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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW HOUSING UNIT UNDERWAY AT USI

Ground was recently broken for a student housing building at the University of Southern Indiana. An apartment building in the Campus Apartments complex, the unit is the fourth housing facility built since 1989 by Southern Indiana Higher Education, Inc., a not-for-profit agency that founded the Mid America University Center in which USI is located. With its completion, twenty-seven buildings will accommodate over 1,200 USI students. The building will be named in recognition of Thomas Riley Marshall, Governor of the State of Indiana from 1909 to 1913, continuing the tradition of naming the student housing buildings for Indiana governors.

"The USI student housing offers a distinct style of college living, a favored alternative to dorm living," according to Shelley Sumner, a USI sophomore and Evansville native who lives in student housing, but has been a dorm resident at another university. She added, "I like the luxury of having your own bathroom and kitchen rather than sharing the facilities." Other students who have experienced dorm living agree with Sumner.

Cost for the student is comparable with housing at other universities. Greg Myers, director of USI student housing, explained, "Based on a recent report of the Association of College & University Housing Offices-International, the University estimates that rental rates for residence halls for universities in the Great Lakes region average about \$1,948 a year; cost for USI students is estimated at \$1,561 a year.

Each USI housing unit is a two-bedroom apartment which accommodates four students. The apartment has a complete kitchen with oven, range, refrigerator, and cabinets. Students have the option of cable television. Phone service is provided as part of the housing fee. Recreational facilities in housing include a recreation room, basketball courts, and two new sand volleyball pits, plus the recreational facilities and intramural activities at the Physical Activities Center on the USI campus.

The apartments are located adjacent to the USI campus, with many students opting to walk or bike to classes and other activities at USI. Food service is offered to students on the campus, with a short order grill open in the Eagle's Nest and a complete cafeteria serving a noon meal in the University Center. Laundry facilities are available at a central location in the housing complex.

Persons interested in more information about campus housing can call the Office of Student Housing, 468-2300. The office is open 7:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Housing contracts for the 1991-92 year are now available.

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