

# Residence halls obtain access to Ethernet

**By Wes Swift**  
 THE BATTALION  
 All rooms in residence halls will have Ethernet connections within the next five years if a proposal made by the Ethernet task force is approved by the RHA and Staff Council.

Ethernet is a system that allows users to receive and use computer software without phone lines. With an Ethernet card, students can access a wide variety of services, including the Internet and e-mail.

Last summer, Ethernet connections were made in all of the rooms in Moore, Keathly, Leggett, Lechner, McFadden and Dunn Halls and Dorm 2 as a test to see how Ethernet was utilized and to gain student feedback.

In early December, the Ethernet Task Force made a proposal to the Residence Life staff that Ethernet be placed in all remaining halls gradually over five years, by adding six or seven halls each year.

According to the proposal, 96 connections were used in the eight dorms.

Barry McKinney, head of the Ethernet Task Force, said that although Ethernet was not widely used, support for it was strong.

"Those who knew what Ethernet was were excited about it,"

McKinney said.

Butch Kemper, project manager, said that one reason for the low number of Ethernet users was a lack of preparation by the students.

"A lot of folks were not prepared," Kemper said. "I think a lot of people went home over the holidays and got the cards over

connections were made over the summer, some halls were not brought on-line until late in the fall semester.

"One hall wasn't brought on-line until mid-November," McKinney said. "By then, people couldn't get cards but may have had intentions of getting one. Also, by late in the semester, some peo-

and no other universities have it, it's hard to track how much it will cost."

Dave Safford, director of computing information services in charge of networking and supercomputing, said Ethernet has several advantages over the traditional phone lines.

"There had been terrific congestion on the phone lines," Safford said. "Ethernet gives students better access, essentially guaranteed access. Ethernet also has much higher speed."

In addition to Internet and e-mail, Safford said that a variety of software is accessible through Ethernet, including NOTIS, class notes and general resources across campus.

"You're given the same access as if you were in one of the open computer labs," Safford said.

Currently, the Ethernet proposals are awaiting approval from the RHA and staff councils. Dan Mizer, assistant director of residence life for facilities and operations, said that after both bodies review the proposals and make recommendations, the Residence Life staff will act.

"We will get their feedback and make any necessary changes," Mizer said. "Right now, we'll just wait and hear."

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Christmas. We expect to see more use this semester."

Ethernet cards, which are must be inserted into the computer to use the Ethernet connections cost about \$100.

McKinney pointed to two other problems that could have affected the figures in the proposal. He said that as more halls are brought on-line, a small additional charge will be added to the rent. The fee will be no larger than \$2 a month.

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ple's funds were low, and they couldn't afford to get a card."

Aside from the lack of knowledge about Ethernet, McKinney said there is only one other drawback to the residence hall connections. He said that as more halls are brought on-line, a small additional charge will be added to the rent. The fee will be no larger than \$2 a month.

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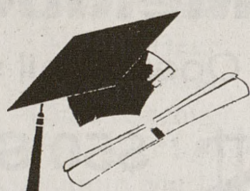
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