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Changes planned

BEHREND-Penn State University released plans last month to create a new Commonwealth College last month. However, no decision has been made over who will be the college's dean.

Robert Dunham, senior vice president and dean of the Commonwealth Education System is a possible candidate for the dean position, but Dr. Graham B. Spanier, University President, has not made a final decision yet.

"Since I'm sort of responsible for 18 [campuses] now, it would be easy to suggest I become the dean because I'm dean of the CES now," said Dunham in the Feb. 28 *Weekly Collegian*.

The Commonwealth College will include 12 campuses currently in the CES system. None of the campuses will be closed.

According to Dunham, these changes will go into affect July 1, 1997.

Other plans for the CES include the creation of four-year colleges. The Abington-Ogontz and Altoona campuses may become four-year colleges.

There is a possibility that the Allentown and Berks campuses will combine to form a four-year college. There are no changes planned for Penn State Erie and Penn State Harrisburg and the University's Hershey Medical Center.

Many students have voiced concern over being able to go to University Park after two years.

"Students will be able to start anywhere and will be able to transfer to an upper-division campus," Dunham said. "There will be no restrictions."

Faculty members will also be affected by changes at the CES campuses.

One change will be that the

grant tenure to faculty.

Faculty are now granted tenure through their colleges. Under the new plan, they will now have the option of switching their tenure to the Commonwealth College.

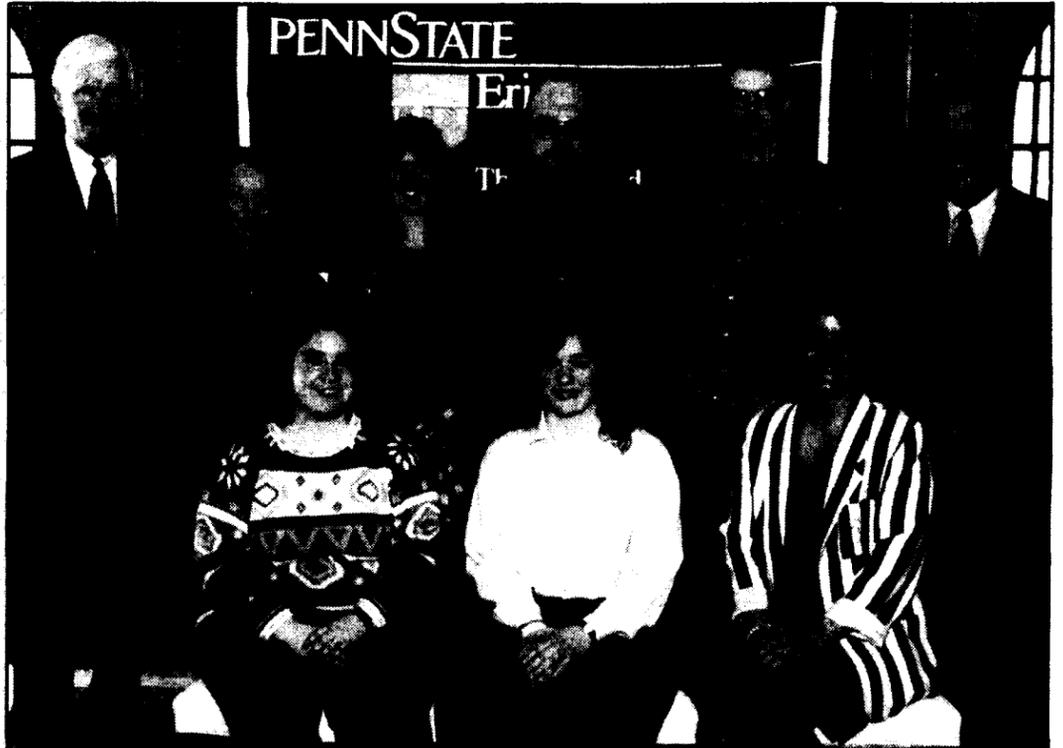
According to Dunham, the benefits will be the same. For faculty members who are not tenured yet, the people who evaluate them for tenure will change.

A campus committee, the campus executive officer, a college committee and the Commonwealth College dean will evaluate them, said Dunham. Currently, people at University Park evaluate faculty for tenure.

The next step in CES changes is to have the campuses review the plan.

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And the winner is



Scholarship winners: Dr. John Litley, provost and dean, and Dr. Steven deHart, coordinator of the Dresden program, pose with the recipients of the study abroad scholarships. The students received \$500 scholarships to study in Dresden, Germany for a month beginning May 8. The Dresden study abroad program is the only study abroad program at Behrend College.

Spring break sacrifices

by Bryan Harkins
Collegian Staff

Most people viewed their Spring Break as a time to get away and relax. Some saw it as an opportunity to catch up on homework.

However, for a small group of students from Behrend College, it was a chance to reach out a helping hand. This group of students chose to participate in the Alternative Spring Break in Baltimore, MD.

The students left for Baltimore Sunday, March 3 and began the trip home the following Friday.

While in Baltimore, all but two students worked at a soup kitchen, Our Daily Bread. The food served at Our Daily Bread was home-cooked and donated by a number of people.

The other two students worked at a women's shelter in Baltimore.

Sarah Rogers, a fourth semester Electrical Engineering major, was one of the two students to work at the women's shelter. While at the shelter, students experienced the daily life of a homeless person.

"There was a lot of sitting around waiting. We experienced the homeless way of life," said Rogers.

The shelter was run by Rogers' sister.

As for the other students, working in the soup kitchen was also a learning experience.

Lara Hermann, a fourth semester DUS student, said, "I think it was a great experience. I learned a lot about other people and I had a really fun time."

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-Phatsala Saysana*

The soup kitchen also taught students about the homeless and how it can easily affect people.

Rich Hollerman, a sixth semester Electrical Engineering major, said, "It showed me that the homeless are people. Now I can put a face to the word. It also showed me that [homelessness] can happen to anyone. Some of the people

there were dressed in suits, and some were not dressed quite that well."

The program was not only fun for the Behrend students, but it taught them valuable lessons.

"The poor are really rich because they have so much faith. They have so little, and still give. Really, you have to live it to understand it. [The Alternative Spring Break] gave me a whole new perspective. It was awesome," said Phatsala Saysana, a second semester General Arts and Sciences major.

As a break from their work, the students spent Wednesday in Washington, DC.

The trip was sponsored by the Office of Student Activities and Campus Ministry.

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