

# Students speak out in silence

By Micah Wintner  
COLLEGIAN STAFF WRITER

For Natalie Plumb, Tuesday was a day to stand up for the rights of those unable to stand up for themselves.

Plumb (junior-journalism) participated in the Pro-Life Day of Solidarity, a project that aims to educate others about the consequences of abortion.

Students who participated in the event went through the day with red tape over their mouths, symbolizing the silenced voices of aborted babies.

Students participating passed out flyers explaining what they were doing, since they were unable to explain vocally.

According to the flyer, 4,000 fetuses a year "have their lives ended in the name of choice."

The event was hosted by Penn State Students for Life, but is a project of Pro-Life Ministries, a religious organization based out of Ohio.

Last year Students for Life partnered with the Center for Bio-

Ethical Reform and held up pictures of aborted babies to show how abortion is similar to the Holocaust and genocide, Students for Life Vice President David Ogar said.

Ogar (senior-health policy and administration) said Students for Life did not show the pictures this year because the cost of bringing the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform back to campus was too high.

Despite the controversy caused by the pictures last year, Ogar said they will be back soon.

"I believe the pictures are worth a thousand words," he said.

Stephanie DiBello, Students for Life president, said the club is against anything that "hinders people's lives from conception to natural life," such as suicide and abortion.

"[The event] would be a success if we got some people to just think about the issue a little bit more if they saw us and found out what was going on," DiBello said.

DiBello said some students opted to fast instead of tape their mouths, and some students who

were not talking would break their silence if it was necessary.

"Sometimes it makes sense to break your silence and tell [people] about it," she said. "It makes more sense to talk if they're going to miss out if you don't say anything."

According to the event's official website, 3,847 colleges were registered for the event. Registration was not limited to the United States, and included participants from Ukraine and Australia, among others.

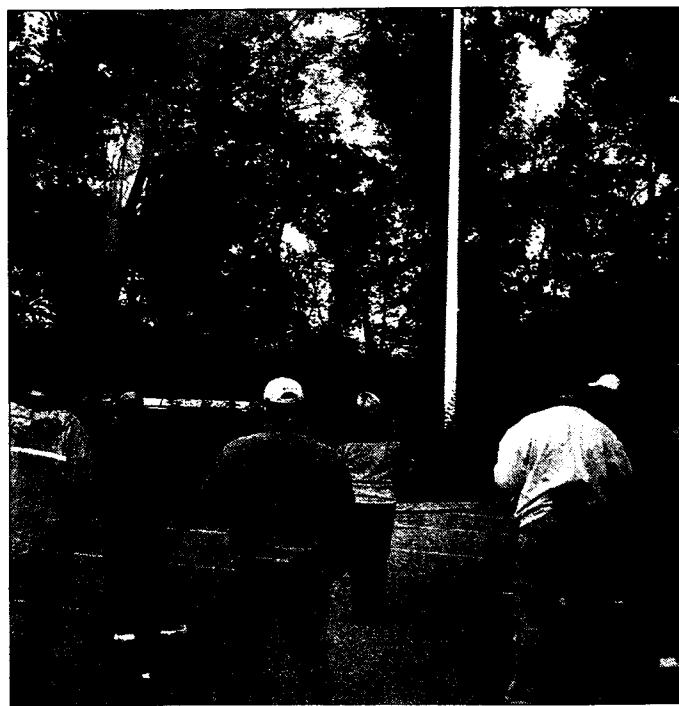
Bryan Kemper, president of Stand True Ministries, said the Pro-Life Day of Solidarity has been going on for seven years — Penn State was one of the first schools to register for the event when it first started.

Kemper said he was pleased with the number of colleges registered for the event.

He said he received word that his organization was responsible for seven canceled abortions Tuesday.

To e-mail reporter: [maw5438@psu.edu](mailto:maw5438@psu.edu)

## SMOKE SIGNALS



Kelly Rootes-Murdy/Collegian

The Penn State Smoke School truck gives a demonstration to a group looking to get their smoke reading certification. The truck was used in a course at the Penn State Conference Center.

## Observers: Onorato won debate

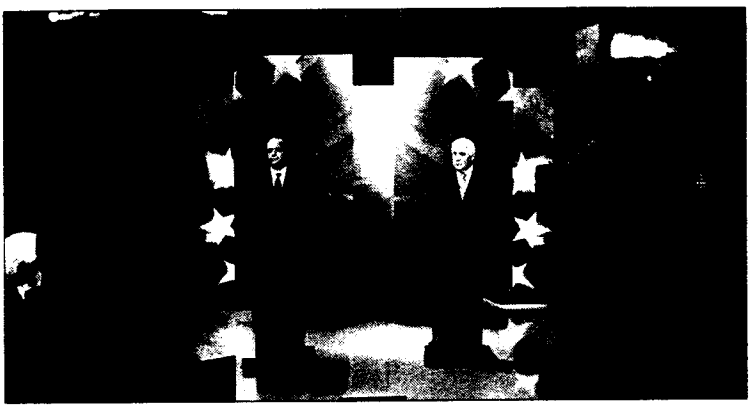
By Peter Jackson  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Democratic nominee Dan Onorato won the final debate of Pennsylvania's gubernatorial campaign on technical points, political observers said Tuesday.

But he failed to weaken Republican rival Tom Corbett's status as front-runner or shatter the monotony of the race, they added.

Onorato, the elected executive of Allegheny County, and Corbett, the state attorney general, squared off for the third and last time in Philadelphia on Monday night.

"Onorato's a better debater. He has more facility with the language. He has more command of the issues. Corbett is just steady as she goes — cautious and very plainspoken," said G. Terry Madonna, a pollster at Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster.



Matt Rourke/Associated Press

Candidates for Pennsylvania governor Dan Onorato, left, and Tom Corbett debate at the WPVI-TV studio in Philadelphia on Monday.

Two weeks out from the Nov. 2 election, Onorato "... needs something that startles and motivates his voters" if he hopes to win, Madonna said.

Christopher Borick, a professor and pollster at Muhlenberg College in Allentown, said neither candidate was "clearly superior," but Onorato claimed a tactical advantage.

"In terms of a head-to-head performance, Onorato presented himself better than Corbett. ... But in terms of the big picture ... Tom Corbett could be very satisfied with the way the night went," Borick said.

In Monday night's hourlong debate in Philadelphia, the candidates broke little new ground.

"Each of them has a goal," Madonna said. "Corbett's goal is to make no mistakes, do no harm. Onorato's goal is to try to make the differences big enough to move voters, to change the campaign."

Onorato questioned Corbett's repeated tweeking of his no-new-taxes pledge and charged that Corbett's opposition to a new tax on natural gas drilling reflects the more than \$350,000 the industry has contributed to his campaign this year.

## Military to accept openly gay recruits

By Anne Flaherty  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN DIEGO — The military is accepting openly gay recruits for the first time in the nation's history, even as it tries in the courts to slow the movement to abolish its "don't ask, don't tell" policy.

Some gay activist groups were planning to send people to enlist at recruiting stations to test the Pentagon's Tuesday announcement.

Meanwhile, a federal judge in California whose ruling last week brought the 17-year policy the closest yet to being overturned was likely to reject the government's latest effort to halt her order telling the military to stop enforcing the law.

The Justice Department will likely appeal if she does not suspend her order.

The Defense Department has said it would comply with U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' order and had frozen any dis-

charge cases. But at least one case was reported of a man being turned away from an Army recruiting office in Austin, Texas.

Pentagon spokeswoman Cynthia Smith said recruiters had been given top-level guidance to accept applicants who say they are gay.

Recruiters also have been told to inform potential recruits that the moratorium on enforcement of the policy could be reversed at any time, if the ruling is appealed or the court grants a stay, she said.

While activists were going to enlist, gay rights groups were continuing to tell service members to avoid revealing that they are gay, fearing they could find themselves in trouble should the law be reinstated.

An Air Force officer and co-founder of a gay service member support group called OutServe said financial considerations are playing a big role in gay service members staying quiet.

Last fall **1,393,829** copies of The Daily Collegian were picked up on campus.

The Daily Collegian

Our Advertising Works. Call (814) 865-2531 Today!

Affordable THE BEST DEAL IN STATE COLLEGE

Suit Packages \$159.99 (Suit only) \$199.99 (Suit + Shirt + Tie)

Mon. - Fri. 10-8 Sat. 10-6, Sun. 12-5

CONNECTIONS 130 S. Allen St. | 814-237-5462

Stay up to date on deadlines and promotions!

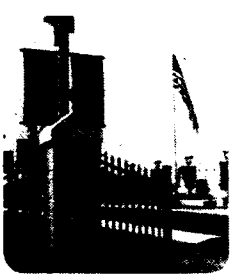
Follow me! twitter

www.twitter.com/mycollegianad



It starts with one visit.

## OPEN HOUSE



Sunday  
**October 24**  
9 a.m.-3 p.m.

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER  
[www.pct.edu](http://www.pct.edu)

degrees that work.

**Pennsylvania College of Technology**  
PENN STATE



Penn College\* is a special mission affiliate of Penn State, committed to applied technology education.

NOW OPEN  
STATE COLLEGE

WE TREAT INJURIES AND ILLNESSES FOR ALL AGES.

- + JUST WALK IN.
- + ALWAYS A PHYSICIAN ON SITE.
- + MOST INSURANCE ACCEPTED BUT NOT REQUIRED.
- + X-RAYS, LABS, EKGs, IVs, MINOR SURGERY.

**today**  
great care  
just got faster.

We're proud to announce the opening of our new location in State College. With no appointments necessary and convenient hours, we're here for you and your family delivering the best urgent care, fast. So you can quickly get on with the rest of your day.

Open Every Day  
9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**MedExpress+**  
URGENT CARE Great Care. Fast.

STATE COLLEGE  
1613 North Atherton Street  
Across from Walmart  
814-238-1066

[medexpress.com](http://medexpress.com)