

O. J. successful in business too

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HOLLYWOOD — O.J. Simpson says he enjoys making business deals more than he does emoting for the camera or lugging a football on a wide sweep — and admits he may be a better businessman than actor or athlete.

Simpson starred last week in the TV movie "Detour to Terror" in which he gave a performance as good or better than he did playing a prizefighter in "Goldie and The Boxer" last year.

Much as he enjoys the ego trip of seeing himself on screen, O.J. says the most exciting element of both projects was putting them together from script to final film editing.

"I didn't major in business at USC," the enthusiastic Simpson said. "But business is what movies and television is all about."

"At the moment the business part of films is more difficult for me than the creative aspects. I have more to learn but I find it more intriguing than anything else behind the cameras or in front of them."

"I'm familiar with such things as

ironing out wrinkles in the script and deciding on locations and production schedules.

"But I love the financial aspects of negotiating contracts. I learned early from a good business manager who handled my affairs. It was a big charge for me to negotiate with the Buffalo Bills and Hertz Rent-A-Car."

"Business comes down to logic. If you use common sense, you can come out ahead."

Simpson, who retired from the National Football League at the end of last season, is no newcomer to TV and movie screens. He made his feature film debut in "The Towering Inferno" in 1974 and has appeared in five other movies.

He has a long list of TV credits including an NBC contract for broadcasting sports events.

Simpson also is not a stranger to business. In addition to his commercials for Hertz and TreeSweet orange juice, he owns the California Way health clubs and has a line of clothes and sporting goods with Wilson.

"Movie business is a little trickier

than other types of business," he said, grinning.

"To take care of yourself an actor has to become a businessman," Simpson continued. "There are so many talented and educated performers who lose out because they don't get involved behind the cameras or get a look at the books."

"Instead of earning money as a speaker at banquets and other events, I came to Hollywood to study the business aspects of production. I made friends on the business side of show business as much as I did with the creative people."

"Why not be a producer as well as an actor and profit financially from both?" Simpson asks.

"Being a businessman includes using your judgment on properties. My big motivation in life is to be known and liked. I want to play good guys with flaws. I believe basically I am a good guy and I do have flaws."

"And I carry that over to my business deals. I still have a lot to learn. I still take advice. But the real thrill is making your deals and keeping track of the boss."

what's up at Texas A&M

MONDAY

THEATER ARTS: Will hold dancing and singing auditions for "Guys & Dolls" at 7 p.m. in Rudder Forum.

COMMUNITY SINGERS: Will hold the first rehearsal for the May concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Brazos Center.

RELIGIOUS COUNCIL: Will meet at 5 p.m. in the All Faiths Chapel.

TEXAS A&M ORCHESTRAL CLUB: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 146 Physics Bldg. All members should bring their instruments.

SOIL CONSERVATION SOCIETY: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 103 Soil and Crop Sciences-Entomology Center.

BIBLE STUDY: The Student Y sponsored study will be at 9 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.

POLITICAL FORUM: Roberto Aponte Torro, vice president for international affairs of the Puerto Rican Independent Party, will speak at 8 p.m. in 601 Rudder on Puerto Rican independence.

TUESDAY

CEPHEID VARIABLE: Will meet at 8 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

TEXAS A&M HERPETOLOGY CLUB: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 104 Nagle Hall.

AUDIO ENGINEERING GROUP: Will meet at 7 p.m. in 223D Zachry.

SOCIETY OF MANUFACTURING ENGINEERS: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 104C Zachry to elect officers and discuss a field trip and the Houston Tool Show.

PRE-MED/PRE-DENT SOCIETY: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 301 Rudder.

CLASS OF '80: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

CAMERA COMMITTEE: Pictures in Salon '80, the MSC Committee's spring photo contest, may be entered today only, 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on the main floor MSC.

FOOD SCIENCE CLUB: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. in 113 Kleberg. Discuss plans for the All-Nite Fair and the March convention.

NEWMAN ORGANIZATION: Will hold a Bible study at 8:15 p.m. in St. Mary's Student Center.

HORSEMEN'S ASSOCIATION: Dr. Neal Pratt will speak on judging at 7:30 p.m. in 115 Kleberg.

WEDNESDAY

SHARE GROUP: The Student Y sponsored group will meet at 7 p.m. in the Meditation Room of the All Faiths Chapel.

TAMU ROADRUNNERS: Will leave for a fun run at 5 p.m. from front steps of G. Rollie White Coliseum.

HILLEL: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the Hillel Jewish Student Center.

LAMBDA SIGMA: Will meet at 7:30 p.m. in 302 Rudder.

RUDDER'S RANGERS: Juniors only will meet at 7:30 p.m. in Military Science Bldg.

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS: Will host a panel discussion on "Midwest Crisis" at 7:30 p.m. at Brazos Savings, 2800 S. Texas Ave.

BRAZOS COUNTY A&M CLUB: Will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Western Sizzlin Steakhouse on Texas Ave. Reservations should be made by calling 845-7514 no later than 4 p.m. Monday.

"DERSU UZALA: THE HUNTER": Akira Kurosawa directed a story of a party of Russian soldiers who are saved from destruction in the wilderness of Siberia by a knowledgeable hunter. This award-winning portrait of man and nature will be shown at 7:30 in Rudder Theater.

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Lutheran paper for laymen

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Recent years have seen a revival of interest in the role lay people play in the churches.

Across the theological spectrum, conferences have been held, committees established and visions articulated to define a "theology of the laity" that explores the role of the average member of a congregation to the church.

Perhaps nothing underscores this movement quite so dramatically as a working paper being circulated in the moderate, modest American Lutheran Church.

Called "The Role of the Laity in the Life and Mission of the Church," the paper is an effort to "rejuvenate the laity with vision, zeal and vitality for their role in the mission and ministry of the church."

But it pulls no punches in expressing a kind of anticlericalism felt by more and more men and women.

"All disclaimers to the contrary, their common view is that the American Lutheran Church is a clergy-dominated church," the paper says.

Lay members "sense that they lack influence or significance in the life of the congregation and of the larger church. This broad feeling of powerlessness diminishes their sense of partnership in the church and its work."

"By and large most members of this vast majority, the laity, view themselves as rather insignificant, largely passive participants in the life of the church," it said. "This layperson becomes the consumer of what the church provides."

The paper, written by Beulah

Laursen, of Arcat, Calif., an activist laywoman within the 2.4-million-member church, says that a major reason for the clergy dominance in churches today is a misunderstanding of the work of ministry in the church and in the world.

"An elitist concept prevails," the paper said. "It considers ministry to be the exclusive function of the clergy, the call to full-time service in the church expressive of greater dedication and commitment than in any other service."

Even the effort to develop full-time lay ministries within the church adds to this elitist concept.

"While providing a worthy career option for individuals and a broadened dimension to the organization," the paper said, "such paraprofessional enlistment tends to reinforce the mind-set that 'real' Christian commitment means full-time church work."

"The admiration frequently expressed for those who leave other professions to become clergy reflects both the idea of superior status of

clergy and a denial of the

the priesthood of all believers paper said.

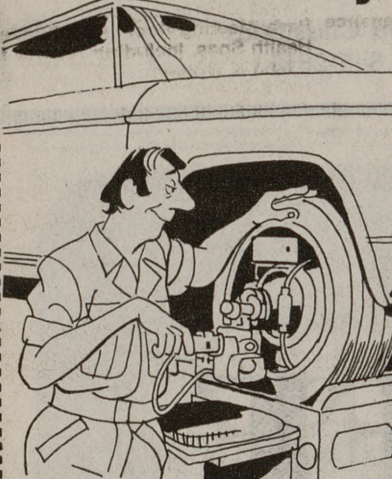
For Lutherans, the major part of Laursen's paper is suggestion that the present pastors are called to change drastically overhauled.

It said that while the clergy has undergone much revision, still not adequately responsive to the needs of the congregation, turnover in pastoral leadership pastor chooses not to leave.

While stated ALC policy the pastor serves at the discretion of the congregation, the paper practice that means that past a lifelong tenure with the congregation unless they themselves to leave or blatantly abuse pastoral office.

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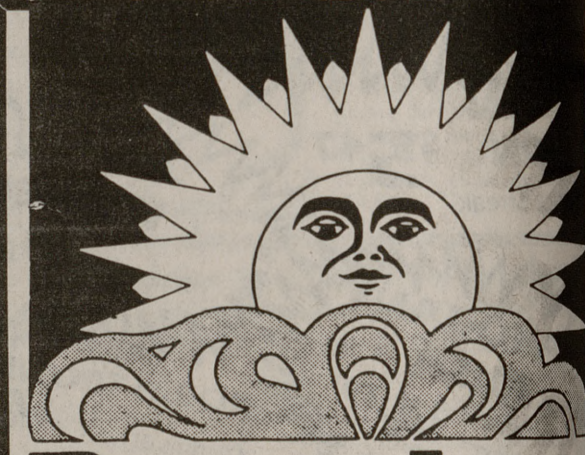
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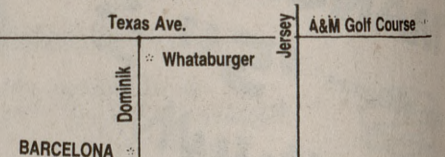


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