

Simpson Trial

On Friday, June 17, Orenthal James Simpson was charged with the brutal double murder of ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ron Goldman. Simpson has pleaded innocent to this charge and is awaiting trial, without bond, in a 6-by-9 cell at the Los-Angeles County Men's Central Jail.

Simpson's trial took place Wednesday, October 5. Superior court magistrate Judge Lance Ito will oversee the proceedings of the Simpson trial. Both the defense and the prosecution have hired "trial consultants" to determine the best possible jurors, which will not be easy considering the popularity of the case.

The evidence that O.J.'s blood was found at the crime scene, DNA tests have proven that the blood samples taken from Nicole Simpson's walkway matches O.J.'s. The chances of a second person with the same matching pattern can be one in tens of millions. Another strong piece of evidence is the blood soaked glove that was found at the Simpson home, which was matched to the one found beside Ron Goldman's body. Recent tests also suggest that blood found in Simpson's Ford Bronco may match Nicole's.

The defense will argue that the blood found at the crime scene and in Simpson's Bronco could match thousands and that the DNA testing was handled inefficiently. The defense will also attempt to discredit LAPD detective Mark Fuhrman, who found the bloody glove outside Simpson's guest house. Characterizing Fuhrman as a rogue cop and a racist.

The prosecution is expected to seek life imprisonment over the death

penalty believing that it would be difficult to persuade a jury to sentence Simpson to death due to his celebrity status. Defense attorney Robert Shapiro will go head to head with prosecuting attorney Gil Garcetti to prove his client's innocence, which will not be easy considering the evidence against Simpson. According to a nationwide poll of American lawyers 55% expect Simpson's trial to end with a hung jury. Whatever the outcome this will be the most publicized and exploited trial in American history.

Comments of the students:

-Shelia Sparks: The case has been so exploited that it would be impossible to find an unbiased jury. I believe it will end in a hung jury.

-Marcus Pearson: I think he'll be found not guilty because it would have took two or more people to commit the murder.

-John Wellman: I believe he'll be found not guilty and then sue the L.A. police department.

-Scott Eddy: He'll be found not guilty because the L.A. police department didn't have a warrant to search his estate.

-Chris Wagoner: This is the first time a trial of this magnitude and this exploited has come to court. I think it will set a precedence for future celebrity trials. I believe it will end in a hung jury.

Poll results from the students on the outcome of the trial:

-Innocent - 33%

-Guilty - 47%

Hung Jury - 20%

Majority of women thinks Simpson is guilty.

-John Vaught

College Faculty Cutbacks

In view of the college cutbacks there have been several disadvantages. After talking with several of the faculty, the situation seems to be one with a lot of pressure. The classes are somewhat overflowing. In one class there are more students than computers to work on. Many of the teachers are having less time to prepare for classes because of the increased work load. With declining enrollment already a problem, it seems that the cutbacks could make it an even greater one. While the teachers have less time to prepare, they also have less time to pay attention to students with special needs therefore making the failure rate higher. Many of the teachers feel

they should have known about the problem sooner. In reference to part-time teachers, this seemed to alleviate a heavy work load for the full-time teachers. Many times a part-time teacher could teach a night class or help out during the day in case of sickness or unexpected problems.

As for saving the college money, they probably won't really know until a little farther into the year. It is seriously doubted that an excessive amount of money will be saved.

With the many students that this college has helped to educate, I only hope that there will be many more still to pass this way.

Brian Elledge

You Are What You Think

Momma Hen found a peacock's egg and placed it with her own.

When the eggs hatched, all the chicks, including the baby peacock, cackled and scratched for seed as Momma Hen did.

Chicks they were; chicks they acted. And so did the baby peacock.

One day, the baby peacock saw a beautiful bird proudly strutting and displaying its fan shimmering with iri-

descent color.

"What kind of fantastic creature is that?" he pecked at Momma Hen.

"A peacock," said Momma. "And there's no need to be jealous because he's so handsome. You were born a fowl; fowl you will remain. Just be satisfied you can scratch out a good living."

And that baby peacock remained a chicken all the days of his life.

Citizens Celebrate The Vote

Since 1828, the people of Sussex County, Delaware, have *literally* celebrated election returns.

It all started when the people of Delaware were given the right to vote for delegates to the Electoral College — rather than have them chosen by the legislature. Polling booths were set up in each Delaware town and then the marked ballots were sent to Georgetown, the county seat, to be tallied. People would pour into Georgetown

on the Thursday after election day to hear the results.

So Nov. 10, 1994, citizens of Sussex County will be gathered outside Georgetown's courthouse to hear the election results read from the balcony of the red brick, Greek Revival building. Return Day has become a festival, complete with an ox roast on the village green.

Shouldn't all Americans be that excited about their right to vote?!

Education Matters!

People with fewer years of formal education are more likely to have unhealthy lifestyles and risk factors that are linked to an increased risk of heart disease, according to a new analysis of the Framingham Offspring Study. Cigarette smoking, physical activity, weight (for women), alcohol consumption, total cholesterol, high-density lipoprotein (HDL) cholesterol, and systolic blood pressure are all related to an individual's educational level.

Epidemiologists have long known

that smoking rates are higher among people with fewer years of formal education. In the past 20 years, the drop in the death rate from coronary heart disease (CHD) has been tied to declining smoking rates among more highly educated segments of the population. The Framingham analysis provides new evidence that the drop in mortality from CHD also may be related to better cholesterol and blood pressure levels among people with more years of education.

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Honor All Unknown Soldiers

On the morning of Nov. 11, 1921, the third anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I, the American Unknown Soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery on the banks of the Potomac.

Only three weeks before this soldier rested among the unidentified dead beneath the battlefields of France. His coffin was one of four picked at random from the four main battlefields and carried to a flag-draped room in the City Hall of Chalon-sur-Marne where, in a solemn ceremony, Sgt. Younger made the final selection by dropping roses on the earth-stained coffin of his choice.

Reaching Washington on Nov. 9, the body of the unknown soldier lay

in state in the rotunda of the Capitol surrounded by floral tributes from kings and common folk and with an unending stream of grateful Americans passing in silent homage. Early on the morning of the 11th, a distinguished cavalcade headed by President Warren G. Harding and two former presidents escorted the casket across the river to the cemetery. There, in the presence of a great throng, this *American soldier known but to God* was laid to rest in *honored glory*.

He represents all in American history, past and present, who "gave the last full measure of devotion," as President Lincoln put it so well at Gettysburg.