

Announcement Concerning New Residence Hall

The University of Dallas is pleased to announce that our new 298 bed residence hall will be completed soon and ready for occupancy for the spring 2010 semester. The construction of our first new residence hall in over 40 years marks a milestone in our growth as a University. Its location, design, and enhanced amenities will enable us to offer a safe, private, and comfortable environment for students to study and rest, and to develop the community life which is a hallmark of the UD experience.

One of the reasons we located the new residence hall on the west side of campus was to begin transitioning campus residents away from the busier east side of campus. The current highway construction project is a good example of the kind of increased activity and disruption we anticipate becoming more common as development occurs along the highway corridor, and as the new DART light rail line arrives in two years. The quieter west side of campus will be, we believe, more conducive to residential life in the long term.

As the first step of this transition, we will retire Catherine Hall and O'Connell Hall from residential use effective the end of the fall 2009 semester. Residents currently in those two halls, along with students returning from the fall 2009 Rome semester, will move into the new hall in January 2010, becoming its first residents.

The new hall offers an array of amenities not found in our older halls and will provide a quieter and more private residential lifestyle for its residents. It is next door to the gym, athletic fields and fitness center, and is closer to central campus features such as classrooms, the library, and the Haggar student center than is the east quad.

As an added benefit for this inaugural group of residents, the room charges for spring 2010 will be the same as the Catherine and O'Connell room rates would have been. We will also help students with their move in order to minimize any inconvenience.

We are excited about the opening of our newest residence hall and feel confident that the steps outlined above will prove beneficial to all.

Although their location on the busy east side of campus makes Catherine and O'Connell Halls less desirable as campus residences, they are structurally sound buildings and will have future life in some other capacity.

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