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Connection connundrum

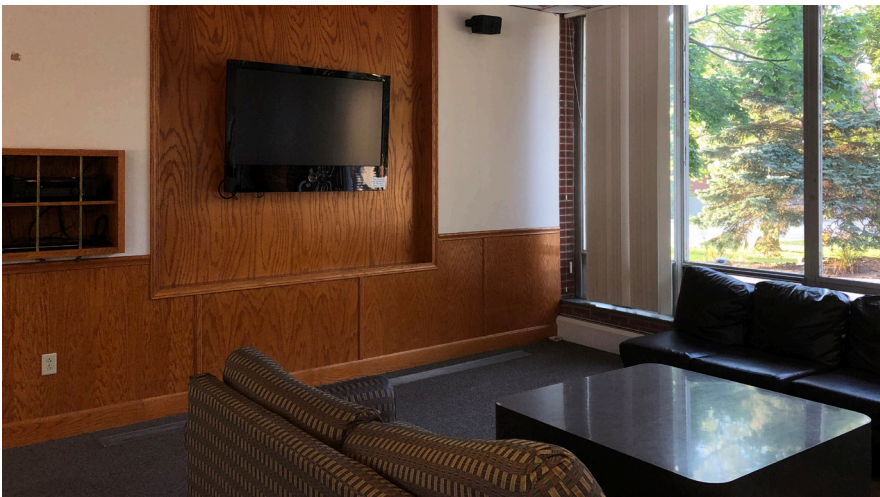
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Reporter

The start of the new semester is exciting for every student as there are a lot of new things happening all around campus. New classes, roommates, classmates, dorms, etc. Whether these changes are good or bad, it all depends on how the student handles it, but one change that is on every returning student's mind has to be about the cable being cut in the dorms as well as the ethernet



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Cable cords are no longer used in the dorms.

connection for wired internet connection. A lot of people on campus aren't that worried about the cable since most students use apps and websites such as Netflix and Hulu, but for the gamers out there on campus it is really frustrating that there is no longer a hard-wired connection. For me, both the cut cable and ethernet connection is an issue. I have an Xbox One and a Nintendo Switch and now have to use the wireless connection which isn't that great for my consoles, because I personally have always had problems with this type of connection here at AU. When I could use the ethernet cord, I had a better connection and fewer problems since there was little to no interruption on the wired front. I think all gamers could agree with this statement since most hardcore gamers would rather have a stable and strong connection through a wired cable instead of an unstable and shaky wireless connection. The bottom line is that wired is better than wireless, especially when it comes to online gaming since the connection has to be stable and strong in order to keep the game going. In terms of the cable cut, again this does not really seem to affect the students here at AU, but it is nice to have cable for some good reasons such as watching football and baseball games. The Cleveland Browns are expected to have a fairly good season this



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Common areas and lobbies in dorm buildings still have cable connections for students to watch TV.

year, so how are hardcore Cleveland fans here on campus, such as myself, going to watch the game? The last time I checked, a Hulu Live subscription was almost \$50 a month. For a college student already down thousands of dollars in debt for loans, I believe it is best to avoid this option in order to keep debt from rising even more. The cable in the dorms was free and that is a college student's favorite word. Students would have to bring their own TV of course, but would not have to pay for anything else.

Netflix and Hulu each have their payments that must be made each month in order to keep the subscription valid, but with the university cable, no payments were to be made at all. The cable itself is just an added bonus in the dorm and it was cut off. A bonus taken away is never a good thing, but the university must have its reasons as well as future plans for TV viewing for the dorm. Maybe the cable and ethernet will return or maybe it will not. Only time will tell.

Enjoy the weather and yourself

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Recently we have been blessed with beautiful, fall-like, mid-70s weather in Ashland



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An iced chai latte and scone to go

and in Ohio in general. As appealing as the air conditioner sounds, take advantage of the breeze and sunshine while it is still around. Fall will come sooner than you think, and the winters at AU are cold and bitter. When you find free time in between classes and busy sports schedules, take some time for yourself to relax. Sometimes we are so busy that "busyness" becomes a personality trait, rather than a way to describe our schedules. AU makes it especially easy to relax and be present outdoors on campus with the sand volleyball courts, outdoor basketball courts, the quad and plenty of walking, biking and boarding space. Two sand volleyball courts are located behind the Recreational Center and one is located outside of Clayton, whereas the outdoor basketball court is located directly behind Kilhefner Hall. Grab a group of friends and get active outside! The quad is located reasonably central on campus, which makes it easy to access from any dormitory hall. On the quad students typically hang hammocks from the trees, lay out on blankets, have picnics, and play sports such as frisbee, football, and kickball. If you get bored only hanging out on campus, there are numerous outside activities to do off campus as well. Although Ashland is not a huge town, it is located almost exactly in between Columbus and Cleveland with only an hour drive each way. Take a mini road trip to a bigger

city on the weekends or weekdays that you do not have class. There are so many parks in these two bigger cities, and the downtown areas have shops and restaurants that you can walk to. I love to bird around Columbus, which is basically just riding electric scooters downtown and on Ohio State's campus. In Ashland there are coffee shops such as Vines Bakery, Downtown Perk, Dunkin, Tim Hortons, and Starbucks. Personally, Vines Bakery is one of my favorites. They are only open Thursday-Saturday, so make sure to get there on the weekend to get a scone and a cup of coffee! A little over a mile from campus is Yoder's Red Barn Ice Cream, which is delicious and sits right outside of Brookside Park. You can get an ice cream cone and enjoy nature all in one! I completely understand being too busy to enjoy anything, but this school year, try to get out of that habit. You have to start romanticizing the small, insignificant things in your life. I once read something that said, "You gotta start believing that your morning commute is cute and fun, that every cup of coffee is the best you've ever had, that even the smallest and most mundane things are exciting and new. You have to, because that's when you start truly living. That's when you look forward to every day." Life is so beautiful. Do not waste it being inside doing homework 24/7, (even though homework is super important, it is not worth your mental health).



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