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Texas Wesleyan University breaks ground on \$6.5 million residence hall
Students say on-campus housing is their answer to rising gas prices

FORT WORTH, April 13 – The Texas Wesleyan University is breaking ground on its new, board approved \$6.5 million residence hall through a ceremonial groundbreaking, Friday, April 16 at 12:15 p.m. at the corner of Wesleyan and Vickery. Dignitaries in hard hats and over 100 students with commemorative shovels will perform the groundbreaking. Wesleyan students are excited about the new residence hall, saying it is their answer to rising gas prices.

Freshman Ryan Landers, a soccer player who lives in a University dorm, says he saves at least \$100 in gas per month by living and working on the Wesleyan campus, roughly \$3,600 by the end of his four-year college career.

“The more money you save in college, the more enjoyable your college experience will be. There are advantages and disadvantages to everything. (When you live on campus) you can do just about everything that you can do off campus, but it saves you money, it’s more convenient ... and it’s a step forward. It teaches you how to live on your own, how to do laundry, and it makes you appreciate a home-cooked meal more.”

Landers will be one of the hundred-plus students participating in the groundbreaking

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ceremony, saying he is looking forward to the new apartment-style housing, a first for the Wesleyan Campus.

The new residence hall will enable Wesleyan to accommodate approximately 260 incoming students and meet the housing needs created by rising enrollment. The facility includes four-bedroom, two-bath apartments and two-bed, one-bath efficiencies. Both floor plans include kitchen and living areas. Construction completion on the residence hall is projected for July 2005 in preparation for the fall semester.

For more information on the Ceremonial Groundbreaking, contact Natalie Renteria, vice activities and events coordinator at (817) 531-4477 or nrenteria@txwes.edu.