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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, is scheduled for significant renewal and renovation starting this summer. The current buildings that make up this historic residential campus, which also includes campus recreational facilities, were constructed between 1920 and 1950; the entire University-owned complex is on the National Register of Historic Places.

One of the residential buildings along with those that house the kitchens and dining commons underwent seismic retrofit in 2004. The other residential buildings are in need of upgrades to meet the modern needs of our students and most of the utilities on the campus need to be renewed - some utilities supporting the campus date from the early 1900's.

Construction is scheduled to begin in May 2008 and will take place in phases to minimize the amount of time the amount of student housing is reduced as well as the impact of construction to current student residents at the Clark Kerr Campus. Initial work will involve upgrades to water and steam lines and exterior lighting. The project will improve disabled access and safety with new pathways, lighting and outside emergency phones. Interior renewals include the installation of fire sprinklers and an upgrade of the fire alarm systems; the addition of direct 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 project, as is painting inside and out.

This renewal and restoration project will not alter the uses of the Clark Kerr Campus or significantly change any of the historic structures and is being done with the support of the California State Historic Preservation Office. In addition to meeting campus and UC requirements for green building, the work is also slated for official certification by LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) with the goal of Silver certification.

Questions about this or any other campus construction should be directed to Christine Shaff, UC Berkeley Facilities Services, at 510 643-4793 or cshaff@berkeley.edu.