

# SOUTHWESTERN NEWS

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## UT SOUTHWESTERN BEGINS WORK ON NEW STUDENT HOUSING COMPLEX

DALLAS – Nov. 16, 2000 – Work has begun on a \$10.5 million student-housing complex on the campus of UT Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. The 18-acre site will contain 156 apartments for more than 250 students.

Located at the southwest corner of Maple Avenue and Mockingbird Lane in Dallas, the project is scheduled to be ready for occupancy in time for the fall semester in 2001. Officials anticipate the housing option will be a milestone in changing UT Southwestern's image as a "commuter" medical school.

"We believe that a modern, on-campus housing option like this one has the potential to dramatically change the ambience of our campus," said Dr. Robert Alpern, dean of Southwestern Medical School. "An initiative of this nature is sure to not only enhance student recruitment, but also bolster student and faculty morale by providing a unifying element on campus."

The proposed complex, which was designed by Republic Property Corp., will be fenced and feature a security gate and around-the-clock patrol by UT Southwestern police. The complex will include a pool and commons building with an exercise facility, social room, kitchen, study center and leasing office. There also will be a shuttle service to transport residents from the complex to the main medical center campus.

Student housing has long been a need at UT Southwestern, which currently has no campus arrangements for its student body. Currently, more than 800 students are enrolled in Southwestern Medical School, more than 400 students in Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and more than 300 students in Southwestern Allied Health Sciences

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School. UT Southwestern also has more than 1,100 clinical residents and nearly 500 postdoctoral fellows.

“This is a terrific project that has the potential to become a focal point of campus and academic life,” said Dr. Philip Perlman, acting dean of Southwestern Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences. “The ability to live on campus is an option our students have long hoped for. We are a first-class medical center that has long-needed a first-class housing complex to make our students feel at home – both figuratively and literally.”

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