

Business Review: State Street Pub and Laundromat

As any off-campus student can tell you, laundry can put you in quite the fix. For many, it is put off altogether until a trip home. For others, it requires a pocket full of quarters and a decent amount of free time. While never the most convenient chore, it must be done eventually and the State Street Pub and Laundromat is the place to do it.

What is the number one perk to bringing your laundry to The Mat? How about showing your student ID and getting 50 cents off your wash cycle? That means more quarters in your pocket for things that are actually fun, not boring.

If you feel those extra quarters weighing down your pockets, the pub section of the facility offers numerous opportunities to use that money for more entertaining purposes. There are darts, arcade games and a pool table. There are also video games to play for free on one of their many big screen TVs. If you just want to sit back and relax there are plenty of comfortable recliners and couches. Free Wi-Fi is available and is especially useful if you need to get some homework done while you're waiting for your clothes.

Should your stomach start to grumble while you're there, or you've had a long day and need a drink, the pub opens at noon and serves everything from pizzas to sandwiches. There are also a variety of non-alcoholic and alcoholic beverages to quench your thirst. Vending machines with soda and goodies are also available.

The owner, Cory Johnson, describes The Mat as having a "laidback atmosphere." He especially wants to make it clear that all ages are welcome, including parents with young children. This is apparent to anyone who uses The Mat, where at any given time one can see college students, kids, parents and older adults doing their laundry and enjoying the lax environment.

The Laundromat section, located at the front of the business, is open 24/7, while the pub opens daily at noon. A wash cycle is \$2.00, but \$1.50 with your student ID. A dry cycle is 25 cents for eight minutes, and it usually takes 2-3 cycles to completely dry your clothes. That's only two or three quarters! Laundry detergent is available for purchase.

The State Street Pub and Laundromat is located at 120 N. State Street, which is one block north of the railroad tracks, or seven blocks north of Kesslers. You can also contact them at 605-725-9274 or check out their Facebook page, State Street Pub and Laundromat.