

What's going on at Behrend:

7 Tuesday

Starting Today (going all week)
Events Outside of Bruno's:

11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.- The Lion Ambassadors are selling \$1 Sarris Candies and \$10 Midnight Bingo T-shirts.
11:00a.m.-1:00p.m.-Penguin Ticket Raffle for the January 5th Penguins v. Tampa Bay Lightning game. Tickets on sale for \$2 each and \$15 for ten. Sponsored by National Society of Leadership

8 Wednesday

7:30 p.m.- Catholic Worship Service held in the Smith Chapel. Sponsored by CCM
8:00-9:00p.m.- "Folk Tales, The Aural Tradition" Behrend's Concert Band Performance in the McGarvey Commons. Free admission

9 Thursday

11a.m.-Noon- Soup for the Soul located in the Smith Chapel Living Room. Sponsored by CCM and PCM
7:00-9:00p.m.-Ugly Sweater Party in the Wintergarden of McGarvey Commons. Win a prize for wearing the ugliest sweater! Sponsored by LEB and SAF

10 Friday

Classes End
Withdrawal Deadline

8:00a.m.-5:00p.m.-Shining Star Program Gift Delivery Day. Drop off your Shining Star presents in the Smith Chapel
11:00-11:45p.m.- It's Called "Stress Relief for a Reason: relaxation event open to all students. Event will be held in the Almy Hall lobby.

Promote your event!

The Beacon is glad to display any events from any organization. Submissions are due Friday by 5:00 p.m. for publication in the next Tuesday's issue. To submit an item for the calendar, send an e-mail with information or attachments to editor@psu.edu.

While you should include all possible information, submissions may be edited due to space constraints.

Please contact the Beacon for special requests.

11 Saturday

Study Day

12 Sunday

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7:00-9:00p.m.- "Refuel For Finals" goodie bags available in the Smith Chapel Living Room. 1st Come-1st Serve. Sponsored by PCM

13 Monday

First Day of Finals

Why we're still wired on DSL internet

Why don't residence halls carry wireless?

BY JULIE MORRISSEY
assistant news editor

Most students living on campus have an opinion on the wired Internet service provided in the residence halls. Not only are they inconvenient and too short to reach our beds, but they are seemingly unnecessary.

Behrend has a Wi-Fi network in place, but one our University has only kept accessible in certain buildings.

Penn State's administration is fully aware of our frustrations, however, and

has provided good reason for sticking with the wired routers. The two most prevalent reasons for deciding against were cost inefficiency and security reasons.

Mike Lindner, the head of the Housing and Food Services on campus, stated how gaining a potential wireless network for residence halls, while not impossible, would be very inefficient and complicated, as many of the dorms on campus are not made out of dry wall."

Instead, the majority of the rooms, which were built before dry wall became ideal, are constructed out of mason and brick. This is a major drawback for adapting wireless signals within the building, as it would require ripping out walls. Moreover, this process would require implanting a heavy amount of wireless access points into, or devices that are used to gain a wireless signal, in the insula-



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tion of the designated building.

The heavy expense of placing Wi-fi signals into each of our halls is only a minor let down compared to its signal's

lack of security. Wireless networks are not only slower than DSL routers, but are much more accessible; anyone in its range, therefore, would have the ability to ac-

cess the network. This means that someone could easily reach a student's network, hacking onto his/her files or even illegally downloading material. Even scarier is how

the administration would have no way of tracing the hacker. Instead, they would place responsibility on the owner of the network, on the victim themselves.

Whereas presently, each Internet cord works specifically for each student; no one can gain access to your account but you. This way, Behrend can keep track of each student, while also protecting students from invasive hacking.

But do these major drawbacks mean we should lose all hope? Penn State is concerned with advancing technologically and providing the best services for its students.

University Park is actually currently undergoing a study on Wi-Fi in the dorm rooms, and its findings. If all goes well, the experiment may lead to Behrend considering Wi-Fi for the upcoming school years. It would be a big jump, but we would love to someday have wireless said Lyndon.

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Weekly Sudoku:

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Difficulty: 5/5

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