

Court date set for charged student

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New information has been released regarding the Oct. 25 arrest of Penn State Behrend Sophomore Vincent Citriniti.

According to the office of Erie County Magisterial District Judge Mark Krahe, Citriniti was arraigned by Judge Brenda Williams-Nichols on Saturday, Oct. 25 at 4:45 a.m. Krahe's office stated that Citriniti was detained from Oct. 25 through Monday, Oct. 27. According to court documents, Citriniti's bail was set at \$10,000, with a posting of 5 percent required for his release.

According to Pennsylvania State Police Trooper Steve Farabaugh, Citriniti admitted to taking drugs on the night of his arrest. Farabaugh stated that no drug charges will be levied against Citriniti, as there is no law against being under the influence of illegal substances.

According to Krahe's office, Citriniti has a preliminary hearing scheduled for Dec. 4 at 4:00 p.m., where he faces eight counts including: Burglary, Criminal Trespass, Harassment, Criminal Mischief, Indecent Exposure, Resisting Arrest, Indecent Assault, and a summary traffic violation.

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Student housing problem persists in Erie

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Residents of Erie continue to have problems with college and university students living in rental houses throughout the city. The city council is looking into new legislation that would restrict the student population to areas directly surrounding the schools in the area. The Erie Police Department is doing its own part by patrolling problematic areas on nights and weekends.

Erie City Police Chief Steve Franklin says that the student housing situation in Erie has become a "major problem from a minor problem." Franklin, like many city officials, can attest to the fact that some students living in the city are being disruptive, which leads to tension between students and other residents.

The complaints the police department deals with are the same problems the city has had to contend with over the past couple of years, including: Code violations, loud parties, trash and litter, cars backed up on lawns. As a response, the Erie police created a "nuisance bar task force" to handle the complaints related to student housing.

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Bus stops at Behrend



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Former Steeler runningback Jerome Bettis spoke to over 2000 people in the Junker Center Thursday night.

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Jerome Bettis, a former Pittsburgh Steeler's runningback, spoke at a packed Junker Center on Thursday as part of Behrend's Speaker Series.

The overall purpose of Bettis's message was to speak about championship decisions and share his football experiences.

Bettis drew students, faculty and members of the public to the Behrend campus. Over 2,000 people gathered to listen to the speech entitled "Championship Choices."

"I was very excited when I found out Jerome was coming," said freshman Emily Griffith. "I've

seen him speak before, and he is very inspirational and down to earth."

Bettis, also known as "The Bus," has achieved much success on the football field throughout his 13 year career. He won awards that include Rookie of the Year (1993), NFL Comeback Player of the Year (1996), six Pro-Bowl and three All-Pro selections, and what he considers to be his greatest accomplishment, Super Bowl XL champion. Playing in a total of 192 games, he ranks fifth in all-time rushing in the NFL with 13,662 yards.

Not only did Bettis receive awards on the field but also off the field. In 2001, he won the Walter Payton Man of the Year award for his volunteer and charity work.

The Bus Stops Here Foundation and the Asthma

All-Stars Program are two major charity works that Bettis is involved with. According to Bettis's official website, The Bus Stops Here Foundation began in 1996 and improves the quality of life for troubled and underprivileged children in America's inner cities.

Bettis spent the majority of his NFL career with the Steelers. From 1996-2006, he played in over 160 games for the black and gold.

Surprisingly "The Bus" was not raised on football- bowling was his sport. With two older siblings going to college, he knew that money was short and his family wouldn't be able to pay for his college education.

"I thought to myself, 'my older brother and sister are both going to college so there won't be

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Behrend plans for homecoming

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Basketball, drag queens, and hot cocoa. What do they have in common? All three are involved in major events coming up in what is to be the first Penn State Behrend Homecoming celebration in many years, starting Dec. 1.

"This is the first homecoming in a couple years, says the President of the Homecoming Committee, Amy Wagner. "It is all about celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Behrend and we want it to be huge."

There are many activities that are being planned for the week, starting Monday with Jersey Day and a scavenger hunt.

"The purpose of the scavenger hunt is to help lower the number of nominations of homecoming

court," says Wagner. "It is also open to all students on campus. All questions and objects are going to be about the past 60 years of Behrend."

The scavenger hunt will start at 9 a.m. and conclude at 8 p.m. It is required for all homecoming court nominees, but is open to the whole campus.

Tuesday is Pink and Black Day in order to celebrate the original colors of Penn State. Along with Pink and Black Day, the Winter Fest on Tuesday is drawing much hype. These festivities start at 6 p.m. and will not end until 10 p.m. There will be many activities including sledding, Broomball, and Iditarod.

Iditarod is a team racing obstacle course that will start at the Junker Center and go around the science buildings, ending at the Wilson Picnic Grove, where the competitors will be greeted with hot cocoa and S'mores.

Tommy Kozma, a freshman at Behrend majoring in electrical engineering was particularly excited about this day because he had no idea about the homecoming celebrations. "I like that, it's kind of like Matt Holiday being traded. Disappointing, except homecoming will be great so I guess it's not like that at all, but I'm a big fan of hot cocoa."

Throughout the evening will also be another sporting event known as Broomball, and if you're not into sports, you can always relax by the bonfire or go ice-skating. The SGA has been working hard using the Student Activity Fee to sponsor many of these activities, including bringing an ice rink to the campus for Tuesday night.

Following the Winter Fest will be Penn State Pride Day. On Wednesday, the home opener for both men and women's basketball games will take place.

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Friday: Cloudy. High 59 F. Winds SSW
15 to 25 mph.
Saturday: Cloudy, periods of rain.
High 49F.
Sunday: Mostly cloudy and windy with
snow showers. High 35 F.

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