The growth taking place at Florida Gulf Coast University will soon be supported by the addition of another new residence hall in South Village. Osprey Hall, a 530-bed freshman hall, is set to open for the beginning of the Fall 2012 semester. The 180,000 square-foot hall is six stories and features a three-bedroom single suite that includes a kitchenette, a common living area and a shared bathroom. Amenities include several lounges, classroom/multi-purpose spaces, video and arcade game rooms, movie theater, laundry facilities and a common kitchen for programming use.

Osprey Hall, along with the other South Village residence halls are home to the First Year Residential Experience (FYRE) Program, designed for first-time in college students who are motivated to have a successful transition to college life living.

In alignment with FGCU’s commitment to environmental stewardship, the building will be designed and constructed to be a candidate for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification. In addition, the building roof includes solar panels that will supply hot water to the building.
West Lake Village

The Office of Housing & Residence Life acquired College Club apartments in October 2010; soon after, the complex was renamed West Lake Village (WLV). Many refurbishments and improvements have been made to the 6-building complex, including enhancing the security system, cleaning the HVAC units in each apartment, painting the exterior and replacing or upgrading all exterior lighting. This summer, we will undertake major interior renovations, including painting, replacing carpet in all apartments, and making major upgrades to the interior lighting.

West Lake Village is now widely regarded as one of the most desirable residential options for FGCU students. During the Returning Student Sign-Up process for 2011-2012, we saw overwhelming demand from our returning students. Not only was the community filled within the first few days of room selection, we maintained a waitlist of over 100 students for the majority of the summer.

In an effort to create a greater variety of housing options and contract types to best serve the needs of all of our students, the 2012-2013 West Lake Village housing agreement will be an 11 ½ month agreement, which covers the Fall 2012, Spring 2013, and Summer A and B 2013 terms. Summer enrollment will not be required of students who select WLV and students will have the option to re-let their space to other FGCU students for the summer term.

Quality of Residence Life Survey

In March and April 2011, the Office of Housing & Residence Life (OHRL) conducted the sixth annual Quality of Residence Life Survey (QRLS). The QRLS is an assessment tool designed to learn more about student satisfaction and experience with living on-campus. The assessment tool is our primary resource for gathering student feedback and evaluating our department’s execution of our mission statement.

Mission Statement: The Office of Housing & Residence Life provides housing accommodations for a community of learners in the pursuit of an academic degree. We are committed to offering a seamless transition into a welcoming community that provides the support and resources to inspire academic achievement, student involvement and personal development.

If given a choice, to what degree do you intend to reside on-campus next year?
- Extremely: 50.3%
- Strongly: 13.2%
- Very: 11.5%
- Moderately: 9.1%

To what degree will you recommend living in on-campus housing to new students?
- Extremely: 15.4%
- Strongly: 21.3%
- Very: 11.3%
- Moderately: 9.8%

To what degree did your on-campus housing experience fulfill your expectations?
- Extremely: 27.2%
- Strongly: 26.0%
- Very: 13.3%
- Moderately: 14.4%

To what degree has living on-campus housing enhanced your learning experience?
- Extremely: 25.4%
- Strongly: 27.0%
- Very: 13.5%
- Moderately: 15.0%

To what degree are you satisfied with your on-campus housing experience this year?
- Extremely: 26.8%
- Strongly: 28.8%
- Very: 11.9%
- Moderately: 13.9%