

Information Technology Services Updates

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Did you know?

Fifty years ago next month, IBM delivered the first random access hard disk (the predecessor to the 1.8-inch drive that holds 7,500 songs on your pocket sized iPod). It was about the size of two refrigerators and weighed a ton. It was also very noisy and held a whopping 5 Megabytes (about 3 ½ floppy disks).

Where is Wireless?

We are regularly asked: Where can I connect my laptop computer using wireless? When wireless was implemented a year ago it was not possible to cover “every nook and cranny” of the university. But we did begin with one simple guideline: cover every area that impacts students and/or teaching and learning. The result: all residence halls and the apartment complex, all classroom areas, the Student Center, Drew Fine Arts, the Klas Center, Sorin and the Hub, the Law School, the libraries, etc. are covered. Eventually all of the areas will be covered (e.g., Old Main, the Admissions House, etc.) but other priorities are higher at this time (e.g., the new 24-hour computing lab and technology upgrade of classrooms).

This is not the wireless you find at Starbucks and Dunn Bros. This is a secure wireless environment that can only be used by authorized members of the Hamline community. You will be asked to login with your usual username and password in order to fully use the service.

If you're having problems connecting, pick up a handout at the Helpdesk entitled “Wireless Troubleshooting Tips”. If the problem clearly appears to be the location you are trying to connect from, please report this using **Hamline University's Wireless Connectivity Issues Form** that can be found on the front page of the ITS website (www.hamline.edu/its).

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