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## **College Dorms to Get 'Facelift'**

As if the current amount of construction on campus wasn't enough for Howard College officials, they are expected to give the green light to even more in the near future.

College trustees are expected to approve architectural plans for the remodeling of the men's and women's dormitories when they hold their monthly meeting at 12:30 p.m. Monday in the Student Union Building Tumbleweed Room.

This newest round of renovations will be financed by \$3.5 million in revenue bonds issued by the college late last year, College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said.

Architect Phil Furqueron will go over plans for the remodeled dorms with trustees during Monday's meeting.

"We're looking at plans for renovating the dormitories during the summer months," Sparks said. "Bids are expected to go out next week for the project ... which should last from mid-May until August." The renovations are necessary to bring the dorms more up to date with student needs, she said.

"When the dorms were constructed in the 1950s, student (electricity) needs were much less than they are today," Sparks said. "So we need to upgrade the electrical system in the dorms, along with other infrastructure systems as well."

Renovation of the dormitories is scheduled for the summer in order to minimize inconvenience to students, Sparks said.

"We do have some students who will be living on campus during the summer," she said. "We'll have to find some other accommodations for them ... it's just a situation where there's never a perfect time to do this."

In other business, trustees will consider:

- An extension of Sparks' contract.
- Naming of buildings at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.
- A contract with the Howard County Election Administrator's office to conduct the upcoming trustee election.
- An inter-local agreement to secure grant writer services.

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