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other than UP. This reorganization could pull campuses and resources together. At Behrend, a cluster may be formed with the Shenango and DuBois campuses.

Dr. Jim Kurre, professor of economics, stressed that Behrend "is serious about teaching and serious about research." Dr. Kurre questioned Dr. Spanier about the reorganization of commonwealth campuses and growth of the Penn State system.

In the future, Dr. Spanier sees increased physical growth and enrollment in the commonwealth campuses. These increases would lead to increases in resources. "Generated resources should stay where they are generated," said Dr. Spanier.

An issue concerning student

facilities that would encourage students to stay at Behrend was addressed by Herb Lauffer, Athletic Director.

A multi-purpose facility was approved in 1988 for Behrend, but funding has not been available. Lauffer pointed out that while Behrend continues to grow, funds are scarce.

Dr. Spanier responded that Penn State is going to remain a positive force in Harrisburg concerning funding. He also agreed with Lauffer that a multi-purpose facility could be the "missing link" needed by Behrend.

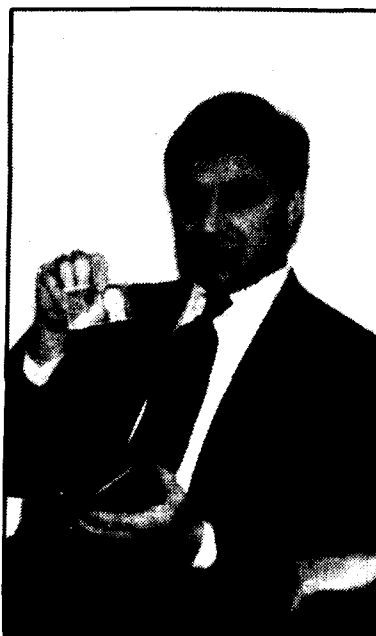
As for funding, Dr. Spanier said that while there may be \$100 million worth of approved buildings, there is no funding. Dr. Spanier did point out that the new residence hall will be constructed for Behrend is a sign

of growth.

Dr. Diana Hume-George, professor of English and Women's Studies, is worried about the education offered to students at Behrend.

Dr. Hume-George stressed the importance of student-centered education that offers students a "way to think about thinking, to think about arts as well as about technology." Dr. Hume-George said she wants Behrend to retain its integrity while continuing to grow.

Dr. Spanier responded that while he is worried, he is "incredibly optimistic" about Behrend's future. He believes that while Behrend continues to grow and move ahead, it can still attract excellent faculty members.



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ID PLEASE? Spanier shows his Penn State ID to students.

Goal for Behrend

by Danielle M. Murphy
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"My goal for this University is to be in the top institutions in the United States in integration of teaching, research and service," said Dr. Graham B. Spanier, University President, during his State-of-the-University Address in September. "We are currently one of the leading institutions in each of these three broad areas, viewed separately."

Dr. Spanier launched a tour of Penn State's 23 commonwealth campuses shortly after this address. Dr. Spanier is also visiting high schools and civic organizations in these areas. The tour was planned to rededicate the University to the to the people of Pennsylvania and to reinforce Penn State's commitment to its diverse constituencies.

This ambitious agenda is characteristic of Dr. Spanier, who has been dedicated to excellence in teaching, national competitiveness in research and scholarship, and distinctions in the delivery of service programs associated with land-grant traditions.

For Penn State's future, Dr. Spanier plans growth, in all aspects. He encourages a campus atmosphere of tolerance and diversity and an increase in facilities and opportunities available to students and faculty. Dr. Spanier wants to improve student services through information technology and customer service.

Before he became university president, Dr. Spanier served as chancellor of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln from 1991 to 1995. Dr. Spanier has held administrative positions at other universities including Penn State, where he was a faculty member from 1973 to 1982.

Dr. Spanier, a researcher and scholar, has more than 100 scholarly publications, including ten books. He is a family sociologist, demographer and marriage and family therapist. Dr. Spanier earned his Ph.D. in sociology from Northwestern University, where he was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow. His bachelor's and master's degrees were earned from Iowa State University.

Dr. Spanier has held several positions of national leadership in higher education, including several boards and commissions. He has also served as president and chairperson for councils and boards of directors.

In his spare time, Dr. Spanier is a magician and holds a commercial pilot's license. He is also an avid fan of intercollegiate sports. His wife, Sandra, is an English professor specializing in 20th Century American Literature. They have two children, Brian and Hadley.

CCSG President joins Spanier

by Danielle M. Murphy
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Matt Plocki, Commonwealth Campus Student Government Coordinator joined President Graham B. Spanier on his tour of Penn State-Behrend and will attend other tours with the president.

"I enjoy seeing all the campuses," said Plocki who attends University Park. "It really gives me a good feel for what I am advocating for them."

There have been many references to the restructuring of commonwealth campuses

including the creation of multi-campus clusters. "We are very excited about the restructuring of the campuses," said Plocki about CCSG's position on restructuring. "We look on it in a very positive manner."

"It's going to be a very hard year because of the options that we have [concerning restructuring]," Plocki continued. "But in the long run it's going to benefit the students and the University."

How this will affect students at commonwealth campuses varies. "The options vary at different campuses," said Plocki. "One

thing we do know is that anybody who starts in a program will be able to finish that program. It's not going to directly affect the people in those programs right now."

"It's not going to affect present students as much as it's going to affect future students," Plocki continued, "And it's going to affect them in a very positive manner that possibly they'll be able to finish their four-year degree close to home. Hopefully, they won't have to go to UP to finish their degree."

"Hopefully, there will be opening up more opportunities

when it comes to degree completion and graduate centers," added Plocki.

Through restructuring, enrollment will increase at the commonwealth campuses where there will be tremendous growth in undergraduate services. At UP, growth will be concentrated in graduate programs.

"I'd like to see more residential campuses," said Plocki. "At campuses that already have residential houses already, I'd like to see those increase."

"I think all together it's a very positive thing for the campuses," Plocki concluded about reorganization of commonwealth campuses.

The beginning of this semester saw controversy concerning the implementation of the student activities fee. The \$25 fee will increase funding for student clubs and organizations. The fee, which originated at Behrend, faced some opposition at UP.

"I was a very big supporter of the student activities fee," said Plocki. "I support the fee for many reasons. First and the main reason because activities of the campuses appear to be lacking and I feel the student activities fee is one way to get activities up to par."

The fee has passed the Board of Trustees and now needs an implementation committee. According to Plocki, the committee will be chosen by Dr. Spanier and Bill Asbury, vice-president of Student Affairs next week.

Police and Safety Report

October 22: A resident of Niagara reported that someone had broken the window next to the south door of the building.

October 24: A student reported someone had taken laundry from the Tigress Hall laundry room.

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