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RESIDENTIAL AND STUDENT SERVICE PROGRAMS

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Dear Student,

We are pleased to offer you an assignment at the Clark Kerr Campus for the 2009/10 Academic Year. During the year, The Clark Kerr Campus will be undergoing the final phase of a facilities renewal project. During the 2009/10 Academic Year, Buildings 7, 8, 9 and 11 will be closed for renovation.

The UC Berkeley Clark Kerr Campus, a historic residential campus originally built in 1867 as the California Schools for the Deaf and Blind and acquired by UC in 1982, has been in need of significant renewal and renovation. One of the residential buildings along with those that house the kitchens and dining commons underwent seismic retrofit in 2004. The other residential buildings and utility systems need upgrades to better meet the modern needs of our students.

Construction is taking place in phases to minimize the impact of construction to current student residents at the Clark Kerr Campus. Exterior work around the Clark Kerr Campus, including upgrades to water and steam lines and exterior lighting, will continue. The project will improve disabled access and safety with new pathways, lighting and outside emergency phones. Interior renewals of Buildings 7, 8, 9 and 11 include the installation of fire sprinklers and an upgrade of the existing fire alarm systems; improving the connections to the campus computer network; replacement of electrical wiring; and replacement of bathroom and other fixtures. The project will make housing operations more sustainable by modernizing and improving the efficiency of the water, power and heating systems. New furniture for all rooms is included in the projects, as is painting inside and out.

What will that mean to you as a Clark Kerr Campus resident? We will do everything possible to minimize construction impacts on all residents, but there will be inconveniences – construction is often very noisy and dusty. Construction will be allowed to take place from 7 am to 7 pm weekdays, with most construction activities scheduled from 7 am to 4:30 pm. Especially noisy construction should not start before 8 am. Regular updates about construction progress and any changes to pathways around the Clark Kerr Campus will be posted in the halls and on the web. Please check the bulletin boards marked “Construction Updates” or www.housing.berkeley.edu/construction regularly to keep informed about the latest changes.

Your safety is paramount, and with good planning, clear communications, and your help, the Clark Kerr Campus will remain a safe environment. There will be a 6-foot high chain link fence with fabric separating the active construction areas from residential areas. Please respect the construction barricades and re-routed pathways – they are there for your safety. If work on Saturday or Sunday is required, construction with a noise impact will not commence before 9 am, and you will be notified via flyers in each building.

The Dining Commons will be open for dinner only on weekdays, and brunch and dinner on weekends and holidays. The academic center and the mailroom in Building 1 will remain open throughout the project. We will do our best to minimize the impact of construction Clark Kerr Campus residents. Work will all take place within the construction fence, but there may still be parts of the project that are noisy and dusty.

We will do our best to keep you informed – regular updates on construction activities and special notices are posted on bulletin boards and can be found with added detail on the web www.housing.berkeley.edu/construction. Finally, there will be meetings and programs during the semester that will give you the opportunity to find out more about the construction and meet key personnel.

Sincerely,

Nancy Jurich
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