

***BNL Quality of Life:
juniors perspective***

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Outline

- housing
- transportation in lab:
 - bicycles
 - BNL Shuttle

note: the following are based on our observation and survey we made among STAR juniors, we haven't received any inputs from PHENIX juniors

Thanks to all who responded to our survey

Housing

dormitory kitchens:

- more utensils and equipment should be available, for example I'm not sure all kitchens have electric kettles
- the garbage containers should be emptied daily even on weekends (many times they are not)

dormitory rooms:

We should make sure all rooms have good blinds/curtains to make the room dark even during the day. This is especially needed for people on night shifts. Reportedly, the situation is not very good in Flemming house. I will check the details in a few days once I'm at BNL.

apartments - water quality:

We have reports of bad water quality in apartments 10B and 2A: "we need to improve our water quality. When raining, the water will become very very yellow . And can not be used for drink and cook"

Bicycles

bike rental services run by BERA

- <http://www.bnl.gov/bera/recreation/bicycle.asp>
- reportedly, the renting process is simple and quick
- the bikes themselves are not so good: they are only single-speed and they lack shopping baskets and wheel wings/fenders
- equipment to service the bikes one could borrow (spanners, wrenches, lubrication can) seems to be lacking/in bad condition
- working lights should also be provided for the bikes, reportedly some of the lights are not working due to corrosion and/or poor maintenance

parking the bike

- for people in dorms, it's not easy to find a good place to park the bike: one would like to protect it from the rain
- ideally some parking shelters for the bikes should be provided
- this would also improve the rental bike condition in the long term...

BNL Shuttle

- the hours for the shuttle are 8:30am till 4:15pm
- for the coming RHIC run 11 it would be helpful to extend it past STAR day/evening shift switchover (4:30pm)
- generally the evening hours should be longer, many people work till much later times than 4:15pm