

Candidates battle for governor

Corbett vows to reduce spending

Series note: This is the final installment in a three-part series on candidates in the state's midterm elections.

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In college he was a lacrosse player and lifeguard, but since then Republican gubernatorial candidate Tom Corbett has accumulated a laundry list of experience serving Pennsylvania.

A 1971 graduate of Lebanon Valley College, Corbett majored in political science and served in the Pennsylvania National Guard, moving up the ranks to captain. He also went to St. Mary's University School of Law, where he earned a law degree in 1975.

After teaching for a year at Pine Grove Area High School, he was elected Assistant District Attorney in Allegheny County.

During that tenure, Corbett continued watching the political scene in Western Pennsylvania and eventually became a council committee member for the Republican party and was named a United States attorney.

He contributed to former governor Tom Ridge's campaign in the early '90s. Ridge appointed him to fill former Attorney General Ernie Preate's position when he resigned in 1995.

Corbett spent some time in both the



Corbett

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Onorato touts his past experience

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If elected, he would be the first Penn State alumnus to hold the office of governor of Pennsylvania.

Dan Onorato, Class of 1983, always had an interest in political science and history, but he spent all four of his college years in State College studying accounting and wasn't involved in any campus political groups.

In fact, he worked as a public accountant before moving on to the University of Pittsburgh School of Law and working as a lawyer.



"I was interested in the impact elected leaders can have on a community," Onorato said. "I realized I wanted a chance to run for office and get some thing done."

That was when he decided to run for Pittsburgh City Council, and he has been serving in elected office ever since. After eight years as city councilman, Onorato served one four-year term as Allegheny County controller, and is now in the third year of his second term as Allegheny County executive.

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THON canning kicks off

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To most people, cans are used to store food — but to many Penn State students, a can means a lot more.

There's something else being put in the fairly small seven-by-six-inch bronze cans — millions of dollars.

Four weekends out of the year, student organizations, fraternities, and sororities alike band together to solicit donations by "canning" in the name of finding a cure for pediatric cancer.

From driving hours in the car while giving up a weekend of sleep to standing on a street corner in chilly weather, students involved in the Interfraternity Council Panhellenic Dance Marathon know the hard work it takes to raise \$7,838,054.36.

And when students go on canning trips this weekend, they will do so with a slightly different message imprinted on their cans. This year, the message will read, "Help kids fight cancer," not the previous "Help kids with cancer."

"It's a stronger call to action," THON Public Relations Overall Chairwoman Jony Rommel said.

The 46-hour dance marathon is only a fragment of the work that goes into raising money for the Four Diamonds Fund, Rommel (senior-philosophy) said.

"Canning is a great representation of one million \$1 donors, rather than one single \$1 million donor," Rommel said.

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Amanda August/Collegian
Students ask for donations during a canning weekend last year.

A SEAT AT THE TABLE



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The State College Borough Council voted in favor of a student representative position. It will be the first time since 1979 a student has served on council.

UPUA, students make history

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When the State College Borough Council unanimously passed a resolution to establish a student representative on council Monday, they gave back a voice to students that's been lost for more than 30 years.

According to Collegian archives, the last time a student served on council was in 1979.

Mayor Elizabeth Goreham said the passing of the resolution marks a historic moment.

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Elizabeth Goreham
State College Mayor

"We haven't had ongoing contact with students," Goreham said. "[This resolution] is a hallmark of town-gown relations and us wanting to meet and discuss and understand each other." In 1973, Dean Phillips was the

first of only three students ever elected to the State College Borough Council as a council member. Now, he said he wants to meet University Park Undergraduate Association President Christian Ragland.

Phillips said he is impressed with Ragland (senior-political science) and other student government members for taking the initiative to try and gain student voice on council.

On Monday, this voice became a reality when the resolution was passed.

"We've never had an official student representative before," Goreham said. "Although a student representative was once elected to council, it's been awhile."

Council member Don Hahn said though there has been contact between students and council members before, it has terminated once the student graduates.

With the resolution, it allows for a perpetual student voice on council, which is why Hahn said

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East Halls loses hot water, heat for night

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Maintenance workers turned off the hot water and heat in East Halls from 9 p.m. Thursday to 6 a.m. today so they could fix a leak in the main steam pipes — pipes that are critical for the Penn State Food Services sanitation process.

The leak was found about two weeks ago and was going to be fixed during Thanksgiving break, Office of Physical Plant spokesman Paul Ruskin said.

But because it was deteriorating faster than expected, he said officials moved the repair process forward, since steam is needed for proper sanitation.

"Students need to eat," Ruskin said. "Without steam you can't sanitize anything."

Officials checked the gasket during the summer because it was 20 years old, which is typically the maximum life span for those types of pipes. But the gasket proved to be in good condition at the time.

Though some students said

the loss of water was inconvenient, Ruskin said there was no better time to repair the pipes.

"We wanted to be proactive and repair the pipes now to negate the possibilities of interrupting Food Services in the future," he said.

All East Halls residents were notified via email of the emergency hot water and heat shutdown on Wednesday, Oct. 21 by their building's coordinator from East Halls Office of Residence Life.

Signs were posted throughout the dormitories notifying students about the maintenance workers' plans.

Penn State buildings retain heat well, so there was minimal heat loss if all of the students kept their windows closed, Ruskin said.

"Winter is coming. If we had waited until the gasket completely deteriorated, it would probably be even colder outside when we turn the heat off. In addition, the pipes could freeze

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Beloved musical wows audience

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A cheering, packed room after Thursday night's performance of "A Chorus Line" was a testament to the relevance and power of the musical that still remains a "singular sensation" 35 years after it premiered on Broadway.

Broadway's longest running musical hit the stage in the Eisenhower Auditorium for one night only, featuring two Penn

State alumnae in the cast.

An empty theater and a bare stage is the setting for "A Chorus Line," and 17 dancers are auditioning for the chance of a lifetime: to dance in the chorus of a Broadway musical.

During the musical the director, played by Ryan Steer, asks each dancer to talk about what isn't listed on their resume.

"I just want to hear you talk and be yourselves," he says.

One by one each character

reveals the stories from their pasts that made them who they are now: some funny, some inspiring, many heartbreaking.

Penn State alumna Gina Duci played Diana Morales — the energetic Puerto Rican girl from the Bronx who sings about how her high school drama teacher told her she could never be an actress.

Duci also provided optimism toward the end of the musical,

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Chloe Elmer/Collegian

Cast members of "A Chorus Line" perform on Thursday night.