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Racism: does Behrend have a problem?

*Open forum slated
for next Monday*

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"There's no dialogue without understanding," said Elvage Murphy, coordinator of human relations.

This is the basis for the upcoming discussion "Racism: A Fact or Myth" planned for 7:30 pm Monday, November 13 in Reed Lecture Hall.

It is a means to "Answer very simple questions that are very difficult to ask," said Murphy.

By exchanging views concerning racism, people can come to a greater understanding of others and themselves, according to Murphy.

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ABC President

Rommel Taylor, president of ABC, agrees. It will be an "informational meeting to destroy ignorance of racism," said Taylor.

"It's a good opportunity for students and faculty to express their points of view," said Murphy, "without feeling intimidated."

Murphy hopes that the relaxed environment will encourage people to speak their minds. However, he also stresses that it is not a free-for-all and encourages respect for others' opinions.

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There's no definite outline planned for the discussion. It will rely mostly on the crowd's participation.

The problem of past discussions has been that often the same group of students have attended. Murphy hopes that this topic will reach out to more people.

Results of a race relations poll taken earlier this year at Behrend will be revealed at the forum.

"Racism: A Fact or Myth" is one of the many programs that the office of student services has coordinated this year. Others have included topics such as exotic dancing as a form of expression, abortion, and race relationships in the 1990's. A discussion of pornography is planned for December.

Back in "The Pit"

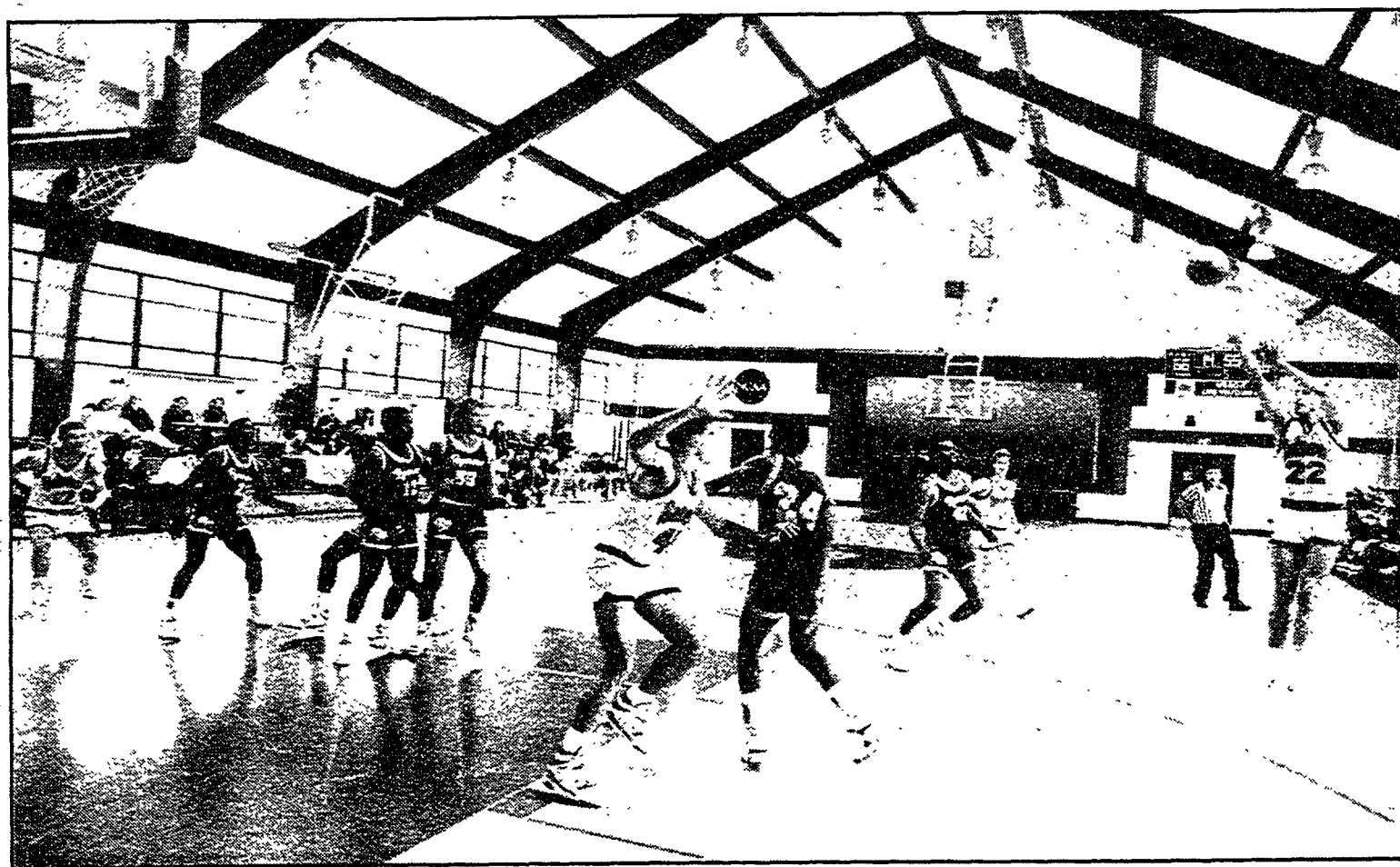


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Cowan for three: Behrend guard Jeff Cowan cranks up a three-point shot during second half action in Sunday's exhibition game against Ryerson Polytechnical Institute. The Lions won the game, 112-89. See photos and story on page 10.

Police Report

Officer stops possible theft of a staff vehicle; Two students charged with furnishing alcohol plead guilty to one count

by Carol Mandera
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On the evening of November 4, officer John Harrington may have stopped the theft of a staff member's car. In fact, the car belonged to Harrington.

After hearing a noise outside the police and safety office, Harrington investigated and stopped an unidentified male student who was running from the Administrative Parking Lot. The suspect threw a screwdriver onto the roof of South Cottage when

confronted.

Harrington then discovered one of his car's wheel covers had been removed from its rim. The case is still being investigated.

A minor, hit-and-run accident was reported on October 31. A female student reported that a chrome strip on her car was damaged while she was in class.

On November 3, police reports indicate one person was seriously injured when a pick-up truck rolled several times at the 5200 block of Station Road.

Officer Chip Sanders assisted Brookside Medic and The Pennsylvania State Police at the scene of an accident. No Behrend students were involved.

Patricia McCellan reported two students, originally charged with 36 counts of furnishing alcoholic beverages to minors, have pled guilty to one count on the advice of counsel. The two male students were arrested on September 21 following a party in their Perry Hall room. Fines and costs have not yet been set.