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## Students eagerly anticipate new apartments

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Campus life at Oakland University will change dramatically on Saturday, Aug. 24, when students move into the new student apartments for the first time.

"I'm so excited to move in I've been counting down the days," said senior elementary education major Annie Lefkowitz, who previously lived in Vandenberg and Hamlin Hall. "I moved home last semester, but I missed things like cooking my own food and having my own space. I'll be able to walk to class and never have to search for a parking space. I had a chance to look inside (during the previews offered in June) and loved the furniture – especially the full-size bed. And the new paint smell makes everyone excited because you know everything is fresh!"

Lefkowitz also said the apartments will greatly increase student participation in on-campus activities.

"When I lived in the residence halls, most everyone would go home on the weekends," Lefkowitz said. "But when you live in an apartment, it is your home. The apartments are going to change the dynamics of the campus residents. When I lived on campus, I was very active with the Student Program Board and went to a lot of sports events and to see speakers. But when I moved home, I didn't do these things nearly as much. I miss that a lot. Now that I'll be living on campus again, it will be a lot easier to do the things that made college fun during my freshman and sophomore years."

Apartment living will be a new experience for Wes Williams, a senior communication major and president of Kappa Alpha Psi.

"The new apartments are going to give us a more cozy feeling while we're living away from home," Williams said. "I signed a contract that's going to allow me to stay there through the summer – it's going to be almost like having my own home."

"Living on campus is good for you. Being in the mix just makes for a better college experience. I'm looking forward to hanging out late at night, studying with friends and just having a good time. There will be more space than in the regular residence halls, and a lot of us will stay there over the weekends and holidays."

The amenities are another attraction to the new apartments. Among them are full kitchens with appliances, furnished bedrooms and living rooms, and basic cable TV.

"I'm going to really enjoy having the comfort and privacy of my own room, and the layout and furniture are great," said junior secondary education major Jonathan Parks, who also attended the preview. "I love the central air, there's a lot of space and great lighting, and the refrigerators even have ice makers. It's going to be nice to be surrounded by a lot of people and energy. I think the apartments are another milestone for the university in terms of being recognized as a top-notch institution."

The apartments comprise six buildings and a central clubhouse featuring a manager's office, lounge, two fireplaces, a game room and deck overlooking basketball and volleyball courts. There are 32 two-bedroom units, 96 four-bedroom units and three three-bedroom handicap-accessible units. Parking at the complex is free.

Depending on the rental period, rates will 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.

A limited number of apartment spaces are still available. Application forms are available by calling or visiting the University Housing Office, 448 Hamlin Hall, (248) 370-3570. Architectural renderings, floor plans and a description of the apartments are on display in the University Housing Office, 448 Hamlin Hall.

### SUMMARY

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