# Student leaders react to ordinance changes

By Megan Rogers COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

Student leaders said Tuesday that recent changes in the Nuisance Gathering Ordinance are not enough one day after the latest draft of the ordinance was presented to the State College Borough Council.

The changes presented at Monday's work session limit the ordinance, holding party hosts responsible only for violations occurring on their own property. Previous versions aimed to charge party hosts if guests later committed crimes elsewhere.

University Undergraduate Association (UPUA) Governmental Affairs Chairman T.J. Bard said though he sees the change as a step in the right direction, many students oppose the ordinance.

Bard said his committee is going to send out a questionnaire to people affected by the ordinance — including fraternity presidents, the Off-Campus Student Union, students living offcampus and borough residents by the end of the week.

From the feedback, Bard hopes to compile a "uniformed and universal" report to present to the council members before they cast their votes.

UPUA Legal Affairs Director Matthew Lachman said the numerous revisions to the ordinance show the council and borough are not confident in the pro-

"The fact they keep revising and taking things out of it show they are aware it's not the right thing to do," Lachman (seniorpolitical science) said.

Chadd Williams, president of the Penn State chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), said the change in the ordinance was good, but still not enough.

In March, Williams (freshmanpolitical science) sent a letter to the borough, stating the ordinance was unconstitutional. Though he never got a reply, he said he will continue to fight against the ordinance.

'We'll do our best here at Penn State, but we only have a couple weeks left until we leave," Williams said. "We'll do what we

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> **Matthew Lachman** UPUA Legal Affairs Director

can but we can only do so much." Voting on the Neighborhood Sustainability Ordinances is scheduled to occur at the May 3 council meeting, the beginning of finals week for students.

The current form should not be passed, Williams said — he thinks the ordinance still violates a host's rights by holding him responsible for someone else's behavior.

The people who act disorderly commit crimes on their own. The host shouldn't be responsible." Williams said. "The person who committed the crime should be responsible.'

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Penn State alumnus Jennifer Storm tai: the Light On: A Memoir of Recovery and Sections 1

## Recovering addict talks of experiences

By Chidi Ugwu LEGIAN STAFF WRITER

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"Everything was a party for was on me." she said. "When I got here "Jersey." and I was actually sober, it was like a whole new world.

While Penn State does have a reputation for being a heavy drinking school, Storm said there are willing to look.

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## PSU veterans join newly formed fraternity colony

By Jourdan Cole **COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER** 

After holding positions as a machine gun squad leader and sergeant in the U.S. Marine Corps, "The Godfather" is just another title for Matt Poth.

And while he's a little older than the average college student. Poth, 24, has taken the position as the president of a new co-ed fraternity for veterans, Omega Sigma Delta.

After spending two eight-month tours in Iraq, Poth (junior-secondary education) said it was difficult to readjust and settle into college and classes — so he began to look for something bigger.

"It is a daunting task. We're starting from square one. We were important people in the military, and we're just a number to the campus," said Poth, also the 2.5 and have been honorably disvice president of the Penn State charged from the United States Veterans Association

into the swing of things

other veterans discovered Omega Sigma Delta, National Veterans Fraternity, Inc., and decided to apply for a colony.

Including the Penn State colony, there are six chapters of

"It's not your traditional fraternity. We still all have the warrior spirit in us."

Matt Poth

President of Omega Sigma Delta

Omega Sigma Delta, which bills itself as the largest and most active veteran fraternity in America.

But it's been difficult to build membership. The fraternity currently has about 25 members and plans to reach out to more veter-

"Our pledge process is signing on the dotted line and defending your country. It's not your traditional fraternity," Poth said. "We still all have the warrior spirit in

Potential members must have a grade point average of at least armed forces

Enter Omega Sigma Delta, Poth said the brothers' bonds which helps veterans get back are stronger than those of tradi- include giving back to the comtional fraternities because of their Last fall, Poth and several shared connection to the armed lanthropy, Wounded Warrior forces.

> most dire situations, when it truly is a life-and-death kind of thing. Relations

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"It's a mutual trust," he said.

Jonathan Chorle, 25, said he joined the fraternity for the experience and to be part of something that will grow in the future. He enjoys the weekly meetings because they're not "the typical boring kind.'

We talk about the agenda but also have a lot of fun," Chorle (senior-international media studies) said. "We all joke around and poke fun at each other. We all have thick skin and can laugh at ourselves.

While the fraternity brothers do not share a common residence yet, Poth said he would like to see the fraternity get a house and join the Interfraternity Council (IFC) in the future.

Other goals for the fraternity munity and working with its obj-Project, Poth said.

"We want to be like the other "We have each others' backs in the fraternities and have socials and get involved in THON," he said.

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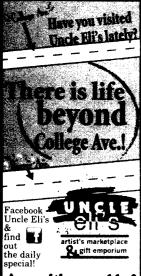
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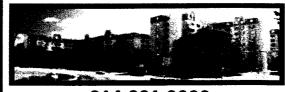
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