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Newly completed residence apartments at the University of Alaska Fairbanks

Leslie Wynne, interviewee

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Steve Lay said recently 250 UAF students moved into an apartment style residence hall. Leslie Wynne said she didn't expect anything as nice as the apartments. She signed up for the housing last spring. Since each apartment has a kitchen the new occupants do not need to purchase a campus meal ticket. Rent is more than regular dorm rooms, but each apartment has significantly more space. Wynne said she was expecting more of an efficiency apartment. They share an entry way. She described the layout of her apartment. Lay said the space and privacy is a benefit, but there is less chance for social interaction. Wynne said there is less social interaction, but the atmosphere is more conducive to studying. Lay said the new facilities are adaptable to the moods of the student. Currently the apartments are used as housing for single students. The apartments could be also used for families or for staff. They are already very popular. Wynne expects them to remain that way. She said she thinks people will want to stay and it will be difficult to get in.