

## Onorato talks jobs

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Dan Onorato's visit to State College Monday didn't find him giving a campaign speech to a crowd in the middle of campus.

Instead, the gubernatorial candidate spent the morning touring a local technology company and presenting his plan for revamping the state's economy.

Inside RTD Embedded Technologies, 103 Innovation Blvd., Onorato received an up-

close look at the Pennsylvania-based company, whose products — used both locally and as far away as the South Pole or aboard several NASA missions — are designed and manufactured under one roof.

Though several employees are employed internationally, most of the company's 60-person workforce operates from within the Innovation Park facility, according to RTD officials.

Onorato said his economic plan for Pennsylvania includes provi-

sions for encouraging entrepreneurship and innovation within the state, as well as making use of the state's vocational schools, technical institutes and universities to train the workforce for high-paying jobs at all education levels.

At the RTD facility, Onorato emphasized the growing demand for "jobs of the future" such as those with this company, and said even older industries like the steel plants in Allegheny County, where

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Courtesy of RTD Embedded Technologies  
Gubernatorial candidate Dan Onorato, right, speaks with RTD CEO Paul A.T. Harris.

## Plan faces doubt Ragland's idea stalls

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The State College Borough Council took no action Monday night on University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) President Christian Ragland's proposal to include a non-voting student member on the council.



Ragland

Ragland (senior-political science) presented a three-phase proposal to the council at Monday's meeting:

During phase one, UPUA would appoint a UPUA member to attend council meetings, while increasing student awareness about local government issues.

During phase two, UPUA would work to increase student involvement on authorities, boards and commissions (ABC).

The third phase would add a non-voting Penn State student to the council. Ragland did not specify a time period for each phase.

"The non-voting student is the first step in bridging the gap," Ragland said. "The goal is to work together — not at each other."

Council member Peter Morris said he supports the proposal — even though council president Ron Filippelli and several other council members opposed the idea of adding a non-voting member.

"I certainly agree with this," Morris said. "And I would like it to happen."

Ragland said he won't back down despite the council's decision not to take action.

Ragland said he'll talk with student leaders from Big Ten universities — like Iowa, Indiana and Michigan State — that have non-voting members in their towns.

"We are not the first to do this," Ragland said. "We are following the lead of other universities."

Borough Council President Ron Filippelli said he opposes any non-voting member on council because each of the official members was elected, calling adding another non-voting student member "inappropriate."

Filippelli proposed the idea of student liaisons to the council who could attend meetings and voice their opinions but would not hold a seat on the council.

Council member Teresa Lafer said she thought it'd be difficult for one student to be a council member because the position would require the student to balance the council's schedule with classes. She said she'd like to see a group of student liaisons.

Tyler Wentz (freshmen-division of undergraduate studies) attended the meeting to see if the proposal would pass. Wentz said a student liaison would not be good enough.

"There has to be interaction, not just someone who sits and listens," Wentz said.

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## BLACK AND WHITE



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Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Byron Leftwich, right, signs autographs for fans following the NFL football team's training camp session in Latrobe, Pa., Monday.

## Smeal targets essays

By Paul Osolnick  
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In an effort to deter plagiarism in admission essays, the Smeal College of Business will now use Turnitin for Admissions — an Internet plagiarism checker — in the college's MBA program.

The program's use of the anti-plagiarism service was put in place after 30 applicants for the 2009-2010 program plagiarized from published articles — that were recently published at the time — on the same topic as the admission essay, said Carrie Marcinkevage, MBA program admissions director.

The applications were one page long and about "principled leadership," Marcinkevage said. The plagiarism ranged from unattributed paraphrasing to copying and pasting of three whole paragraphs, she said.

After it was determined the application essays contained plagiarism, 15 applicants were denied admission, nine interviews were canceled and one admission was rescinded, Marcinkevage said.

Four of the applications were determined to be "borderline plagiarism" and the applicants were invited to re-write their essays.

Marcinkevage said the program has seen plagiarism only on a very limited basis before. See ESSAYS, Page 2.



Steph Witt/Collegian

New shops, such as Logan's Grill, 334 E. Calder Way, are expected to open soon.

## Shops to open on Calder

By Paul Osolnick  
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Downtown State College could see several new shops on East Calder Way in the upcoming months — two storefronts have been filled and three more are in negotiations.

The 320-334 E. Calder Way strip of properties near the Chipotle Mexican Grill, 116 Heister St., has recently opened a women's clothing store and will feature a grill restaurant within

the next six to eight weeks.

Flesh Décor, 332 E. Calder Way, held its grand opening at the downtown location on June 12, said Erika Heinz, buyer and stylist.

The store is an upscale clothing boutique that offers something for everyone with women's clothing options from casual jeans and dresses to more elegant dresses for special occasions, Heinz said.

"I think there are other stores that are somewhat similar,"

Heinz said. "But I think this store has its own unique feel."

While the store offers several clothing options for women of all ages, Heinz said the store specializes on party dresses.

Even though the store has only been open for a few weeks, Heinz said it has seen steady business and interest from the community.

Heinz said she expects business to increase considerably when students return as the

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## Corbett will speak at PSU conference

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With just 12 weeks remaining until the polls open, candidates vying for a spot as Pennsylvania's next governor are making frequent visits to Centre County — an area that, in recent years, has played a decisive role in the election.

After his opponent made several stops in the area Monday, Republican gubernatorial candi-

date Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett will speak at the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Annual Confer-



Corbett

Corbett is slated to speak between 8:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. today at the conference, an annu-

al gathering of commissioners from Pennsylvania's 67 counties, held from August 8-11 the Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel.

Democratic gubernatorial candidate Dan Onorato, Corbett's opponent, and Democratic Senate candidate Joe Sestak also spoke during a "Candidate Presentations" section of the conference Monday night, according to the event schedule.

During his appearance at the CCAP Annual Business Meeting

### If you go

Who: Pennsylvania Attorney General Tom Corbett  
When: 8:30-11:30 a.m., today  
Where: Penn Stater Conference Center Hotel

portion of the event, Corbett will be given 30 minutes to speak See CORBETT, Page 2.