

## The Trial of the Century

Television network sticians estimate that more than 150 million Americans - almost 60 percent of the population - tuned in to watch the outcome of the O.J. Simpson trial. Given this figure, it is no wonder the trial has been dubbed the "Trial of the Century." Whether you believe O.J. is guilty or innocent, there is another matter to consider. How, you may ask, did a double murder trial escalate into such a mega-event? It seems to be an example of reciprocity between the American public and the media. When we the public, hunger for every minute detail and juicy tidbit of any event or inividual, the media satisfies our appetite by serving up some hot-of-the-press, never seen or heard before information. It is at this point that the real pandemonium begins. In the quest for the ultimate scoop, certain members of the media drudge up facts the general public does not need to know. For example, must we know aspects of Kato Kaelin's personal life? Is that really relevant? Also is it any of our business what will happen to the youngest Simpson children? Admittedly, there have been a few important issues spotlighted as a result of the Simpson court proceedings, such as racial prejudices within our police departments and elsewhere and the spousal abuse Nicole Simpson reportedly endured. These are topics that definitely need to be addressed. Evidently the reciprocity policy does have its downfalls. This is why we, as the American public, should be responsible about what we read, view or hear. We have all been sucked in by the media vacuum at one time or another. When it happens continually, does that make us suckers? You decide.

Oh, speaking of the O.J. Simpson trial, here is what some WCC students had to say about the verdict:

"I think that if it had been just any average person, he or she would have been convicted a long time ago without a whole lot said about it." - Kelaiya Le Masters

"After such a short deliberation, I knew what the verdict would be." - Michael Holleman

"I think it was fair." - Michelle Chappell

"I was getting tired of hearing about it and seeing it on television. I am relieved it's over." - Tanya Ladd

"I feel that O.J. was falsely accused of a crime, and despite lies, lies and distortion of facts by the police and prosecution, the jury listened carefully to the evidence and determined that the so-called evidence was not logical. Despite this verdict, the press and much of the public continue to condemn him of the crime. Would you call that justice? Is it liberty and justice for all or only for those you agree with?" - Matthew Jackson

"I think his fame had a lot to do with it." - Jason Holbrook

"I was not happy with the verdict. I thought he was guilty." - Crystal Osbourne.

- Alisha Edwards

## O'Light

When deciding a career path, a person chooses a career out of a desire to make a difference, to make a vast improvement, or simply because it would be enjoyable. All of these rules apply when a person decides to become a teacher/instructor. Imagine what it would be like to help mold a student's thought process, ideas, and values. And to watch a student brain-storm, oh, what satisfaction a teacher must feel! To witness lanterns flash on in the eyes of the teachables must be very rewarding and heartfelt to those who have bestowed it. Yes, all of these are true, but so are the unteachables: those who are rarely prepared for class, forget paper and pencil, or even the class textbook. There are also some students who enter a classroom fifteen minutes or more after the class has started. Or how about the students who actually cat-nap during class time. Unfortunately, there are also some student who are rude and impolite to those who would like to teach them and the rest who are in the classroom.

To be a student in college must mean that all students enrolled would like to make a change in their life. Please, remember that the change to be made is in your life, not the instructor's life. Instructors are here to help the process of change and to light the lanterns of thought.

- Christine Boulton

## Cougar Cry Cubs Needed

Winter Quarter is almost upon us, and new season of the *Cougar Cry*, as well as of the year, is about to begin. The Winter editions of the *Cougar Cry* offer students many opportunities to explore the life of Wilkes Community College, including Winter sports, concerts, plays, and other on-campus entertainments, as well as student organizations and opinions. Any student interested in writing for the Winter editions of the *Cougar Cry* should register for one of the Journalism courses offered in the *Winter Quarter Tabloid*. These courses are listed as To Be Arranged, which means students who work for the *Cougar Cry* may keep their own hours. Writing for the newspaper is very satisfying work, and it is a lifeline to the happenings at Wilkes Community College. All students at WCC are encouraged to submit articles to the *Cougar Cry* editors, Amber Burgess or Christy Blevins. Any student may submit articles to the paper, regardless of whether he or she is registered for the class.

## Writers

Attention all writers!!! the December issue of the *Cougar Cry* is offering all Wilkes Community College Writers a chance to be published. The December issue will present a writer's forum for all fiction, essays, poetry, and other forms of literature submitted by students, faculty, and staff. Everyone is encouraged to write.



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