

# CAMPUS NEWS

## Bettis speaks at Junker

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enough money for me to attend college," said Bettis.

At this time in Bettis's life, he realized that it would take other means to get him to college. Football would be Bettis's answer and ticket to college.

"The Bus" began his football career as a freshman in high school, which was a very late start compared to many NFL athletes. Bettis knew nothing about the game, let alone what position he would play.

"When I showed up for practice the first day, the coaches asked me what position I played," explained Bettis. "I looked at them and said 'What position does it look like I play?'"

Bettis did not play the runningback position until his junior year. His freshman year, he was a linebacker, while his sophomore year brought a position change placing him at tightend and nose guard.

Bettis's hard work and determination to go to college paid off as he received a scholarship to play at Notre Dame College. According to the Official Website of Jerome "The Bus" Bettis, he averaged 5.7 yards per carry while rushing a total of 337 times for 1,912 yards.

During Bettis's speech at the Junker Center he said that he hoped to win two National Championships at Notre Dame. Unfortunately for "The Bus", he did not become a champion in his college career.

Bettis was drafted tenth over-

all in the 1993 draft by the Los Angeles Rams where he played three seasons before going to the Steelers.

"I thought that I was the missing piece to the Steelers," said Bettis. "I believed that it was

drained and was set for retirement after the 2004-2005 season.

In the 2005-2006 season, Bettis finally accomplished what he had been wanting to do his entire life; to be a champion.

*"A champion doesn't look like anyone. To be a champion you have to have love and passion for what it is that you are doing, commitment, and a strong work ethic."*

**- Jerome Bettis**

the opportunity of a lifetime."

Bettis thought that he would finally become a champion shortly after signing with the Steelers. Little did "The Bus" know that it would take ten more years for him to finally raise the Vince Lombardi trophy and be called an NFL Champion.

At the Junker Center, "The Bus" emphasized the fact that every year he would hope to win the Super Bowl. He said that he was physically and emotionally

The Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL by a score of 21-10.

The Super Bowl was played in Bettis's hometown of Detroit, Mich. which made the victory extra special and unique.

"So what does a champion look like?" Bettis asked. "A champion doesn't look like anyone. To be a champion you have to have love and passion for what it is that you are doing, commitment, and a strong work ethic."



KEEGAN MCGREGOR/TheBehrendBeacon

Jerome Bettis spoke in the Junker Center on Thursday night.

### WEEKLY WEATHER

Courtesy of weather.com

**Monday: Snow showers. High 36F. Time to hit the slopes.**



**Tuesday: Windy with snow showers. High 32F.**



**Wednesday: Snow showers. High 36F.**



**Thursday: WSW 21 mph winds. Snow showers. High 39F.**



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## WHAT'S INSIDE

### Letter to the Editor:

Your October 31st editorial on the front page, along with page three, about the Behrend student who received multiple felony charges at the University Gates is libelous, and unwarranted. As a sophomore at Penn State Behrend I personally don't read our schools newspaper in order to derive my weekly source of gossip about what criminal actions our students have taken over the course of the weekend.

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### Matchbox Players liven up Behend

What does a rabid dog, a gorilla suit, and left handed scissors all have in common? Well, if you were playing Elevator, in this Tuesday's Improve night, hosted by the Matchbox Players, it would all make perfect sense.

The purpose of the Matchbox Players is to "promote the arts on campus," explains Craig Peffer, the group's secretary, and host for the evening. Peffer, lead the night in a wide range of games from the aforementioned Elevator to a game on advice, where one member of the audience would pose a question to a panel of three people.

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### Coach Dave Cooper to retire after eight years at Behrend

A journey of 39 years has finally come to an end for one of the area's track and field legends: Coach Dave Cooper. A high school coach for 31 years, and eight years at Penn State Erie, the Behrend College. Cooper will retire at the end of this season as the driving force behind the track and field and cross country programs.

As a coach at Union City High School, Cooper led the cross country program for 28 years, and served six years as the head coach of the track team. He created the girl's cross country program at the high school, and according to the Penn State Behrend website, captured ten conference crowns. He won the Boys' State Cross Country Championship title in 1996 and 1997, as well as runner-up in 1990, and also took 19 league titles, according to the Penn State Behrend website.

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