

## Pryor makes OSU his priority

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The wait is over. Almost a month after National Signing Day, Terrelle Pryor has made his decision: he is going to "The University of Ohio State." What school that is I do not know, but if I am thinking correctly, what Pryor meant to say on Wednesday, March 19 when he made his announcement, was that he plans on attending The Ohio State University.

Some consider Pryor to be one of the top recruits in the nation. As quarterback for his football team and forward for his basketball team, he led Jeannette High School to a state championship in PIAA Class AA. He made the announcement Wednesday morning in the Jeannette Senior High School auditorium.

Throughout his football and basketball seasons, the 6-6, 235-pound Pryor was busy thinking about his top four college picks: Oregon State, Penn State, University of Michigan and Ohio State.

Pryor says the reason he chose not to go to Oregon was because it is too far away for family and friends to come watch him play. After encouragement from his father to look more closely at Penn State, he nixed playing under the infamous Joe Pa saying after an unofficial visit that he did not like the area because it was "too country."

Some are concerned that Pryor may be too drawn into the media world. He has already made refer-

ence to being fed up with all of the media hype over what his decision would be. Even while the pressure of deciding was temporarily dismissed during his basketball season, he still managed to remain in the limelight after his basketball team got into a scuffle with another team during playoffs.

Despite the encouragement from mentor and Steelers quarterback Charlie Batch to attend Michigan, Pryor still chose to be a Buckeye. Pryor did not give a particular reason for not choosing Michigan. The Wolverines' offense is similar to Jeannette's and Pryor says he feels like he let Michigan head coach Rich Rodriguez down.

Pryor was the first football player in Pennsylvania to both rush and pass for more than 4,000 yards. He has been heavily recruited on a nationwide basis for both football and basketball. Just last week he received a call from the University of Southern California head coach Tim Floyd to say the Trojans still wanted him on their team.



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Terrelle Pryor announced his decision that he will be playing for The Ohio State Buckeyes.

Although I'm sure Penn State is flooded with disappointment that the all-star did not choose Happy Valley, he still had a few good things to say about the school. He told reporters after the press conference that he "loved" defensive coordinator Tom Bradley.

The Buckeye's 2008 season kicks off on Saturday, Aug. 30 against Youngstown State.

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## Behrend softball looking for another championship

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The Penn State Behrend softball team took their spring training down to Clermont, Florida for their Spring Break. From March 8-14, the women played two games per day against a handful of opponents. The Blue and White wrapped up the week with a record of 8-2.

The women come into the season with a successful year in 2007 owning a record of 29-16 and a trip to the ECAC Tournament for the first time since 1995. The 2008 team poses a strong chance for success for Behrend as they return seven starters and four other roster players.

Stacey Pondo returns for her fifth year as head coach for the Lions. Pondo is assisted by coaches Joe Dulak, Karla Murray and Tom Jakubowski. In 2006, after winning the AMCC Championship, Pondo coached the women to their first NCAA Tournament appearance. Along with coaching, Pondo is also the assistant to the director of athletics. In 2006, she was named the AMCC Coach of the Year. In 2005, she took Behrend to the AMCC semifinals and was named AMCC Co-Coach of the Year.

Eleven players from the 2007 season return to the 2008 roster, including seven starters. Lauren Lubic is the only senior on the team this year followed by 10 standout juniors. Three of the 10 juniors are All-AMCC First-Team players. Julie Koman will lead the team from the mound, while Nikki Kaschauer will hold down second base and Katie Whitby in centerfield. Kaschauer was named the AMCC Softball Player of the Week and Koman was named the AMCC Pitcher of the Week for the week of March 17.

Other juniors contributing to the team are infielder Rachel Lawrence, outfielder Allison Babish, catcher Lindsay Baughman, third basemen Michelle Zil, first base/pitcher Laura Frisckorn, first basemen Kelly Houghton and infielder Cassie Miksic.

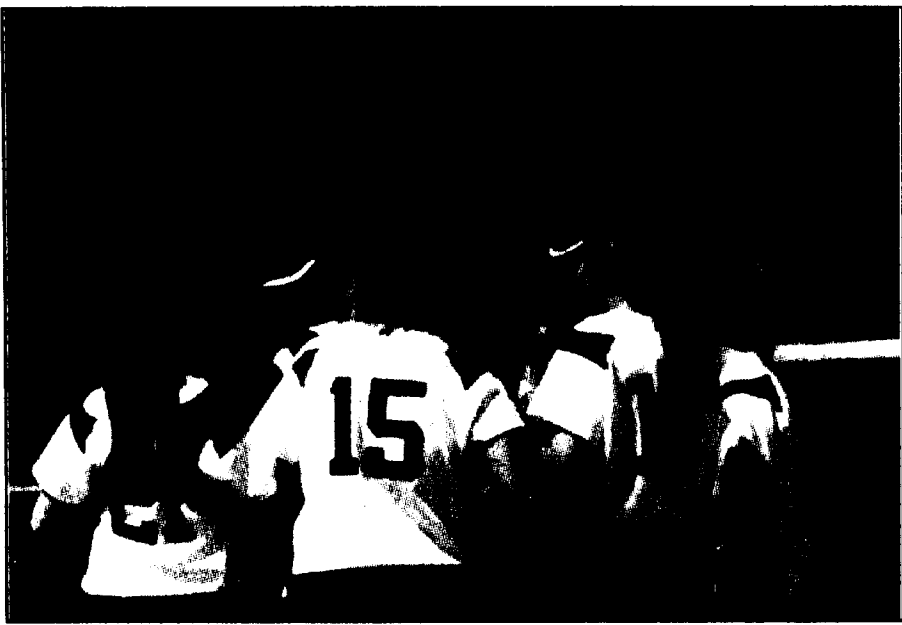
The freshmen class comprises almost half of the team. Making up the under-

classmen are pitcher/outfielder Brooke Callen, pitcher/first baseman Maddie Wieser, outfielder Sara Conti, shortstop/second baseman Kelsey Mulhollem, pitcher/first baseman Kacy Magnone, catcher Justine Yoder, outfielder Lia Sorce and third baseman/second baseman Beth Papala.

While in Florida, Behrend went up against a handful of teams from varying areas, including another Penn State campus. Of the teams were The College of New Jersey, whom they went on to beat twice, Westfield College, whom they won one and lost one to, Ripon College, whom they also won one and lost another to; Penn State Abington, whom they beat twice and Daniel Webster College, whom they also went on to defeat twice.

Opponents for the regular season include Grove City, Washington and Jefferson, Frostburg College, Penn State Altoona, Thiel, Pitt Bradford, Mt. Aloysius, Pitt Greensburg, Hiram, Lake Erie, Westminster, La Roche and Hilbert.

The Behrend Lions will begin conference play on Wednesday, March 26 when they take on the Medaille Mavericks at home at 3 p.m.



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The Penn State Behrend softball team gather around head coach Stacey Pondo as they look towards winning another AMCC Championship.

## ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



NAME: Julie Koman  
SPORT: Softball  
CLASS: Junior  
DATE: March 21, 2008

Penn State Behrend junior Julie Koman (McKees Rocks/Montour) has been named the ENTERPRISE RENT-A-CAR athlete of the week for the week of March 17, 2008.

Over spring break, the Behrend women's softball team traveled to Clermont, FL to open up their season. The women posted an 8-2 record overall over a six-day stretch of play. Koman stood out for the blue and white, winning in all five games she pitched last week. Julie posted 30 strikes in 35 innings of work, including a no-hitter against Wesfield. She allowed only six earned runs on 22 hits while on the mound.

The team open up AMCC play with a double header against Medaille college on Wednesday, March 26. Games will be played at Penn State Behrend softball field, with play beginning at 3 p.m. The Behrend Lions will go on to host Grove City college on Thursday, March 27, with games beginning at 3:30 p.m.

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