SPORTS

The Volleyball team took an 8-1 Newberry team into five games on Wednesday, September 19, before falling to the Indians in South Atlantic Conference Play.



Jessica Whitmire prepares for a spike in Wednesday's volleyball game against Newberry.

Get arrested for stealing memorabilia? Brilliant!

by Joseph Chilton Managing Editor

O.J. Simpson has been all over the news this week after being arrested last Sunday for allegedly entering a hotel room with several other men and robbing a man at gunpoint of other \$100,000 worth of O.J. Simpson memorabilia.

All week, whenever the Juice is brought up in conversation around me, all I hear people saying are things along the lines of, "O.J. Simpson must be the dumbest human being on the face of the planet."

I beg to differ. I say that O.J. Simpson may be dumb, but he is dumb like a fox.

As everybody knows, O.J. Simpson was acquitted on double murder charges during the "Trial of the Century" in 1995. A lesser known fact, however, is that a civil court found the former Heismanwinner guilty, and ordered him to pay \$33.5 million in retribution to the families of his victims.

In the twelve years since this ruling, O.J. has gone practically bankrupt, even resulting to selling his Heisman Trophy in order to scrape by. According to the *NY Daily News*, with the interest that has accrued on this debt, Simpson now owes about \$38 million.

It is because of this debt that the actions of O.J. Simpson last weekend do not seem all that dumb to me.

According to the website bloggingvegas.com, the Clark County District Attorney's office has brought nine charges against Simpson relating to the break-in. Unless O.J. can somehow conjure up the ghost of Johnny Cochran, he is going to jail for a long, long time.

Simpson is already 60 years old, and he no longer has the fiscal means necessary to assemble a defense "dream team" like the one he had in 1995, so it is entirely conceivable that he will spend the rest of his days behind bars for armed robbery.

According to ESPN, when he was questioned regarding this case, Simpson told investigators, "I thought what happened in Vegas stayed in Vegas." This does not seem like the type of thing a man who wants to stay a free man would say.

There are two things that could possibly come of O.J.'s trial in this case. He can either stay a free man and continue to sell everything that has ever meant anything to him in an attempt to pay his debts, or he can rot in jail, where probably should have spent the last 12 years anyway.

It seems to me as if at this point in his life O.J. is willingly accepting the second option. Because of this, O.J. Simpson, I half-heartedly salute you, for proving that while crime may not pay, at least it can keep a person from having to.

Weekly Sports Calendar

Football

Sept. 22- vs. Chowan

Volleyball

Sept. 22 vs. Lincoln Memorial

Sept. 25 vs. Carson-Newman

Men's Soccer

Sept. 22- at Lincoln Memorial

Sept. 25- vs. Mars Hill

Sept. 26- vs. Erskine

Women's Soccer

Sept. 22- vs. Tusculum

Sept. 26- at Converse

Cycling

Sept. 22/23- at Florida State

