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IFC looks to ensure change

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With Saturday marking the end of the two-week period during which the Interfraternity Council (IFC) had asked fraternities to not hold social functions, the university and IFC are continuing to look for ways to make Penn State safer.

In a statement released Sunday night, the IFC said its executives were pleased with the response to their request. The statement was released by IFC President Luke Pierce, Vice President for Communications Zach Meli (senior-economics) and Penn State Director of Fraternity and Sorority Life Roy Baker.

The IFC said "limited information is available about social event activity" at fraternities during the two-week moratorium. That information will be available early this week, according to the statement.

The statement also called upon fraternities to be leaders in addressing drinking problems. Pierce wrote in an e-mail that in order to do so, IFC executives and chapter presidents "must engage in a productive dialogue with the stakeholders of the Fraternity community."

"IFC will collaborate with our members, alumni, National organizations and headquarters, the Borough and University for a critical conversation about education and social policies," Pierce wrote. "We will take advantage of this opportunity to make a positive and lasting change in the Penn State community."

Vice President for Student Affairs Damon Sims
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Pierce

GREEN MACHINE



Seth Perlman/Associated Press

Penn State's Stephfon Green (21) runs through Illinois' Garrett Edwards (20) while Illinois' Tavon Wilson (3) pursues during the first half of the Big Ten game in Champaign, Ill., on Saturday. Penn State went on to win its first away game of the season, beating the Illini 35-17. | SPORTS, Page 10.

Voters must register by today

By Evan Trowbridge
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Today is the last day for students to register to vote in the Nov. 3 municipal elections.

And despite the large number of students who registered to vote in last year's election, officials expect a relatively low turnout from students this year.

In the past, municipal elections have drawn a significantly smaller portion of the student population, said Jodi Neidig, assistant director for elections and voter registration in Centre County. She only expects about 25 percent of the student population to participate

To register

Print out a form online at votes-pa.com

or

Pick one up at State College post offices, Schlow Centre Region Library or most banks

Source: Jodi Neidig

this year, despite the fact that many students are already registered.

Students cited the difference in media attention and a lack of See VOTERS, Page 2.

PSU senior looks to students for win

By Brendan McNally
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

With the Nov. 3 local elections less than a month away, Penn State student and borough council candidate Brett Fisher is calling on his fellow students to put him in office.

Fisher (senior-science), a Republican candidate, is hoping votes from his fellow students will win him a seat on the seven-person council. While acknowledging that he must get the word out to more students, Fisher said those he has talked to gave him their overwhelming support.

"Student support is going to be important," he said. "The reception we have gotten is incredibly positive, but we have to do a better job of increasing exposure."

Students must have their registration application postmarked

by today if they wish to register or re-register in State College for the upcoming election.

Jon Eich, chairman of the Centre County Board of Commissioners and Board of Elections, said total registrations in Centre County are down by about 7,000 from last year's total of 105,000. Eich said voters who had been inactive for the last six years were purged from the county's voter registration records.

Currently, there are no students on the council, but Alex Smith, president of the Penn State College Republicans, thinks Fisher has a chance to win in November.

"It all depends on how many students come out to vote," Smith (senior-finance) said.

But despite Fisher's run, some students plan on staying away from the polls, either because they are uninformed about the election or simply don't care.

See SENIOR, Page 2.



Fisher

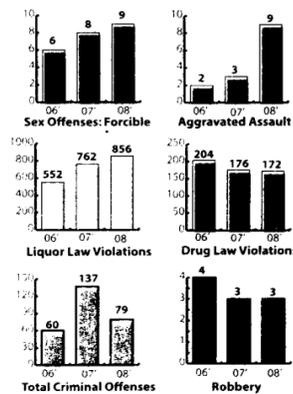


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Students wait to vote at the HUB-Robeson Center on Nov. 4, 2008. Those eligible who wish to vote in this year's election must register by today.

On-campus crime

Although overall on-campus crime decreased in 2008, increases were seen in some cases.



Source: Penn State Police

Brittany Fortese/Collegian

Crimes decline in 2008

By Peter Panepinto
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While overall crime on the Penn State University Park campus and university-owned property decreased in 2008, sexual assaults were at a three-year high, according to an annual Penn State security report released Thursday.

Criminal offenses — including burglary and robbery — decreased in 2008 compared to 2007, according to the report. Motor vehicle theft also declined since 2006 — with eight incidents in 2006, seven in 2007 and only five in 2008.

Robberies on and off campus dropped as well, with a total of only three incidents in 2008 compared to nine in 2006 and seven in 2007.

"Safety on campus is one of the highest concerns," Penn State President Graham Spanier wrote in the report. "A truly safe campus can only be achieved through the cooperation of everyone."

But while overall crime was See CRIME, Page 2.

Students deliver party products

LionNeeds, a new Web-based venture, delivers party good door to door.

By Neha Prakash
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COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

At about 3:20 a.m. Friday, Eric Morgenstern left his house to deliver Shots! Shots! Shots! Shots! Shots! Shots! — a package of 12 red Solo cups, 12 neon shot glasses and a two-liter bottle of soda, among other supplies.

Morgenstern (junior-business) has made these trips a business. LionNeeds, a new Penn State stu-

dent-run company, promises to deliver a plethora of party products to your doorstep in less than 30 minutes.

"I'm a student," he said. "I know what people want when they are out partying."

The company, launched in August, has already had a steady stream of orders. Creator Morgenstern said. Products range from chips, salsa and lollipops to beer pong balls, condoms and tobacco products. Morgenstern said the company aims to cater to the "late-night partiers of Penn State."

Students can order packages with nicknames like "The Candy Shop" and "For the Single

Ladies." from 8 p.m. to 4 a.m. Thursday through Saturday — what Morgenstern calls the unofficial weekends at Penn State. Most packages cost less than \$10, plus a \$3 delivery charge. LionNeeds obtains its products through wholesale suppliers, he said.

At 3:20 a.m. Friday, the "founding father" of LionNeeds departed to make his first delivery of the evening. Morgenstern had been watching a football game in his room when he received a phone call asking if he delivered at this hour.

After assuring the late-night caller that he could bring him See PRODUCTS, Page 2.



Courtesy of LionNeeds

LionNeeds founder Eric Morgenstern delivers products Saturday from his online business.