

SUNY DELHI BEGINS CONSTRUCTION ON SUITE-STYLE RESIDENCE HALL

DELHI, NY ... Construction has begun on a 150-bed, suite-style residence hall on the SUNY Delhi campus. The \$7 million building, funded through the State Dormitory Authority, was designed by Bearsh Compeau Knudson of Binghamton and will be located west of Russell Hall in the southeast corner of the upper campus parking lot F.

The new hall, designed according to trends in student preferences, will feature suite-style living for SUNY Delhi student residents. Each suite includes a common area, very similar to a “living room,” four bedrooms, and a bathroom for the suite occupants’ use only. A combination refrigerator/microwave will provide kitchen-like amenities to this unique living area. For added security, students will access their suite through a locked entry.

“More and more college students are looking for housing that’s less traditional and want something along the lines of apartment-style living,” said Matt Hawes, director of residence life at SUNY Delhi. “Students value their privacy and the old corridor-style residence halls can’t offer that. We’ve approached the design of our new residence hall with this in mind.”

More than 65 percent of SUNY Delhi’s students live on campus in five residence halls. With enrollment rising for the fourth consecutive year, the occupancy in the residence halls is the highest in 10 years. And with the introduction of new bachelor degree programs and students staying longer, college officials expect the demand for on-campus housing to continue to grow.

“There’s no doubt that we needed to expand our housing options,” said Larry Barrett, dean of enrollment. “The college is at a turning point—we’ve taken the necessary steps to allow our enrollment room to grow.”

This is the first hall to be built since the early 1970s, and it will target juniors and seniors who are enrolled in one of the college’s 10 bachelor’s programs. The new residence hall will also open up summer conference opportunities. “With more versatile housing options, we’ll be able to attract conferences looking for a total package—accommodations, meeting rooms, and recreational facilities all rolled into one,” Mr. Hawes adds.

Simmons Construction of Sidney began construction in February and the project is due to be completed December 2003 and available to students in the fall semester of 2004.

RESIDENCE HALL STATISTICS

Architects: BEARSCH COMPEAU KNUDSON Architects & Engineers PC of Binghamton

General Contractor: Simmons Construction of Sidney

Contract Award: \$5,985,000

Structural Engineer: BEARSCH COMPEAU KNUDSON

Mechanical Engineer: BEARSCH COMPEAU KNUDSON

Total Project Cost: With design fees and furnishings, \$7,000,000

Funding: Dormitory Authority of the State of New York

Length of Project: Construction Activity Began: January 16, 2003

Completion Scheduled For: December 31, 2003

Operational Target Date: Fall 2004

Location: West of Russell Hall in the southeast corner of Parking Lot F

Building Statistics

a. Gross Area: 48,200 square feet

b. Height: 4 stories

c. Type of Structure: Masonry and structural plank

d. Exterior: Brick

e. Interior: Standard sheetrock construction

f. Number of Beds: 150

g. Types of Rooms: Suite style—most have two double bedrooms with two single bedrooms that share one private bathroom and a living area.

h. Special Features: Two grade entrances, elevator

i. Design concurrent with 21st century trends in student housing—Common hallway with locked door leads to suite. Suite contains a common area, two doubles and one single, and two private bathrooms.