

Media-exclusive sneak peek of Peavine Hall Friday, Aug. 7

Media tour of University's newest residential hall, meet with Residential Life and Facilities officials, Peavine Hall student advisors, bonus peek at new PACKTransit bus routes

RENO, Nev. – Peavine Hall, predicted to be the University's first LEED Gold certified building, opens to students for the fall 2015 semester.

With 3,100 students expected to reside in on-campus housing this year, Peavine Hall, located at the corner of Sierra and 11th Streets north of Sierra Hall, will help meet increasing demands for student housing. Accommodating 600 mostly freshman students this year in suite-style rooms of three students each, plans call for the wellness-themed hall to service approximately 400 students as additional residence hall capacity is developed in the coming years.

With an emphasis on healthy living, Peavine Hall features wellness-themed educational opportunities to enable students to prioritize health and wellness activities.

A grand opening and public preview will be held Thursday, Aug. 13 at 10 a.m.

As part of the ever growing campus, two new *PACK Transit* bus routes were implemented this summer to increase safety and efficiency of University shuttle transportation, serving high demand areas and reducing wait times.

WHAT: Media are invited to a preview tour of Peavine Hall and a newly refurbished *PACK Transit* bus, meet with Residential Life and *PACK Transit* officials and student Resident Advisors prior to the hall's grand opening Aug. 13.

WHO: Scot Orchard, project manager for Facilities Planning and Construction and manager over the Peavine project; Rod Aeschlimann, executive director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services; Jerome Maese, director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services. Teri Galvin, assistant director of Residential Education, and MaryKatherine Woodson, Resident Director of Residential Life, Housing and Food Services; Amanda Evans, assistant director of Parking and Transportation Services; students and faculty.

WHEN: 9–10 a.m., Friday, Aug. 7.

WHERE: Peavine Hall, located on Sierra Street and 11th Street.

MEDIA PARKING: Clearly marked news vehicles or those with media passes may park in the north lot of the Continuing Education building, 11th and Virginia Streets.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Topics of interest to media:



Construction workers put the finishing touches on Peavine Hall, the University's newest residential hall scheduled to open Aug. 13 with a free public viewing.
Photo by Robie Aker, University of Nevada, Reno.

- Student residential advisor education and training
- Residential life sparks student retention
- LEED Gold certification process
- Energy efficiency and conservation measures
- Student safety and security
- Secure bicycle storage facility
- Gender-neutral restroom
- Student health and wellness
- Use of historic materials
- Two new PACK*Transit* routes, one connected campus

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Photo Cutline: Construction workers put the finishing touches on Peavine Hall, the University's newest residential hall scheduled to open Aug. 13 with a free public viewing. Photo by Robie Aker, University of Nevada, Reno.

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