

# *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