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New student apartments still available

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OU's University Housing Office has begun assigning spaces for the new student apartments, but students still are encouraged to submit applications for the apartments, which will open in August.

"We have seven spaces for women and three smoking spaces for men still available," said Felicia Bumpus, manager of the university housing apartments. "Applicants we have processed have received either a pre-approval card or notification that they are on a waiting list. We have 37 persons on the waiting list who will be reevaluated by the end of April for placement in the apartments. But it's never too late to apply and we will not turn applications away."

The applications received by university housing staff are entered into a database system that helps determine apartment assignments based on established priorities. Any student can apply to live in the apartments, though upperclassmen with previous residence hall experience have first priority.

"The number one criterion we use is that the student must be at least 20 years old by December 31, 2002, to be eligible to live in the apartments," Bumpus said. "There are other criteria as well – for example, a student must be in good academic standing with at least a 2.0 grade point average."

Pre-approved students already have received their apartment building and room numbers and began signing rental agreements on April 1. But even after the remaining spaces have been assigned, Bumpus said students should continue to submit applications.

"Anything can happen between now and August 24, which is the move-in date," Bumpus said. "A student's situation might change and that person could possibly be released from their rental obligation, which opens up a space. The apartments are going to be a great opportunity and students will want to submit their applications in order to take advantage of it."

Construction of the apartments, located on Meadow Brook Drive across from the upper playing fields, is about 60 percent complete, said Associate Vice President for Facilities Management Rusty Postlewait.

"All of the buildings are up and enclosed with finishing work, such as plumbing, electrical and drywall installation, moving along rapidly," Postlewait said. "The construction workers are using hydraulic scaffolding to lay brick up along the first two floors of each building, and a half-timbered design will provide a Tudor-style appearance for the top floor. We also recently completed installing the main electrical and telecommunications feed conduits to the complex, which run along Meadow Brook Drive."

Electrical service connections to the apartment complex will be completed on Friday, April 12, and Monday, April 15. All main campus buildings will experience brief, temporary power outages on those days between 5 and 7 a.m. while the connections are made.

The apartments will comprise six buildings and a central clubhouse featuring a manager's office, lounge, two fireplaces, a game room and deck overlooking basketball and volleyball courts. There will be 32 two-bedroom units, 96 four-bedroom units and three handicap-accessible units. 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 in the University Housing Office.

SUMMARY

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