units, 96 four-bedroom units and three handicap-accessible units," Bumpus said. "Assignments will all depend on where that individual falls on the priority list. Even if a person is put on the waiting list, a lot of things can change between now and August 24, which is the move-in date. We have available space and everyone can apply, as long as they understand the priorities."

Construction of the apartments, located on Meadow Brook Drive across from the upper playing fields, is about 20 percent complete and on schedule to meet an August 2002 completion, said Rusty Postlewate, associate vice president for Facilities Management.

"At this stage, because of the decent weather we've had lately, all the foundations and concrete floor slabs have been completed," Postlewate said. "Two of the apartment buildings are virtually closed in so that electrical work and plumbing can be completed."

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. 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.

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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