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EDITORIAL

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"Till death do us part"

Accused of murdering his ex-wife and her friend, Simpson the once all-American sports hero is currently waiting to face a grand jury that will decide his fate. Of all the controversy I've observed about this case the most interesting subtopic is the marital lives of Simpson. The performance we saw on the football field was certainly different from his rocky and sometimes brutal home life.

In 1967 Simpson married his high school sweetheart Marguerite Whitley and they had three children. During the height of Simpson's career, the 12-year marriage appeared normal to the public and little negative media attention was given to them until Simpson met and became involved with Nicole Brown in 1977. Brown was a 18-year-old waitress at the time and after a year Brown and Simpson moved in together.

Simpson's decision to move in with Brown came about at a time when he was still married to Whitley. A year later Simpson divorced his first wife. That was one marriage failed and the next didn't exactly beat the odds.

After living with Brown five years. The couple was married and that's the story that leads to the problems Simpson faces today began. From the arrest of Simpson in 1989 for spousal abuse to the public incidents the couple had, it was evident that the couple had problems that they knew they couldn't resolve. Brown filed for divorce in 1992.

Brown took custody of their two children along with a hefty settlement she received from her prenuptial agreement and \$10,000 a month in child support.

Even after the divorce, the media reported that Brown and Simpson continued to appear at public functions together and remained friends. Four months ago Brown and a friend were stabbed to death outside her home and Simpson was arrested and charged with the crime.

To many people O.J. was a hero that was greatly admired, but maybe that admiration was premature. Before he was a hero he was a man. A man that sometimes made bad choices and got himself into situations that could have probably been prevented. Perhaps O.J. should have remained with his first wife. Maybe it would have made all the difference or maybe not.

In any event, Simpson is now the hottest topic around any table and the outcome of this trial will be the event of the century.

Crystal Simenton

WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?



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LETTERS

SUAB sets goals; promises unity

Close your eyes. Picture entering the D. D. Jones Student Union Building and immediately smelling the fresh aroma of food from the cafeteria as well as the grill on the lower floor.

The heat from the warming system is easing to your skin, and the aches in your back are soothed by the soft, comfortable furniture as you fall ever so gently. Everyone's bright smiles greet you at the door as they ask you to follow them downstairs to join in a game of spades.

A smile shines across your face then turns upside down when you open your eyes to find that it was just your imagination. Instead of the warm smiles greeting you at the door, a cool chill runs up your sleeves as you reach out to touch the unused couches that sit in the lobby area.

All you hear is the echo of clanging silverware from the cafeteria and the chatter of diligent financial aid workers and maintenance men.

What can be done about this? Who can be called upon to help the students feel as if they had a place to bond

socially and culturally?

Courtney Bell, president of the many hard working and dedicated students in an organization called Student Union Advisory Board. Unfortunately, in the past, this organization has not been very successful. However, with determination and extreme dedication, they will become a successful item on this campus.

The purpose of SUAB is to give the D. D. Jones Student Union the purpose of being what it is — a union or a place of positive unity. "I feel that it should be a place of gathering for students at all times, not just during breakfast, lunch, and dinner," says Fanya Stansbury, vice president.

The organization takes heed to student suggestions, finds ways of negotiating successfully with the administration, and makes their goals into realities. Realities that will benefit the entire student body.

SUAB has set many detailed goals for this school term and to begin the year off with a bang beginning Fun Night Oct. 2. Fun Night is expected to be a major event in which students throughout the Triad are to meet in the union to engage and mingle for games, music, and food. This event is free.

Toshanique Paulley and Nia Reid, two very active students on campus say that SUAB is more than an organization but a necessity since the students at Bennett do not visit the Union unless they have important business there.

Unity was known for holding the African American community together. However, unity seems to be slowly disintegrating. The members of SUAB feel that the Bennett student body may be victims of non-unity and will start where the problem lies — in the Student Union.

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the changes of campus security, while others are simply aggravated with the transition.

Tara Price, a junior psychology major from Middletown, Conn., said, "I am pleased with the temporary security company's efforts to secure our campus, but I'll feel much safer when the campus police finally comes. Everything's okay except for the fact that they don't have keys."

Currently, the Triton

Security Co. guards have no keys because they are temporary security. Locks on the doors of all the campus buildings have been changed due to the transition, and administration says that the new keys will only be distributed to our official police.

To ensure that no duplicates are made, there will be a new system developed involving the access of keys to campus facilities.

"Administration wants all students to continue to offer their opinions and ideas about our new security system," Mosby said.

"I would like to have feedback from students on how they feel the new police is monitoring the campus and what you'd like to see done," Hopkins said.

"Always remember that security is here to assist you, not to harass you."