

June 26, 2008

Dear Bard & Gilbert Residents:

During the summer of 2007, Phase I of a two-year major renovation project in Bard and Gilbert Residence Halls was completed. The Phase I renovations included:

- Remodeling of the main lobbies
- new air conditioning
- new windows and blinds
- A complete electrical upgrade including
 - new outlets and data ports
 - room lighting
- Utilities were converted from electric to natural gas
- New security cameras in hallway entryways

Phase II of this project began at the close of the spring 2008 semester. The second phase renovations include:

- Individual room and hallway floor coverings
- Interior painting of rooms, hallways and stairways
- Refurbished built-in cabinetry
- New Mission style room furniture
- Plumbing Upgrade including all new bathrooms
- New HVAC exhaust fans
- Additional security cameras

The individual rooms of Bard and Gilbert Residence Halls will no longer have carpet. This decision was made from feedback from students and other stakeholder. Instead, vinyl flooring, giving the look of hardwood floors has been installed. The corridors will have a floor covering similar to carpet.

Students assigned to Bard Hall will notice that the old closet doors have been removed. Though the initial plan called to refinish these doors, a decision was made to remove these doors, because the existing doors were difficult to slide and closet tracks were damaged. Housing will be asking students to help us determine a suitable alternative. During the first few weeks of the fall 2008 semester, residents of Bard Hall will have the opportunity to provide feedback on your preferences regarding the closets.

The renovation is scheduled to be completed on August 10th; however, there may be a few items being completed when you arrive. Should this be the case, the in-hall staff will communicate this information to you.

The Department of Housing and Residential Programs would like to thank you in advance for your patience as we complete the final touches to finish out the project. We hope that you enjoy your stay in Bard or Gilbert Halls, and we wish you all the best for a very successful fall semester.

Sincerely,

The Department of Housing and Residential Programs