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## Former professor survives crash

By Brendan McNally  
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Former Penn State professor Sean O'Keefe survived a plane crash that killed former Alaska U.S. Senator Ted Stevens and four other passengers Tuesday in Alaska.

O'Keefe, 54, was a business administration professor at Penn State from 1993-1996 and served as Assistant to the Vice President of Research, university spokesman Geoff Rushton said.

O'Keefe and his son Kevin survived the crash yesterday.

The two escaped the crash with broken bones and other minor injuries that are not considered life-threatening.

O'Keefe was NASA administrator for three years from 2001 to 2004. He served in that position when the shuttle Columbia broke



O'Keefe

apart during re-entry in 2003.

He now serves as the CEO of EADS North America, a defense contractor.

He co-authored a book with Penn State professor Gerald Susman about the post-Cold War defense industry, Susman said.

The book, "Defense Industry in the Post Cold War Era," was published in 1999, Susman said.

O'Keefe left his position as Secretary of the Navy and sought



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A survivor of the plane crash is taken to a waiting Anchorage Fire Department Paramedic rig yesterday.

## Council opinion differs

### Reactions to Ragland's plan vary

By Paul Osolnick  
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One day after his proposal to appoint a student as a non-voting member of the State College Borough Council was dismissed, student body president Christian Ragland vowed to return the idea to the council in the fall.

But as the University Park Undergraduate Association (UPUA) tries to get a student on the borough council, it will face opposition from several of the group's members.

State College Borough Council member Tom Daubert is among several council members who do not support the proposal to make a student a non-voting member of the borough council.

"You can't have someone — who is sitting on council — who is negative about everything that is non-student," Daubert said. "That would be like if we were negative to everything that was student, and that would be stupid."

Ragland (senior-political science) said the proposal to the council was to lay the groundwork for the UPUA's initiative in the fall.

"All 44,000 [students] will be back soon, so we can probably garner some support," Ragland said. "When students can be a stakeholder and have the opportunity to represent students, that is a definite plus."

Daubert — who opposed the proposal for a student member — said under the Home Rule Charter, the borough can not legally appoint members. But the charter does not address the issue of non-voting members, Daubert said.

"Members can only be elected," Daubert said. "We cannot appoint members. We have to do this according to the law."

Daubert said he would be willing to have a student liaison to the council but does not like the term "non-voting member."

"I don't like that nomenclature," Daubert said. "I have never heard of a non-voting member. I think what that person is called is not important."

Daubert said students "don't give a darn about" more than 80 percent of issues addressed by the borough council — because the issues do not affect students.

Ragland said the council's response provided him with the feedback he wanted to make the proposal better.

"Those were the comments

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Democratic congressional candidate Michael Pipe spoke at Tuesday's town hall meeting.

## Pipe addresses issues

By Zach Geiger  
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A diverse group of people attended last night's town hall meeting at the Schlow-Centre Region Library to listen to Michael Pipe discuss his campaign and pressing issues with State College residents.

The crowd — composed of community members, students, and even some Penn State faculty — listened to Pipe introduce

himself and describe his stance on certain issues.

But the members of the audience weren't there to just listen to Pipe — they were also present to voice their opinions and field questions to the Democratic congressional hopeful.

And the crowd's involvement on Tuesday night was excellent, Pipe said.

"There was a great range of things we talked about," Pipe said.

After introducing himself for ten minutes, Pipe opened the floor to questions from the audience.

The ability to have a diverse group of people speak and voice their concerns was one of the benefits of a town hall meeting, Pipe said.

"It's necessary for people to voice their concerns," Pipe said. "I will bring people into the process."

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## PSU sets up academic plan

By Micah Wintner  
FOR THE COLLEGIAN

Penn State is currently implementing its five year strategic plan to help improve the university's educational standards and fiscal policy.

The plan — which is set to be fully in place by 2013 — is "something that needs to be done to keep a higher education institution on track," Penn State spokeswoman Annemarie Mountz said.

Mountz listed several of the plan's goals, including: enhancing

### Five year plan

- 1: Enhancing student success
- 2: Create PSU as a global school
- 3: Enhancing diversity
- 4: Serving the people of the commonwealth
- 5: Use technology to expand

ing student success; realizing Penn State's potential as a global university; enhancing diversity;

servicing the people of the commonwealth; and using technology to expand opportunities.

The plan's goals are listed in a complex implementation matrix, which helps keep track of the plan's progress, Mountz said.

Pennsylvania State Sen. Jake Corman, R-Centre, said he supports the plan, even though Penn State will have to spend more money during the economic recession. Corman said "Penn State is being fiscally responsible by planning for the long-term."

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## PSU hosts talks

Several candidates campaign in hopes of garnering votes.

By Casey McDermott  
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Addressing a roomful of officials from the state's 67 counties, Pennsylvania Attorney General and Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Corbett stressed his policy of empowering local government and tried to appeal to anti-tax sentiments during his latest stop in State College.



Corbett

Corbett was one of several Pennsylvania politicians to speak during the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania (CCAP) Annual Conference, held from August 8-11 at the Penn State Conference Center Hotel. Corbett's opponent Dan Onorato and Senate candidate Joe Sestak each gave presentations at the conference Monday night.

CCAP officials said they offered each gubernatorial candidate 30 minutes of questions followed by 30 minutes of questions from conference attendees. But Corbett did not stay for questions following his speech due to "scheduling conflicts," Corbett campaign spokesman Kevin Harley said.

In his speech, Corbett said he would uphold "fiscal discipline, limited government and free enterprise" if elected — making a pledge to enact no new taxes and emphasizing his history as a public corruption prosecutor.

He also noted a growing trend among Pennsylvania's youth leaving the state for jobs elsewhere and said he'd focus on providing employment opportunities in the state.

Corbett also took a few jabs at his opponent when he referenced the drink tax — first set at 10 percent in 2008 and lowered to 7 percent in January 2010 — enacted under Onorato's term in Allegheny County. He also drew parallels between Onorato and Governor Ed Rendell's "tax and spend" mentality.

"I'm offering economic opportunity while he's offering negativity," Corbett said.

After Corbett exited, Fulton County Commissioner Bonnie Keefer said she was pleased with many of the ideas the candidate offered in his speech, especially his emphasis on curbing

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## Reasons why

**Home Rule Charter:** The borough cannot legally appoint members. Some members felt students do not "give a darn" about 80 percent of the issues addressed by the borough.

**The next step:** Plans to talk with other Big Ten schools, surrounding area town officials to gage how a non-voting student member has worked for their town-gown dynamic.

## Relay for Life fundraising hits the open road

By Paul Osolnick  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

A 100-mile motorcycle ride will be held by Restek's Relay for Life team on Saturday to raise money for the American Cancer Society.

The "Revved Up for Fun" second annual motorcycle poker run will start at Restek Corporation, 110 Benner Circle in Bellefonte.

Jim Richards, a volunteer for the event, said about 50 riders have pre-registered for the charity

event. Registration on the day of the event goes from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The event will have motorcyclists ride a 100-mile loop around the area stopping at three specific locations to pick up a poker card. Along with the card received at the beginning and end of the ride, the biker will have to make the best five-card hand. The rider with the best hand will win \$75, Richards said.

The total ride — including

stops — takes about two and a half hours to complete, Richards said. Motorcyclists can get at their own pace during the ride as the winner of the poker run is determined at the end of the event, Richards said.

Richards said about 170 riders participated in last year's ride — raising roughly \$6,500. This year, the team is hoping to break the 200-rider mark, he said.

Liz Kauffman, community

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Participants walk at Relay for Life.