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**Texas Wesleyan University trustees approve funding
for new residential housing**

FORT WORTH, Nov. 21 – The Texas Wesleyan University Board of Trustees approved funding for a new \$6.5 million residence hall during the fall board meeting. Scheduled to break ground in spring 2004, the coed dormitory will be completed in July 2005, to accommodate incoming students for the fall semester.

Texas Wesleyan University boasts a 22 percent increase in freshman enrollment this year, and an increase is expected for next fall. “We are now at maximum capacity in the dorms, with 309 students living on campus this semester. As the on-campus population continues to increase, there’s a real need to provide additional on-campus housing,” said Pati Alexander, vice president for enrollment and student services. The new dorm will provide 500 students with campus housing options.

The new facility will be constructed on the corner of Vickery and Wesleyan by the tennis courts and will include 260 beds arranged in apartment-style fashion. The apartment-style housing includes a four-bedroom-two-bath suite that contains a small kitchen and living area and a smaller two-bedroom-one-bath suite.

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“The apartment-style housing will help us become competitive in the region where other Institutions have placed apartment-style housing onto their campuses,” says Cary Poole, dean of students.

“As our on-campus population continues to grow with this new facility, we will see a direct, positive correlation with the involvement of students with campus activities, Greek organizations and an overall increase in participation by the student body.”

Poole is proud to be associated with a university that provides apartment-style housing, as it will “help market our resident life program to a new and emerging student population on campus, the graduate student.” For the last couple of years, Wesleyan has observed a steady increase in requests from graduate students for on-campus housing. With the new \$6.5 million residential hall, Poole believes Wesleyan will not only meet the housing needs of current students, but be in a better position to meet the demands and desires of incoming students in the years to come.

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