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## Previews offered of new student apartments

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Students will be able to move in to Oakland University's new student apartments Saturday, Aug. 24. But for those who can't wait to see examples of finished units, University Housing staff is offering previews on Saturday, June 22, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

"We're getting lots of requests from students who have signed leases to see what the units look like," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of University Housing. "We have two furnished units prepared and ready to view – a two bedroom and a four bedroom unit. They'll be set up to look exactly the way it will be when the students move in. Because the surrounding area is still a construction site, the preview will be limited to just the two finished units. But it's a good opportunity to see the new units, which are beautiful. I think everyone will be impressed."

The six Tudor-style apartments and central clubhouse buildings are about 85 percent complete, with some buildings at different stages of completion than others, said Rusty Postlewate, associate vice president for facilities management.

Some of the buildings are undergoing interior finishing work, while others are having exterior brickwork set on the first two floors. Sidewalks currently are being installed and landscaping will be complete by the third week of August. Some of the amenities included in each unit are full kitchens with appliances, furnished bedrooms and living rooms, and basic cable TV. The central clubhouse will feature a manager's office, lounge, two fireplaces, a game room and deck overlooking basketball and volleyball courts. Parking at the apartments will be free.

Depending on the rental period, rates range from \$4,240 to \$6,360 per student per academic year for a three or four bedroom unit and \$4,452 to \$6,678 per student per academic year for a two-bedroom unit.

There are a limited number of apartment spaces still available, and students are encouraged to submit applications, Reynolds said. University housing staff enter the applications into a database to help determine apartment assignments based on established priorities. Any student can apply to live in the apartments, though upperclassmen with previous residence hall experience have first priority.

"There are about 45 spaces remaining, but there is no final date for applying," Reynolds said. "Situations can change at the last minute for some students and spaces also could open up, so I encourage those who are interested to submit applications as soon as possible."

Apartment applications are available by calling or visiting the University Housing Office, 448 Hamlin Hall, (248) 370-3570, and may be picked up at the reception desks in Hamlin Hall and Vandenberg Hall. Applications also will be available at the June 22 preview. Architectural renderings, floor plans and a description of the apartments are on display at the University Housing Office.

### SUMMARY

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