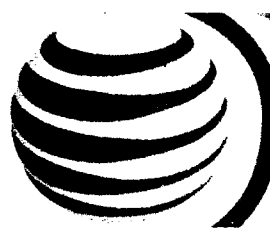


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30 cents off campus

IFC vote unanimous in frat fee

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Students planning to rush a fraternity will have to pay a new \$10 recruitment fee unanimously approved by the Interfraternity Council on Tuesday night.

Presidents and representatives unanimously voted to introduce the new fee and to revise the recruitment policy. The new policy will not allow potential new members to attend social functions at any fraternity between today, the

start of registration, and Sept. 4, the start of formal recruitment. But, Fraternities will still be allowed to hold registered social events.

Each student who would like to participate in fall recruitment will need to register at pennstateifc.com/recruitment and pay the \$10 fee. Registration opens today and students are



Pierce

allowed to register until Sept. 28.

IFC president Luke Pierce (senior-economics) said the new registration fee will help compensate for the cost of expanded recruitment campaigns and will help pay for wristbands and t-shirts for potential new members.

"The goal is to enhance the recruitment experience for potential new members," he said.

Zachary Meli, vice president for communications of the IFC, said

the fee will help the IFC expand their recruitment campaigns.

"These fees will help offset our costs for the current recruitment period as well as future recruitment periods," he said.

Meli (senior-economics) added the new policies will also help the IFC give potential new members additional information more quickly.

Pierce said the goal of the revision to the recruitment policy was to reduce the exposure of potential members to social events

prior to formal recruitment.

Mark Mixon, president of Sigma Nu fraternity, said the meeting was collaborative and the proposed changes met little opposition.

"It was a really constructive session to have so much input from so many different people," he said. "It was one of the most successful sessions I've had in my term, as far as teamwork and collaboration goes."

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Bar opens to thirsty students

By Peter Panepinto
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After an ongoing legal battle, the owner of Tony's Big Easy is reportedly "delighted" as the bar opened its doors Tuesday night for the first time in more than a month.

Tony's Big Easy, Lulu's Night Spot and Candy Bar and Lounge, all located at 129 1/2 S. Pugh St., obtained permission Monday to serve alcohol in the bars after a Commonwealth judge reinstated an appeal for the bars' liquor license — and students were excited to celebrate the reopening Tuesday night.

"It's one of the best bars in State College," John Felix (senior-psychology) said. "It was one of the big bars everyone liked to go to. It was a friendly atmosphere."

As Tony's Big Easy prepared to reopen Tuesday night, students acknowledged the bar as an essential part of State College's nightlife.

"The bar scene has been lacking without it," Vince Heckmanski (senior-recreation, park and tour management) said. "I used to make my rounds around there late at night because of the specials."

A bar employee said Lulu's Night Spot will reopen Thursday.

Sammark Inc. attorney Robert Hoffman said he and bar owner Tony Sapia were "delighted" to hear the news of the court's decision.

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LOUNGING ON THE LEDGE



Chloe Elmer/Collegian

Chris Kerr (junior-economics) relaxes as he checks his schedule for the new semester outside of Old Main on Monday afternoon.

Students split on credit issue

By Jacquelyn Teoh
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

To be an adult or not to be an adult — that is the question students are asking themselves in the face of President Obama's credit card reform act passed in May.

The bill, which imposes tougher restrictions on those under 21 who wish to obtain a credit card, aims at relieving the current recession by curbing reckless spending among college students.

But some students see this as another restriction on their freedom.

"I don't know if it's fair if you say we're adults at 18, but then prevent us from doing as we like, like getting a credit card," Allaire Gaudette (freshman-division of undergraduate studies) said.

Though the bill does not make it impossible for those under 21 to obtain a credit card, they do have to prove that

he or she can repay expenses or have a parent settle the debt in event of a default.

That's no surprise to Scott Nakoski (junior-mathematics), who said the privileges of those under 21 years old have always been questionable.

"At 18, we can vote, but then again, we're not allowed to drink alcohol, and we're restricted in other things as well, such as car rental and in some states, hotel rental," he said. "Now it's credit cards."

And restricting spending when spending is needed to jumpstart the economy negates the effectiveness of the measure, Nakoski said.

But Cathy Bowen, Penn State associate professor of agricultural and extension education, and a consumer education expert, said the bill is common sense: Only spend the money that you have.

Credit Card Reform Act Rules

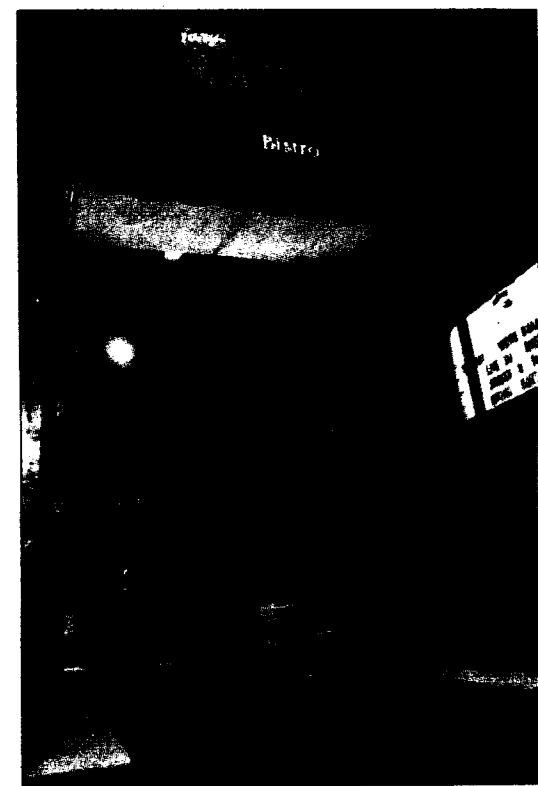
■ **Person** must show ability to repay expenses, or a parent or guardian must sign off that he or she can settle the debt if necessary

■ **Limits** interest rate increases before card renewal date

■ **Credit** card issuer must verify consumers under 21 can make scheduled payments based on income, obligations and employment status

Source: www.opencongress.com

"It doesn't matter if you're 25 or 21, it still comes down to the consumers
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Michael Felletter/Collegian

Bar goers enter Tony's Big Easy on Tuesday night.

Same-sex couples, clergy welcomed by Lutherans

By Ashley Gold
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Matthew Wilson grew up in a Southern Baptist community, attending church every Sunday. When he came out as a gay man, he brought his partner with him to church, despite judgement from fellow church members.

"There have always been gay people worshipping," said Wilson, who graduated from South Carolina's Clemson University in May and recently began his first year as a Penn State graduate student. "But now, the veil has been removed."

That vote was recently lifted after a vote held by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). On Friday, the organization held its annual assembly meeting and discussed two major issues: the acknowledgment of same-sex monogamous partnerships and the allowance of gay clergymen and women to have open, monogamous sexual relationships. Both measures were narrowly approved.

"OK, we get it, you're having sex," they're saying," said Wilson, now a Lutheran Christian. "The Lutheran Church is finally acknowledging what's happening

in our generation. It should be applauded. A gay person can now walk into a Lutheran church and not be judged."

Lauren Smith, student president of the Lutheran Student Community, said each individual Lutheran church can decide whether or not to adapt these new policies. She said these decisions have been "a long time coming."

Smith (senior-advertising) described the Lutheran sect of Christianity as "more liberal, trying to be good Christians and accepting of other people as a hospitable group."

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Dawn Vilella/Associated Press

Voting members of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America share a moment of prayer during an assembly in Minneapolis.