






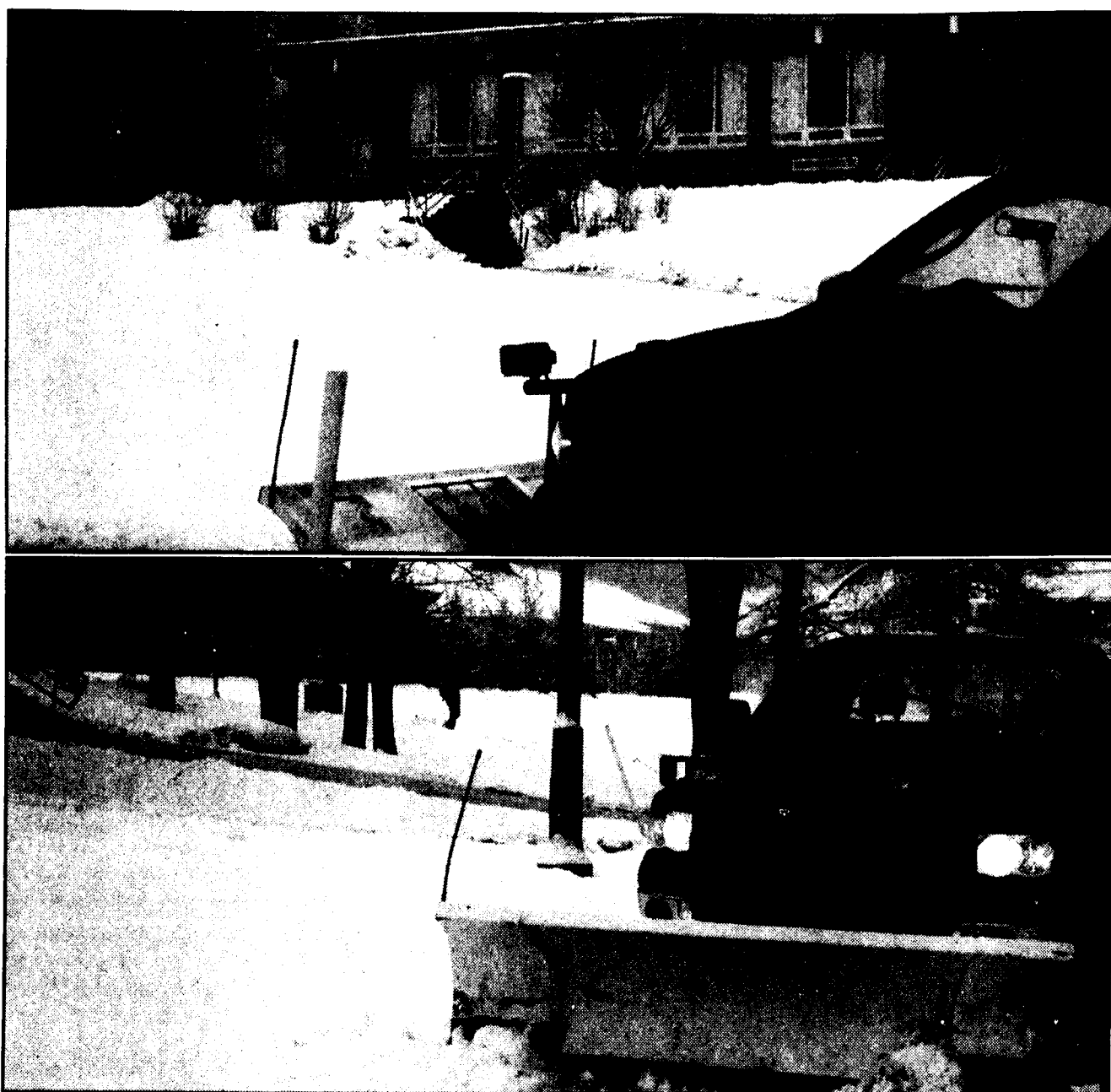


NEWS

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

SATURDAY	HIGH: 22	LOW: 16
	Very cold with flurries during the day.	
SUNDAY	HIGH: 27	LOW: 18
	Clouds and sun with flurries possible all day.	
MONDAY	HIGH: 28	LOW: 22
	Flurries in the morning; cloudy all day.	
TUESDAY	HIGH: 25	LOW: 12
	Cold with snow possible.	
WEDNESDAY	HIGH: 23	LOW: 10
	Very cold with snow possible.	
THURSDAY	HIGH: 22	LOW: 11
	Mostly cloudy, snow likely.	
FRIDAY	HIGH: 21	LOW: 8
	Very cold with snow.	

FOCAL POINTS



Two campus scenes of maintenance clearing sidewalks and steps, combating the winter weather.

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BEHREND BRIEFS

Counter inaugural event

On Jan 20, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in West Perry Square "A Public Witness to War and Pledge for Peace" will be made. There will be a public reading of the names of US fatalities in the Iraq war and sharing of soldier's letters. Sponsored by the Erie Peace & Justice Center and the Benedictine Sisters of Erie.

Cycling Club meeting

On Tuesday at 7 p.m. in Reed 112 a meeting of cycling enthusiasts will be held. Free pizza will be served and topics including road and mountain rides and club jerseys will be discussed.

Behrend's winter blowout

On Jan. 19 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the McGarvey Commons, the Behrend Greeks will host tarot card readings, hot chocolate, velcro wall climbing, caricatures and free food. The activities are funded by SAF and SGA.

POLICE AND SAFETY

1/5/2005

Computer center reported that a Gateway laptop computer in the library that was secured on a cart may be missing or stolen. The laptop was missing or stolen on or after Dec. 8. See report.

1/5/2005

PSP requested that we handle a non-reportable accident on Jordan Road. See non-reportable accident report.

1/10/2005

Complainant came to office to report two data projectors were taken out of rooms in the Behrend science building. See report.

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"Never look down on anybody unless you're helping him up."

— Jesse Jackson, American political activist and preacher (b. 1941)

Janet Neff Sample Center
for Manners & Civility



Asteroid named after Knacke

By Andy McNeil
opinion editor

What do the words professor, astronomer, amateur magician and asteroid have in common? They all describe Behrend's own Dr. Roger Knacke, professor of physics and astronomy. If you're studying astronomy or happen to look upward on one of the few days a year that Erie isn't cloudy, you'll see Knacke. The doctor now has an asteroid which bears his name.

"I'm sort of flattered and pleased to have an asteroid named after me," Knacke said.

The asteroid was named by the Minor Planet Center, a part of Cambridge, Massachusetts' Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory. The honor was published in the Minor Planet Circulars, a monthly journal.

"It acknowledges the people I've worked with and the students I've taught. They've made this possible," Knacke proudly stated.

Knacke, the asteroid, orbits around the main asteroid belt between Jupiter and Mars. The asteroid was originally discovered in 1978 by S.J. Bus and C.T.

Kowal at the Palomar Observatory in California.

Students may not realize this, but he does much more than assign homework. According to the Minor Planet Center, "Knacke studies interstellar ice and dust, comets and planetary atmospheres. Notable discoveries include the first direct observation of water in a comet and identification of a silicate emission in comets and circumstellar sources. He served as Infrared Discipline specialist for the International Halley Watch."

Knacke earned both his Bachelor of Science and doctorate in physics from the University of California, Berkeley. He has taught astronomy at the State University of New York at Stony Brook and, of course, continues to teach at Behrend. Knacke has been a scientist for several NASA locations including the Ames Research Center, the Max Planck Institute for Nuclear Physics in Germany and the Marshall Space Flight Center where he was a senior scientist.

Scientists and students are impressed alike. Astronomy 001 student Tim Inman (Econ 10) said, "every time I look to the sky, I think of Knacke and stand in awe."

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before the initial tsunami. Little boys went out to collect fish not expecting anything... shortly after there was a tsunami."

The devastation created by the tsunami was mixed with political problems in some countries. Andre Sanova, ACTNG 06, brings to light the political problems that resulted from the tsunami strikes in the separatist region of Indonesia.

"There is a growing concern that Aceh will be taken over by a different country because there are many separatists there." Prior to the disaster Aceh was one of Indonesia's most troubled regions.

This region houses many Islamic separatist that demand to autonomy from Indonesia. The concern is that the tsunamis may have created a chance for the separatist to cause more claim for their own nation.

Sri Lanka was hardest hit by the tsunami. According to Sify News Sri Lanka

Rug cutting in Student Activities Office

By Jenn Haight
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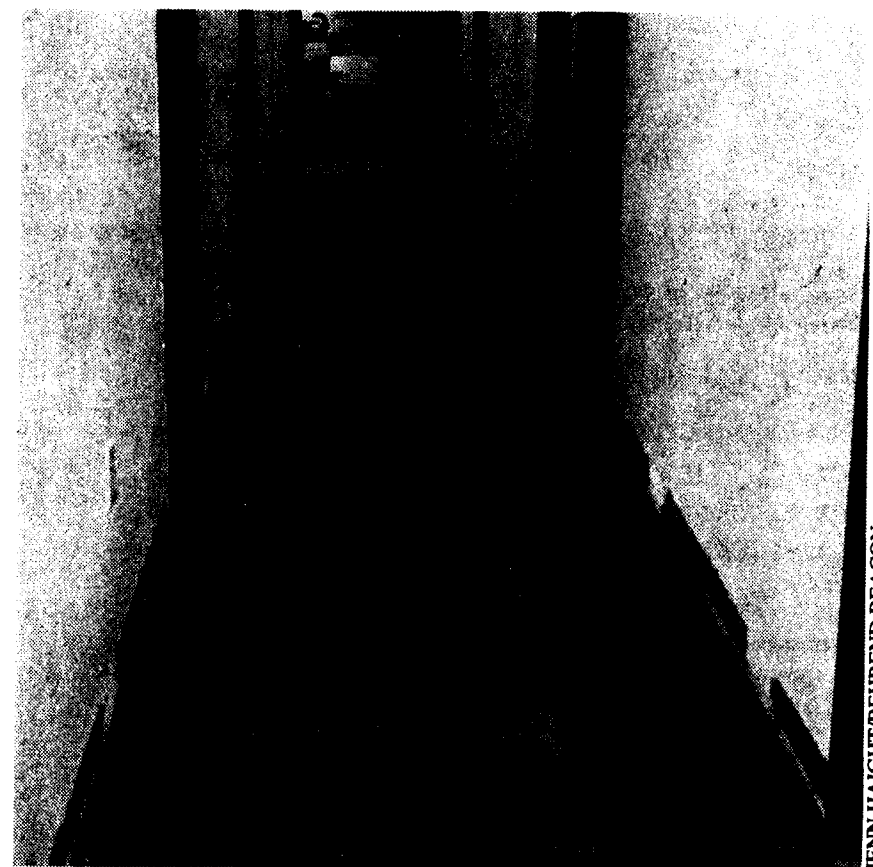
If you walked past the Student Activities Office during the first two days of the new semester, you may have noticed the mass of desks out in the hall. Perhaps you figured it out on your own, and if not, the office was replacing their old carpeting.

If you have seen the floor before, it was no wonder they were getting new carpet. "It was worn out and there was quite a bit of snagging," said Chris Rizzo, director of student activities. It was in bad shape, and was replaced "so people wouldn't trip," he also said. If you had noticed before, there were bubbles and humps where the floor should have been flat.

The carpet replacement was supposed to have happened over winter break. Why was it not done then, you ask? Rizzo said, "The contractor didn't get the appropriate glue on time." This caused over a week long delay.

Because of the minor delay, the employees at the Student Activities office had to "adapt and move traffic" through the McGarvey Commons to the back entrance to the office, said Rizzo.

Staff Assistant, Christa Morris had this to say, "My desk was moved into an empty office by the computer center, so I was able to get my work done."



A naked hallway in the Student Activities Office. The carpet in this office was replaced over winter break.

Shirelle Evans, a work study student said, "[she] was very distraught" that she couldn't work for the first few days of classes.

"The office looks more professional now," said Courtney Dick, a work study student in the Office of Student Activi-

ties, in regards to the new look.

Morris, Evans and Dick can all agree that the office has come a long way.

The next time you find yourself walking past the Student Activities Office, peak your head in and see the improvement for yourself.

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