

Ashe widow donates papers to New York center

NEW YORK (AP) - There were pictures under glass of a young Arthur Ashe surrounded by a dozen tennis trophies - years before he would make history as the first Black man to win the U.S. Open and Wimbledon. They sat next to a letter from Martin Luther King Jr., thanking him in 1968 for his support of the civil rights movement.



Arthur Ashe hoists a trophy.

Ashe's widow, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashe, on Wednesday remembered both sides of Ashe's life - one as a tennis star, the other as a human rights activist - as she donated 50 boxes of his private papers and correspondence to a Black cultural center in Harlem.

"Good works and good-will do leave a strong legacy," Moutoussamy-Ashe said at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, which is part of a New York Public Library branch.

Although organizations like the University of Vir-

ginia and the Library of Congress asked to receive Ashe's personal papers, Moutoussamy-Ashe said her husband would have wanted them to be more easily available to the community.

"He really did want the papers to be accessible globally," she said.

Ashe died of AIDS-related pneumonia in February 1993, 10 months after revealing he

had contracted the disease from a blood transfusion during heart bypass surgery in the 1980s.

The former No. 1 player won 33 tennis titles, including the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and the Australian Open. A stadium in New York is named after him.

Ashe also became an ambassador for Black athletes, writing a three-volume history and encouraging American Blacks to use their sports success to promote civil rights.

In 1970, he helped get South Africa banned from the Davis Cup because of the nation's apartheid policies. In 1985, he was arrested in Washington in an anti-apartheid demonstration.

Among the papers on display Wednesday was a 1992 letter from South African leader Nelson Mandela.

"When this country was totally under apartheid and little hope was visualized by the masses for change, you

helped to give them self-esteem; to show them that Black was beautiful and that they could make it in the field of sport or anything else," Mandela wrote.

In February 1968, King wrote Ashe to thank him for his "expression of support and solidarity in the fight for justice, freedom and dignity for

all people in this country."

Also on display were telegrams from baseball great Jackie Robinson and from Ralph Bunche, the first Black to receive the Nobel Prize, congratulating him on his U.S. Open win in 1968 and a Presidential Medal of Freedom presented posthumously in 1993. Former New York

Mayor David Dinkins said that Ashe, his close friend, successfully fought racism to rise to the top of his sport and wanted to teach children in the many youth programs he founded. "Arthur was a lot more than tennis," Dinkins said. "People can learn through tennis to become better citizens."

Simpson: Cash helped secure acquittal

LOS ANGELES (AP) - O.J. Simpson says that without the money to pay for a "dream team" of lawyers, he would not have been acquitted of murder charges.

In an interview with Playboy magazine nine years after his trial, Simpson repeatedly vowed he was innocent of killing his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and Ronald Goldman.

"I didn't commit the crime. That is why I got off," he said. "I feel in my heart that I got off because I was innocent. But I don't know if I could have proven my innocence if I didn't have the money. And that's a shame. Yes, it is a shame that in this country it costs so much to get good representa-

tion."

In the wide-ranging interview published in the current issue of the magazine, Simpson also disclosed that after his acquittal he smoked marijuana in order to get to sleep.

"My drug of choice now is Vioxx," said Simpson, who suffers from arthritis. "When I got out of jail, I kind of appreciated pot more than I ever had in my life."

Simpson was acquitted of murder charges in the 1994 slayings of his ex-wife and Goldman. A civil jury later held Simpson liable for the killings and ordered him to pay the victims' survivors \$33.5 million.

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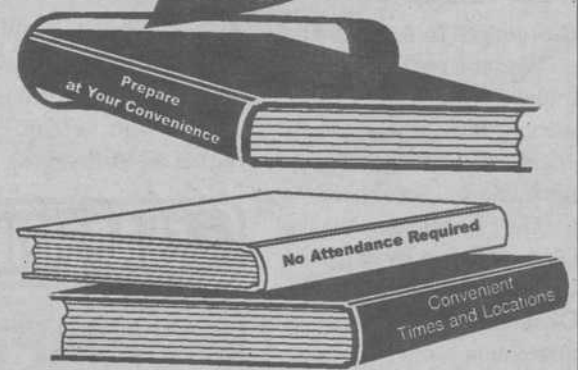
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