

PENN STATE RADIO HISTORY

The Penn State Student Radio Alumni Interest Group (SRAIG)

Our Time In The James Building

Penn State Radio boasts a long and distinguished history, from its early beginnings in the 1920s to its first major iteration in the 1950s in the form of WDFM.

That station, though, a Gift of the Class of 1951, had ceased to be student-run by the 1980s, and so in the early 1990s, determined advocates again championed the cause of student radio, pursuing the rebirth of this unique and powerful Penn State tradition.

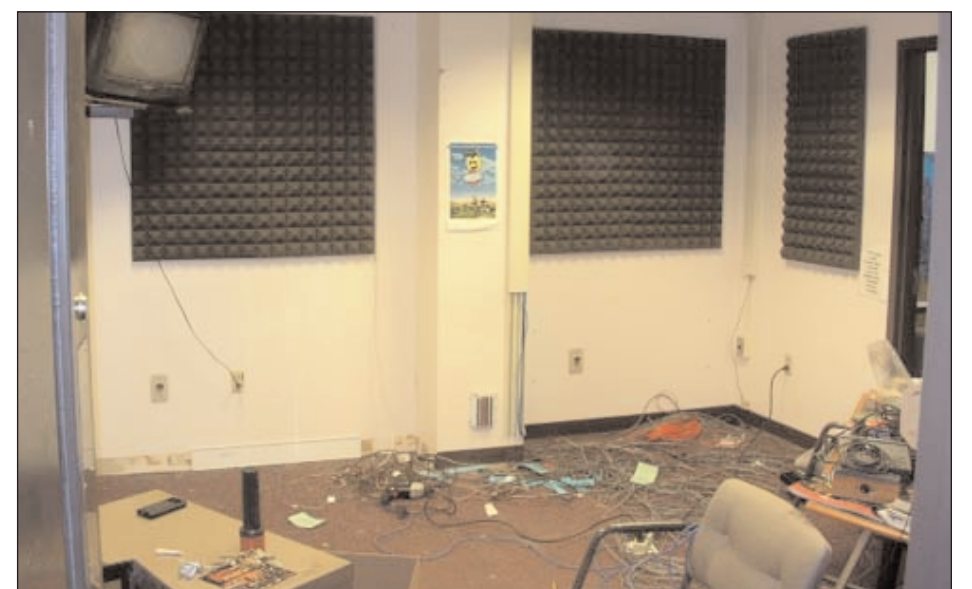
On October 31, 1995, the airwaves welcomed the return of student radio under its modern call letters, WKPS. The station was housed in the James Building, downtown, with The Daily Collegian, a place it would call home for less than a decade.

A new adventure in student radio had begun ...

A LOOK BACK...



TOP; A close-up of some of the studio's cassette and compact disc players. BOTTOM; The boxes of supplies that would eventually move to campus.



CLOCKWISE, from top left; A jock's eye view of The LION 90.7fm's old James Building studio; Mike Fecht among the chaos of the production studio's deconstruction; The production studio is gutted for the move to the HUB-Robeson Center; A pre-move look at The LION 90.7fm's home in the James Building; A look through the gutted studio to Cosmic Ray Cromie during a late night visit; The LION 90.7fm's studio in the James Building meets its end after nearly a decade.