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Body language

Women interpret signals better than men, study says

United Press International
BALTIMORE — A Johns Hopkins University researcher has found a possible scientific basis for so-called feminine intuition.

Dr. Judith Hall, an assistant professor of psychology, said her studies have shown women to be superior to men in non-verbal communication.

Based on testing and review of studies in the same field, Hall found

that in 51 of 61 studies, involving more than 10,000 people, women perform better than men in interpreting non-verbal cues conveyed through facial expressions, tone and rhythm of voice, body gestures and posture.

Hall developed a test in which more than 200 non-verbal cues are presented in brief segments in a film and subjects are asked to decide whether the sender of the cues —

who is Hall herself — is behaving dominantly or submissively.

In more than 75 percent of the tests, females scored higher than males.

The sex and age of the cue sender was irrelevant.

The age of the female subjects also made no difference; elementary school female students scored higher than their male counterparts to the same degree as adult women

achieved better scores than adult men.

"This raises all kinds of intriguing questions," Hall said. "Why are women more sensitive to non-verbal communication than men? Is it genetic or does it come as a result of social pressures that women have been subjected to more so than men? What will be the effect of the current feminist movement on women's superiority in this area?"

say it, how they use their voice where they direct their eyes, and the distance they put between one another."

Hall said possible answers to women's superiority in picking up non-verbal cues could be theories of oppressed people and women's desire to be what society expects them to be — sensitive and intuitive.

Under the theory of oppressed people, women who believe they are dominated by men are forced to pick up non-verbal cues as a method of protection and a weapon to counter male dominance, she said.

Hall also said it is possible women have developed better abilities in interpreting non-verbal communication because it is expected of them by society.

Some of the studies Hall encountered indicated that women have a choice between verbal messages and non-verbal communication, they often weigh non-verbal information more heavily.

She said people seem to have "gut sense" that there is truth in non-verbal cues.

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Request for mistrial denied in Davis case

United Press International
HOUSTON — Efforts by prosecutors to establish a motive for the slaying of a "kindly old judge" prompted an unsuccessful defense request for a mistrial Thursday in the murder solicitation trial of Fort Worth millionaire T. Cullen Davis.

District Judge Wallace C. Moore denied the motion and ordered Joe H. Eidson, 60, former judge in the defendant's four-year divorce case, to continue his testimony today.

Davis, 45, is charged with conspiring, attempting and soliciting the death of Eidson. The alleged plot, brought to the attention of the FBI by an informant, resulted in Davis' arrest Aug. 20.

Eidson testified Thursday about his numerous rulings in the Davis divorce case — many of which were adverse to Davis — and mentioned that he had disqualified himself as presiding judge nine days after the defendant's arrest.

"Prior to that time, your honor, had there been any attempt by respondent (Davis) to remove you from this case?" prosecutor Tolly Wilson asked.

Before Eidson could answer, defense lawyer Richard "Racehorse" Haynes asked for private discussions between Moore and opposing attor-

neys at the judge's bench.

Haynes protested that Wilson's remark tainted the jury because it inaccurately characterized a motion to transfer the divorce suit away from Eidson.

Moore ruled the remark was proper because Davis indeed had sought to remove Eidson from the case in a motion filed last February. Then Moore denied Haynes' motion for a mistrial.

Prosecutors said Haynes' arguments were designed to prevent jurors from hearing evidence of a possible motive for Davis to have the judge slain.

"Due to the nature of the case (Eidson's rulings) and Davis' effort to have him removed, he exhausted the methods available to him to have Eidson replaced," Jack Strickland, assistant district attorney of Tarrant County, said.

"We don't have to show motive but it's always something that you show a jury; a kindly old judge why would anybody want to harm him?" Strickland said.

While the divorce suit was in his son's court, the judge granted Cecilia Davis support money that twice increased to the present level of \$5,000 per month.

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