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University Housing staff assist with fall check-in

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The area on campus that perhaps best reflects the impending bustle of the upcoming fall semester is the Oakland University Housing Office where staff members are preparing for the arrival of about 1,450 students beginning on Saturday, September 1.

"We're extremely busy with preparations for the fall check-in," said Eleanor Reynolds, director of university housing. "We're doing some last-minute painting, putting some new lounge furniture in place, stocking individual floors with supplies, making signs for check-in, preparing keys and check-in cards, and fielding questions from students."

Reynolds said to ensure an uneventful move, students should "take it easy and not try to do everything at once. Don't get anxious if things don't go exactly right. If you forget something we can direct you to area stores where you can pick up what you need. We understand that it's an exciting time that can also be a little anxious. Remember that we have a lot of staff to support you."

Reynolds also asked that students take note of move-in procedures.

Newly enrolled freshmen and transfer students only may check in beginning on Saturday, September 1 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All students may check in on Sunday, September 2, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Monday, September 3, from noon to 8 p.m. To obtain room keys, students must present a photo ID, such as a driver's license, state identification card or passport.

Residents can pick up their room keys in the Vandenberg Dining Center on the second floor of Vandenberg Hall on September 1 and 2. On September 3, students can pick up their keys in the entrance lobby of Hamlin Hall.

Flatbeds and dollies will be available during check-in times. Cart check-out areas will be located at the Vandenberg Dining Center on September 1 and 2. On September 3, they will be available at 422 Hamlin Hall behind the University Housing Office. To check out a cart, students must leave a photo ID.

University Housing furnishes extra-long twin beds, mattresses, mattress pads, desks, desk chairs, shelf space, closet and dresser space, window blinds, wastebaskets and a telephone with voice mail in each room. Rooms in East and West Vandenberg Halls, Anibal, Fitzgerald, Hill and Van Wagoner Houses are carpeted.

Students need to furnish sheets (twin, extra long), blankets, pillows, pillowcases and towels. Clocks, electronic and sound equipment, personal computers, fans, additional lighting and other furniture are allowed.

Residents may decorate their rooms, but are not allowed to use paint, spray paint, contact paper with adhesive backing, crayons or markers.

Electrical appliances such as hot plates, toaster ovens, toasters, electric frying pans, grilles, crock pots, air conditioners, sun lamps, halogen lamps and space heaters are not allowed in the residence halls. Candles or open flames of any kind are not permitted. Snacking appliances such as hot pots, popcorn poppers and coffee makers are allowed. Microwave ovens are allowed but are not available for rent.

Portable refrigerators are allowed but not full-size units. University Housing does not rent refrigerators.

The Yacht Club convenience store, located in Vandenberg Hall, will be open beginning September 1. The Pioneer Food Court, located in the Oakland Center, will be open on September 1 and 2. The Vandenberg Dining Center will open on September 4 beginning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

A hospitality area will be set up in the Hamlin Hall lounge for residence hall students and their families on September 3 from noon until 3 p.m. Residence Halls staff and student government leaders will be there to meet students and parents and answer questions. Free refreshments are provided.

Finally, Reynolds offered some advice about packing clothing.

"I often tell students not to bring all their clothing, since there is limited closet space. Try to supplement your clothing as the weather starts to change. You won't need your heavy winter clothing right away. Try to gauge what you need - particularly if you aren't far from home."

For more information on checking into the residence halls, call the University Housing office at (248) 370-3570 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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