

**Commentary**

**Juicing Up for '95: The O.J. Simpson Saga Continues**

Guilty or not guilty. That is the thought that occupies the minds of millions of Americans these days. Why?

Observation Deck

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This week marks the beginning of the trial of O.J. Simpson for the double murders of Nicole Brown and Ronald Goldman. Everyone is done arguing about what can and cannot be submitted as evidence. The jury has been selected. Opening statements are being made.

Why the fascination with this particular trial?

Some will say, news worthiness. Some say the fall of a recognized sports icon. For others, just plain curiosity. After all, it has been a while since the media made such a circus of a tragic event. Manson, Bundy, Menendez. These names have faded, giving way for the new cry in '95: Give us the "juice."

For those of you who have studied the law in any capacity, whether it be criminal, business or mass media law, you know how confusing and unclear it can be. How will the law-making body, assembled in the Los Angeles Superior Court, be able to dispense justice when so many viewpoints will come to bear?

Take the defendant, for example. He is not an everyday, average citizen. He was a Heisman Trophy winner, number 32 for the Buffalo Bills, spokesman for Hertz and co-star in the *Naked Gun* movies. Why would someone who has all this want to ruin it by breaking the law? Or, as it is in the movies, has he

been falsely accused?

"This is not a character assassination," L.A. Deputy District Attorney Christopher Darden pointed out in his opening statements. "What we will present is evidence of a person, his life, his conduct and his relationship with one of the victims. We will look at a person who had to have control, and when he couldn't stand the thought of losing her (Nicole), he murdered her. That is the evidence we will present at this trial." Maybe not an assassination, but rather, a slow demise by painful injection of evidence.

So, what if he is not guilty? The supposition that one is guilty has ruined many reputations, destroyed families and in some cases, even taken innocent lives. If a "not guilty" verdict is reached, will the "juice" be able to reclaim his former life or self?

The bottom line in all of this has made many students and statesmen look at the law as it exists today. Does it work, or better yet, will it work as we enter into a new century? Will the guilty get off by virtue of financial status? Will innocence be tried, convicted and sentenced, simply because talented prosecutors have "evidence"?

For now, we can only sit and wait and wait. No soaps, talk shows or cartoons. For the next few weeks, it's a steady diet of prosecution and defense, guilty or not guilty. So get out your knitting or copy of Dante's *Inferno*. It's going to be a long winter.



Students don't mind waiting in such a comfortable lobby.

**SHC Offers On-Campus TLC**

**Get low-cost relief from that long winter cold**

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It's raining again in the desert. And it's cold, damp cold. Perfect weather to catch the 1994-95 version of a cold and flu.

Here's what to look out for: headache, a grumpy, flu feeling, sinus congestion and a cough that makes passers-by cross the street to get away from you. You're not quite sick enough to stay in bed and you're not quite well enough to go anywhere. If you've tried the chicken soup remedy, gone through several bottles of Robitussin and choked through a couple of boxes of Alka-Seltzer Plus cold stuff and you still don't feel

any better, take heart. There is a student health center on campus that can cure what ails you.

Located between the Student Services Building and the Dining Commons, the Student Health Center can be accessed by using University Road from Maryland Parkway. The hours are Monday-Thursday 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The center is closed on Saturday, Sunday and holidays. The center offers appointments and walk-in service, (walk-in wait time is between 30 minutes and two hours).

The best part about the SHC is that treatment is free to students with valid university identification. The \$20 fee charged at registration covers all examinations by the medical staff. Lab work, prescription drugs and medical supplies are available at the center for discounted prices. If a medical condition requires a specialist, the UNLV doctors will make the appropriate referrals.

Some of the services offered by the SHC:

- Treatment of minor illness and injury
- Early detection and referral of chronic illness
- First aid and blood pressure checks
- Contraception and pregnancy testing
- Exams and testing for sexually transmitted disease
- Confidential, free HIV testing
- Acute management of and referral of sexual abuse/rape victims
- Allergy antigen injections/immunization for admitted students
- Hearing and vision screening
- Health information and education programs
- Variety of lab tests with a Practitioner's order
- Non-prescription/prescription medication

All the medical records maintained at the SHC are confidential. Medical information will not be released to anyone (faculty, administrators or perspective employers) without the written consent of the student except as provided by law or in cases of life threatening emergencies. All medical records, including results of X-ray and lab reports, are the property of the health center. The confidentiality of the records belongs to you.

Copies of the record may be sent, at your written request only, to physicians, hospitals and other appropriate places. Students who are properly enrolled but are under the age of 18 are considered minors by the state of Nevada. If you fall into this category you must have signed parental consent and release for medical care. This document must be on file at the SHC prior to any care given. These forms are free and available upon request.

Last semester, with six doctors and four registered nurses on staff, the SHC ordered 2,708 lab tests (1,693 were performed on campus) and filled 2,200 prescriptions.

In addition to traditional medical care, the SHC supports a holistic approach to wellness. The Center maintains that the six distinctive categories of wellness (occupational, intellectual, emotional, physical, social and spiritual) have a direct relationship on educational excellence. Everything about one's life can affect physical health. Although wellness has been broken down into the six categories listed, these categories influence one another.

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For those who file after Feb. 6, a late fee of \$20 will be applied. No applications will be accepted after Feb. 24.

For more information, please contact your college or the Registrar's Office.

