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## Shapiro: Verdict in Tickets O.J. case justified by reasonable doubt

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sponsored by Princeton Review and Network Event Theater Communications in New York. The first and second parts dealt with admissions to medical and business school, and the third focused on career development.

Shapiro said that Americans were entranced by what some call the "trial of the century" as Simpson, a former football hero, went on trial for the June 12, 1994, murder of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman.

As Shapiro answered questions from students, he addressed how racism affected the trial, what is was like to have cameras in the courtroom, and discrepancies with the evidence.

"We saw the country divided by a verdict in a criminal case, and my question to students is what causes society to look at each other rather than the future of our justice system," Shapiro said. "Society became divided by a racial element."

As the verdict of not guilty was announced on October 3, 1995, Shapiro said students from predominately African-American colleges were cheering for Simpson's victory while students from predominately white colleges were in shock. Shapiro said this difference

in attitude points to a need for members of different races to communicate.

We all want peace, safety, health, good public education and a good life, but we just have to find a way to understand each others' perspectives," he said.

Throughout the eight-month trial, Shapiro said, tones of racism surfaced that caused America to debate whether the jury's decision was influenced by the wrong things.

Latrice White, a junior business major, said racism should not have been an issue because it had nothing to do with the

point of the case. "What color skin someone has should not matter in a murder trial," White said.

Shapiro said the verdict was ustified because the jury cleary had reason to doubt Simpson's guilt.

Some of the examples that left room for reasonable doubt, he said, were crime scene evidence that was not logged in immediately with authorities, blood found on the back gate and socks that contained preservatives.

"This doesn't mean the evidence was tampered with," Shapiro said. "It just means we look at it differently because there's a lack of credibility.'

with the way the media editorialized the trial, though it is essential that the American public knows what takes place in

the lawyer to get their reactions," Shapiro said. "A camera is necessary but should be placed in position similar to the jury where it is facing the witness or judge and stay there."

However, some do not agree with Shapiro and say cameras should stay out of the courtroom.

chology major, said cameras do not belong in the courtroom because they create a mockery of the system and a farce of the trial.

"Shapiro made a good point about the American public being able to see how the judicial system works, but with cam-eras it becomes too much like a play," Ibarra said. Shapiro concluded by saying

the Simpson case was both the highest mountain and the lowest valley in his career

"The effect on my family was indescribable and excruciating, and I would never do it again, he said. "But for my career, it was a chance of a lifetime.'

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graduates. The center was originally scheduled to open by Spring 1997, but because of construction delays, the opening was pushed back.

Hodges said the facility will allow graduates to invite as many guests as they want.

But until December 1997, graduates will likely continue to cover campus with fliers and pay as much as \$50 to \$75 for

extra tickets. Matt McDonald, a senior management major, said he needs one more ticket but real-izes the odds of getting even

one are slim. "I'm just asking people I know right now," McDonald said, "but I'll probably have to

Humor

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in the workplace.

"She raises the awareness that there is still lots of ground to be broken by women in their fields," he said.

"I realize that I must be careful in how I treat my female colleagues and that I must support them so that they get the respect that men currently have."

Some things Geller cited as dis- professor in the math dep respectful to professional women ment, makes a presental were the use of condescending terms such as "young lady" and the refusal to address them with appropriate titles such as doctor and

professor instead of "Miss." Women faculty being ignored and not being seriously considered graduate research positions or professorships are other issues Geller highlighted.

and survival.

"One of my male colleagues confessed," she said, "that he gets s of his ideas by simply listening to suggestions that I make in met that no one acknowledges and then repeating them.

Attacking such problems with humor has drawn criticism, said, by women who feel the issues should not be made light du skits and jokes

But Geller said that because there is no one way to teach any she hopes some people enjoy the skits and comprehend the messar "Though humor doesn't always work," she said, "it's at least a

tempt at de-escalation and cooperation. I think that's a better way the world to operate.

Holly Bishop, a graduate student in zoology, said that been she has not been exposed to significant gender discriminat learning ways to handle it will help her cope should the proarise in the future.

"Learning to use humor instead of getting angry is an important son to be learned," she said. "Learning to laugh about a problem help much more than getting mad.'

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one needs tickets." McDonald said \$50 is t most he or his friends have p for tickets, but he has seen th advertised for as much as \$75

Carter said students show be aware that selling grad tion tickets violates University regulations, and those cau could face disciplinary acti by Student Affairs.

Graduation ceremonies w begin 2 p.m. Friday, May 10, G. Rollie White Coliseum w the Colleges of Agricultu Business and Medicine. At p.m., ceremonies will be h or the Colleges of Architectu Engineering, Geosciences a Maritime Studies, and Vete nary Medicine. Students from the Colleg

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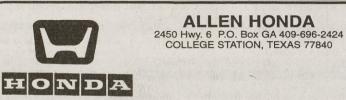
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