

# Editorials

## The Juice Is Loose...

Jon Ostendorff  
Editor

I, like many other Americans, watched the final verdict of the O.J. Simpson Trial last Tuesday. I, like many other Americans, also became caught up in the excitement. I participated in the circus and the carnival. However, unlike many other Americans, I did not perceive this trial as a racial issue or message. I am in disbelief over how the News media and the American people have divided this into a black or white opinion. Is the race problem really this bad? Or has the media coverage of the trial only inflamed and agitated the issue? I sincerely hope it is the latter of the two.

There is evidence to support the media coverage theory. It could be

argued that it all started with Time Magazine's fiasco of distorting O.J.'s picture by darkening it. It has apparently ended with the TV News choosing a racial angle with their opinion poles. Every pole I have seen is divided into black and white opinion, saying that this many blacks think O.J. is innocent and this many whites think O.J. is guilty. The live coverage of the people's reaction to the verdict is even worse, with groups of black people cheering and white people in some state of mortal shock! According to the media there is not a black person who thinks O.J. is guilty and not white person who believes in the innocent verdict. This is simply not true. These opinions are not

covered because they destroy the media's angle. This angle is intended to captivate and interest their viewers. Unfortunately, it does just that. Maybe this is where the real problem lies.

This is 1995 America. This isn't the 50's; this problem should have ended long ago. (for some strange reason I thought it did.) It's time to wake up and realize that this sort of racial thinking is not only foolish and ignorant, but it will also destroy our country. Do not believe the News medias' biased and sensational angel that every black person thinks differently than whites. Do not believe Oprah Winfrey's opinion that most white people think like Mark Furhman. Once

these ideas are accepted, they become truths. I sincerely hope that they are not and do not become truths.

Some time Tuesday evening, after all the yelling and excitement had died down, it occurred to me that two people have been brutally murdered and the fate of one man's life has been decided. When I saw the pictures of the two small Simpson children, I felt a great guilt over the silly bet I made on the fate of their father's life. These are the realities of this, and they are the realities of domestic violence trials that take place every day. This is the message that we should receive from the Trial of the Century. If this disgusting media exploitation causes only one person to realize this, then maybe, just maybe, it was worth it.

## Letters To The Editor

Dear Editor

I would like to publicly thank the students who work in the Math Lab for the excellent work they are doing this semester. A lot is asked of our student tutors and Andro Abashidze, Erica McIntosh, Jeff Stroud, and Greg DeStefano have exceeded all expectations. If you haven't visited the Math Lab we invite you to give us a try. We are located in Room 110 of the Moore Scinence Building and we are open from 6:30 to 8:30 pm Monday night and 6:30 to 8:30 pm on Wensday evening. The Math Lab is for all of our students, whether you need a lot of help or a little. It is a good place to do your homework-if you have a problem help is available immediately. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,  
Don Lander

Dear College Family:

I came to Brevard College in 1978 as the Men's Soccer Coach, Women's Basketball Coach, Director of Student Activities, Director of Green Residence Hall, and Physical Education Instructor. In the fall of 1980, I was named the Dean of Student Affairs--a position in which I served for 8 years. I was the Athletic Director for a year before becoming the Vice President for Institutional Advancement. I share that history as a way to highlight my understanding of students, diversity of experience, and commitment to Brevard College.

On Thursday evening, October 5, 1995, my family and I decided to have a quick dinner at the college cafeteria. The moment I walked into the lobby of Myers Dining Hall, I knew it was going to be a rowdy night. Three students were arguing with the door monitor, and the noise level was much higher than normal. As soon as I walked up to pick up my tray, I caught a glance of flying food through the corner of my eye. Next, a student stood up and threw his entire plate on another student.

Later, my sons (ages 8 and 13 and were raised on this campus) went to get some frozen yogurt. They came back to the table amazed at the level of profanity being used by students. In fact, they seemed somewhat frightened by the entire situation.

It was an unbelievable evening--an unacceptable evening. The behavior displayed was early adolescent at best. The faculty, staff, and even more so the students should not tolerate this type of activity. After all, the cafeteria is designed to serve the COLLEGE community. It distresses me greatly that I must now worry whether or not I should bring my family to the cafeteria that I have enjoyed for 18 years.

Regretfully,  
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Vice President for Institutional Advancement

## Privacy Is An Issue

Shelby Hepler  
Asst. Editor

The days of community showers are almost over at Brevard College. Or are they? Students in Green Hall don't think so.

Before the freshmen entered Brevard College this fall, they received a newsletter from Brevard called "Tornado Trackings." In this newsletter, it ran an article that said the showers in Green Hall were being separated from the rest of the bathroom, and added ventilation was being installed. These new shower rooms were supposed to have their own shower stalls for privacy.

To the surprise of the freshmen and returning sophomores, the bathrooms on the first, second, and third floor of Green Hall were the same as last year. No changes, no curtains, no shower stalls, and no added ventilation. Though, the basement floor of Green Hall had a brand new bathroom with all the trimmings. Most of the students on the rest of the floors in Green felt a little cheated on the bathroom situation. Freshmen Dwayne Eury felt at least we could have had curtains.

Director of Housing, Steve Woodson was asked about the bathrooms and said, "Because of time and funds, the rest of the bathrooms could not be finished, although hopefully over Christmas break the rest of the renovations could be completed".

It seems that this is not the best way to start the year with new students, sharing a bathroom with a whole hall is not that bad, but when you have to share a huge walk in shower with everyone, privacy comes into the situation. When a hall has to put a time limit on students showering, you have to wonder how clean a person can get. Maybe when the housing department realized that funds and time were running scarce, they could have held off on the renovation of the basement bathroom and used those funds to put curtains in the whole dorm. Then over Christmas they could have renovated all four floors.

One final plea to the Housing Department, remember that some of us are not as fortunate to have semi-private baths and some of us are not even fortunate to have private baths. The private bathrooms are something that students asked for, but when will we get them?

*Letters are Welcome*  
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