

## WeatherBug program makes campus debut

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Recently a new bug has appeared in the Garrison Center: a computer program called WeatherBug.

WeatherBug is a computer program developed by AWS Convergence Technologies, Inc. The company partners with nearly 85 TV stations across the country, making it the leading provider of weather information services. It uses more than 8,000 tracking stations and more than 1,000 cameras placed at schools, public safety facilities and television stations across the United States to transmit weather information. The tracking stations monitor and relate information on everything from wind speed to current temperature.

WeatherBug data is used both on-line and on-air, in more than 80 million households a month. With it, information about local weather, seven-day forecasts and severe weather alerts can be found and used to help plan out a day or week.

The program will find its uses in several departments. The campus radio station, KSWH, will be able to access WeatherBug data in broadcasts. HTV, the campus television station, will be able to use it for broadcasts as well. The physics department will also be able to utilize it, along with "My World GIS" software by PASCO, as an educational tool in the classroom.

WeatherBug is also a personal tool. Students will be able to keep up to date on what the local weather situation is like - no more forgetting about grabbing the umbrella.

"Henderson will have a customized applet for the HSU homepage, which will give current information, National Weather Alerts and a view of the Quad and sky from the high-definition camera," said Public Relations Director Penny Murphy.

More information about WeatherBug, as well as current weather forecasts, can be found at their website [www.weatherbug.com](http://www.weatherbug.com).

On the homepage, there is a link to download WeatherBug directly to your computer. Having it downloaded will allow for weather reports in mere seconds. Also, be on the lookout for shots of the Quad during the weather section of KARK 4 News.