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—Alumni Alert—

In Case You're Asked ...

Earlier this year the University adopted a policy that required all students with 58 credit hours or less to live on campus. We knew we had to have additional housing on campus in order to accommodate the increased number of students who would be living on campus. In this regard, we set in motion the construction of the CAU Suites, two state-of-the-art buildings, which will provide 600 additional beds for our students this coming fall semester.

Our goal was to have both buildings in the CAU Suites completed in time for the Fall 2005 semester. Unfortunately, building construction has been delayed a total of 51 days because of three hurricanes and a great deal of rain. As a result, completion of the East Wing will most likely be delayed until September 16th. This means that 160 beds in the East Wing may not be ready when school opens on August 20. Our construction partners are working diligently to have the building ready when school opens. All that can be done is being done to complete both buildings on time. However, we do not want our construction partners to cut any corners.

Clark Atlanta University is committed to having safe, well-constructed, on-campus housing for all of our students. To prepare for the possibility of the buildings' not being ready when school opens on August 20, we have devised a contingency plan. Students scheduled to live in CAU Suites will be assigned rooms in any and all available housing on campus. For all other students scheduled to live in CAU Suites, the University will provide temporary housing at a reputable hotel close to campus (The Castleberry Inn on Northside Drive) until the new building is ready. Shuttle transportation, meals, etc., will be provided for those students scheduled to occupy temporary off-campus housing. In order to ensure student safety, CAU Public Safety officers will be assigned to patrol the student-occupied floors at the hotel until all students are securely in on-campus housing.

We are hopeful that CAU Suites will be ready when the University opens in August; however, we are prepared to do all that we can to make sure that the affected students receive safe housing, until CAU Suites is completely ready.

The University is committed to keeping the entire CAU family informed of our progress every step of the way. Affected families have received a letter from Dr. Broadnax and, as building is ready, all semester, we've set up a special CAU Suites Information Line. Call 404-880-8032 for weekly progress reports and information updates. Or visit www.cau.edu and click on CAU Suites Update for Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) and other issue-related information. Parents and students who have further questions or concerns can e-mail them to Dr. Joel V. Harrell, Vice President for Enrollment Services and Student Affairs, at jharrell@cau.edu.