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Some Statistical Aspects of Forensic DNA Typing

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As it is currently used in California, forensic DNA typing relies upon statistical calculations to assess the importance of a "match" between DNA in a crime scene tissue sample and DNA from a suspect. The purpose here is to assess the chance that a suspect who is NOT the source of the crime scene sample might nevertheless have DNA that matches at the loci that were examined.

There are other aspects of this process in which statistics could, and in my view should play a role. One involves assessing the chance that a suspect whose DNA does NOT match that from the crime scene sample might nevertheless be determined to have DNA that does match at the loci examined.

After giving a little background on the topic of forensic DNA typing, I will comment on the two issues mentioned above, making reference to the treatment of them in the O. J. Simpson trial.

Date: Thursday, September 28, 1995

Time: 3:30 - 4:00 Coffee
4:00 - 5:00 Talk

Place: Room 1011, Evans Hall
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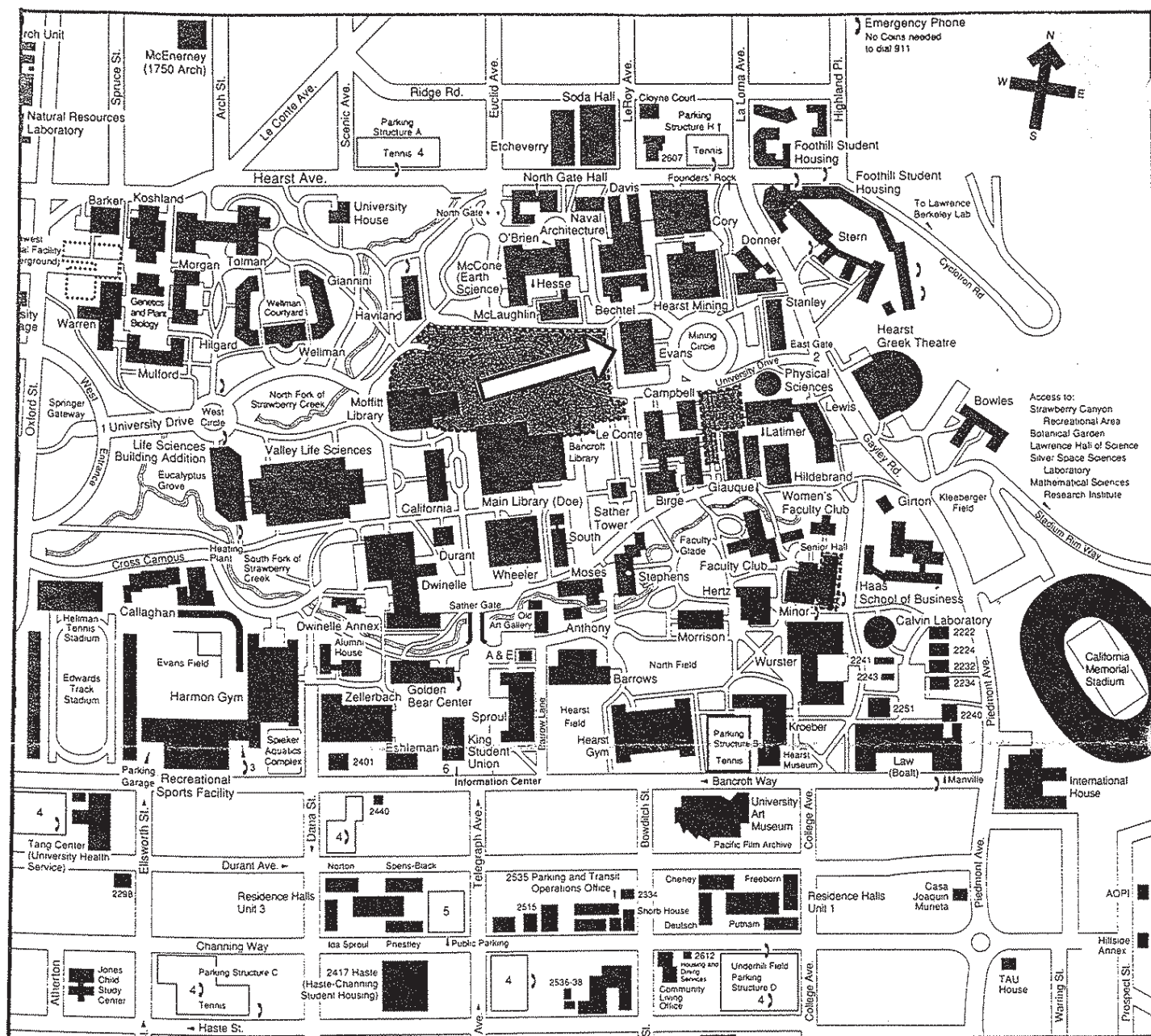
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