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Leadership Institute to be held this weekend

The fifth annual TCU Leadership Institute will be held Friday and Saturday in the Student Center Ballroom, giving students an opportunity to develop their leadership skills.

Students can participate in a variety of forums with community leaders at 5 p.m. Friday.

On Saturday students can attend three workshops and listen to keynote speaker Joni Bicknese, senior career counselor with the Southwestern Company's Professional Services Division, share her insights about leadership at noon.

These dates serve as a correction to dates published in an earlier issue of the *Skiff*.

College

Suspect kills self after fraternity incident

EDGEWOOD, Texas — A suspect in the fatal bludgeoning of a Southwest Texas State University student, apparently despondent over the incident, committed suicide in a yard behind his father's house hundreds of miles away.

The *Canton Herald* reported today that Jeremiah Marshal Wilkerson shot himself once in the head with his father's 9mm pistol.

Wilkerson was apparently sitting in a chair under an oak tree at his father's Edgewood home — a favorite spot to rest — when he fired the fatal shot, according to the weekly newspaper.

Wilkerson, 21, of Lockhart had been sought in the death of Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge Nicholas George Armstrong. But before a warrant could be issued charging the former Eagle Scout with capital murder, authorities were notified that his body had been found 220 miles away in Northeast Texas, San Marcos police Chief Steve Griffin said.

"We regret that this terrible tragedy has profoundly touched the lives of two families and at least two communities," the chief said.

No suicide note was found, but the ex-student's vehicle was impounded. His father, who found Wilkerson's body, said the campus tragedy had been weighing on his son's mind.

"He was at that frat party and police got called. Other minors got busted for (charges of) minor in possession," Gary Wilkerson told Dallas-Fort Worth television station KXAS. "Wished it would have never happened."

When reached at his home by The Associated Press, Wilkerson declined to comment.

Armstrong, a 21-year-old junior communications major from Baytown, was attacked early Sunday in the TKE fraternity house. Armstrong died Monday afternoon at an Austin hospital.

Wilkerson was among four people who had been ejected from a party at the TKE house earlier in the evening, Griffin said.

He and another person returned to the house, where Armstrong was found sleeping on a couch, said Melissa Millican, government and community affairs coordinator for the city of San Marcos.

Students denounce area violence

Vigil lights way to help victims, unite campus

By Lindy Hallford
STAFF REPORTER

On a campus distraught by fears of a serial rapist, students, faculty and staff united Wednesday night to bring "a moment of peace" to honor victims of violence.

More than 150 people gathered for a candlelight vigil in the Student Center Ballroom in an effort to take a stand against violence.

The program included songs, prayers and a speaker. Yellow ribbons were given to those who attended the vigil to show support for victims of violence.

Marriane Graham, a senior speech communication major, said she organized the event to help the community unite against crime.

"It was important to me to give us a moment of peace," she said. "We can focus on things we can do and not focus on fear."

Graham said that last semester the police thought the sexual assault suspect was on her property. She said it scared her and that she noticed a change in her usual outgoing personality. When attacks occurred this year, she decided to take action and help others.

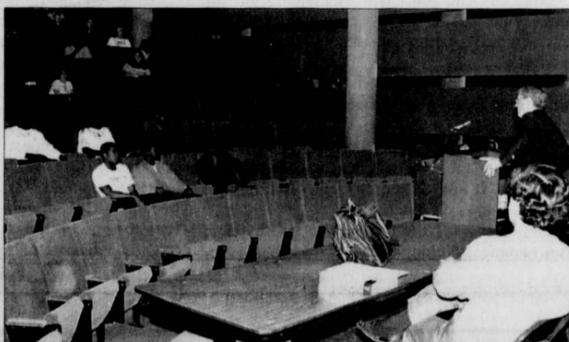
"I lived in fear and when it happened again, I empowered myself to empower others," she said.

During the program, people who had a number one on their

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Patrick Pannett/PHOTO EDITOR

(Above) More than 150 people gathered for a candlelight vigil in the Student Center Ballroom in an effort to take a stand against violence.

(Left) Don Jackson, chairman of the political science department, and Frank Colosi, cooperating attorney with the ACLU address black students on civil rights.

Black males discuss rights during forum

By Jason Crane
CAMPUS EDITOR

Black students, who said they felt harassed and targeted in light of an ongoing investigation of four sexual assaults in the TCU area, met with two lawyers Wednesday to discuss what they should do when they are stopped by police.

Some students expressed concerns that their peers — and police officers — may be too quick to compare them to a police description of the suspect: a black male, 20 to 30 years old, approximately 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing between 160 and 180 pounds.

Most of the black students in attendance said they've been unnecessarily stopped and harassed by officers on separate occasions since the sexual assaults began in January 1998.

Leon Reed, a senior political science major who coordinated Wednesday's forum, said students need to become more aware of their civil rights in certain situations, especially when police officers are questioning them.

"We want to let the Fort Worth Police Department know that black students don't want the same scrutiny as before," he said. "Violating civil rights consistently creates animosity between the general public and the police department."

Two FWP officers were scheduled to appear at the forum. Please see RIGHTS, Page 4.

Police to regulate 'nuisance' parties

Zero-tolerance policy would allow officers to focus on serious crimes

By Pam Woodhead
STAFF REPORTER

The Fort Worth Police Department is working with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission to enforce a new zero-tolerance policy on nuisance parties, an effort that will help officers focus on "more serious" crime, police said.

Nuisance parties, described as gatherings at which people are on the front lawn, blocking neighbors' driveways and urinating in public, will be dealt with on a limited basis, said Matt Welch, a neighborhood police officer.

"And we're not going to announce it," he said.

The potential charges — minor-

in-possession and disorderly conduct citations — are class C misdemeanors and carry fines of \$146.25. Party hosts could be charged with providing alcohol to minors, which is also a misdemeanor.

Enforcement of the new policy can include the use of a paddy wagon, a 15-person capacity van that transports offenders to the Tarrant County Jail, where they must present a cash bond to be released, Welch said.

Any criminal charges will be added to an offender's permanent record, he said. Parents are not notified unless the offender is under 18.

The zero-tolerance policy was instituted in part because of the excessive amount of time police

spent dealing with the parties, Welch said.

"We're spending an inordinate amount of time on this when we could be working on other things," he said. "If we can eradicate this problem, we can work on car burglaries."

Welch said car burglaries have increased 37 percent from last year, and officers need to be free to prevent the crime and apprehend offenders, in addition to answering other calls. Calls about suspicious persons and serious crimes are a priority, he added.

To help alleviate the problem of officer shortage, the FWP will ask officers to work additional hours on certain nights, Welch said.

When the extra officers are available to answer calls, the zero-tolerance nuisance party policy will be enforced. Welch also said not all parties are at risk.

"It's not three guys with a six-pack on the front porch," he said.

TABC only regulates parties after a neighbor calls to complain. TABC officers usually observe the parties from an unmarked car, Welch said. If they see minors with alcohol, TABC officers will pour it out and issue citations.

Angie Taylor, director of the Alcohol and Drug Education Center, said nuisance parties create a negative image of TCU in the neighborhoods surrounding the campus.

"We don't want to be a nuisance

in the community," she said. "We want to be a positive influence."

Taylor said students who are cited at nuisance parties are referred to the center to learn how to party responsibly.

"We want to provide some information for them," she said. "It's not just a punishment. We want to help students draw the appropriate lessons from the experience."

Welch said he figures the policy will affect only a small number of students.

"It's some of the same ones we deal with all the time," he said. "It's reached a point where we have to do something to get our call load down so we can look at more serious crime."

Camps offer jobs, summer adventures

By David Quinlan
STAFF REPORTER

Nestled away in the green hills of east Texas lies Camp Olympia, one of many camps being represented from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Ballroom.

Directors from different camps all over the United States will talk with students about summer job possibilities.

Justin Hensley, a senior radio-TV-film major who is a counselor at Olympia, found out about the camp through Camp Day at TCU two years ago.

Camp Olympia occupies 500 acres on a lush peninsula surrounded by Lake Livingston in Trinity, Texas.

"Every time summer gets around and it gets green again, I wish I were back on the lake," Hensley said. "You don't have to worry about what you have to do the next day."

Hensley said he was selected from 400 applicants. He said after his selection he endured a rigorous training program that gave him a strong understanding of the Olympia program.

Camp Olympia is designed for children from eight to 16 years of age. Campers participate in several innovative programs which are designed to encourage leadership.

"Our philosophy is to make good people and good counselors as role models," Hensley said. "But it's not so much evangelical."

Mandy Majors, a senior speech communication major, said she has been an athletic counselor for Camp Kanakuk, a Christian athletic adventure camp where counselors sing songs, play sports and share the Gospel with campers.

"You don't have to be a super athlete," Majors said. "You just have to love kids and trust the Lord."

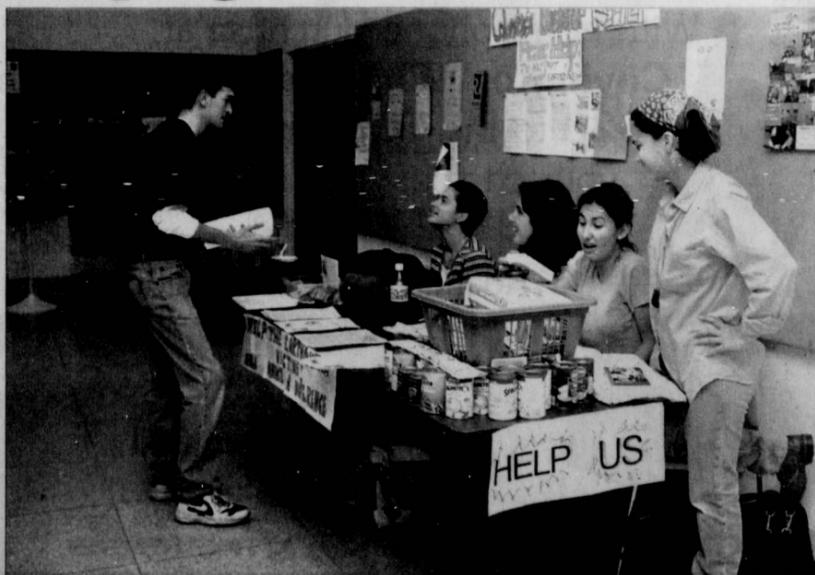
Kanakuk consists of eight different camps located throughout Missouri. Two of the camps specialize in working with inner city kids, where people sponsor the campers in a "Heaven on Earth" program.

As a former camper herself, Majors said it was a bittersweet experience.

"You pour your life into these

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Helping hands



Patrick Pannett/PHOTO EDITOR

Volunteers with the International Student Organization have organized a collection of canned goods and financial donations to aid earthquake victims in Colombia.

Pulse

Announcements of campus events, public meetings and other general campus information should be brought to the TCU Daily Skiff office at Moudy Building South, Room 291, mailed to TCU Box 298050 or e-mailed to skiffletters@tcu.edu. Deadline for receiving announcements is 2 p.m. the day before they are run. The Skiff reserves the right to edit submissions for style, taste and space available.

A self-defense class will be offered in the Rickel Building from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Feb. 21. For more information, call Linda at (214) 943-7530.

"Intersection," an undergraduate art show, will be on exhibit in the Moudy Building North Vestibulum.

Applications for TCU London Centre for the Fall 1999 are due March 15 in the International Education office in the Rickel Building, Room 105.

A silent auction, sponsored by Design Focus, will be held in the Student Center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today and Friday. Proceeds will be used to assist with competition fees and conferences.

Need a summer job? Summer Camp Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. today in the Student Center Lounge. Twenty-nine camps and organizations from Texas and surrounding states will be interviewing TCU students for summer jobs. For more information, contact Career Services at 257-7860.

The International Student Association will be helping the victims of the earthquake in Colombia by collecting monetary and other donations. Members will be at a table in the Student Center from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday to receive all donations.

TCU students are invited to enter their work in the 1999 Creative Writing Contests. Nearly \$3,000 will be awarded to students for essays, fiction and poetry. Rules and entry forms are available in the English Department office in Reed Hall, Room 314, or in the Writing Center in the Rickel Building, Room 100. Deadline for entries is Feb. 19.

News ROUNDUP

World

Kidnapped child rescued, police arrest gang members

MEXICO CITY — Federal highway police rescued a 13-year-old from kidnappers in a pre-dawn raid Wednesday and captured five people accused of belonging to a gang led by a former soldier.

Jonathan Gonzalez had been held since Feb. 2 at a hideout in Atizapan, just northwest of Mexico City. His kidnappers originally requested a ransom of 5 million pesos (\$500,000) but eventually settled for 100,000 pesos (\$10,000).

Police were contacted by the boy's mother shortly before the ransom was to be delivered along a highway east of Mexico City. They detained two people who apparently had gone to pick up the money, and the two revealed the location of the hideout.

The rescue operation yielded three more arrests, but the former soldier suspected of leading the gang escaped.

"I was very scared," Gonzalez told reporters after his rescue. When police arrived at the hideout, "they made a lot of noise, screamed and broke some windows. I thought that it was the kidnappers, and that they were going to kill me."

Kidnappings have increased in Mexico since a 1995 economic crisis. Victims range from wealthy businessmen and politicians to ordinary citizens.

Nation

Pluto moves back to spot farthest from sun

WASHINGTON — Mere days after surviving attacks on its status as a planet, diminutive Pluto is resuming its traditional spot farthest from the sun.

Pluto was on course to cross the orbit of Neptune at 5:08 a.m. EST Thursday, NASA reported.

Normally the most distant planet from the sun, Pluto has a highly elliptical orbit that occasionally brings it inside the orbit of Neptune.

That last took place on Feb. 7, 1979, and since then Neptune had been the most distant planet.

Now Pluto once again becomes the farthest planet from the sun, where it will remain for 228 years. It takes Pluto 248 years to circle the sun.

Only last week the Paris-based International Astronomical Union, the world's leading astro-

nomical organization, reaffirmed Pluto's standing as the smallest planet.

News reports had said Pluto might be demoted to a minor planet, or — worse — a trans-Neptunian Object.

"No proposal to change the status of Pluto as the ninth planet in the solar system has been made by any division, commission or working group of the IAU responsible for solar system science," said the 80-year-old organization, the final authority on astronomical matters.

While Pluto will cross Neptune's orbit, there is no worry about a collision, NASA reports. The two will actually be far apart at the time.

Pluto was discovered Feb. 18, 1930, by Clyde Tombaugh at Lowell Observatory in Flagstaff, Ariz. Its moon, Charon, was found in 1979.

With a diameter of 1,430 miles, Pluto is less than half the size of any other planet and only two-thirds as big as Earth's moon.

U.S. fires at Iraq after southern "no-fly" zone violations

WASHINGTON — For the first time in several days, U.S. aircraft fired weapons at two air defense sites in Iraq today after encountering some Iraqi violations in the southern "no-fly" zone, Pentagon officials said.

There were no reports of activity over the northern zone, although patrols also were conducted there.

Defense Department spokesman Bryan Whitman said U.S. pilots fired precision guided weapons at air defense sites near Talil, about 170 miles southeast of Baghdad, and near An Najaf, about 100 miles south of Baghdad.

He said no coalition aircraft were damaged in the encounters and that damage assessments of the Iraqi targets were incomplete.

Whitman had no immediate information on how many U.S. planes were involved in the incidents over the south, or whether British planes also were involved. He also had no details of what prompted the attacks.

The United States and Britain share patrol duties over the region.

State

Mexican woman, 107, becomes oldest applicant for citizenship

SAN ANTONIO — With more than two dozen relatives at her bedside, 107-year-old Ruperta Urresta Hernandez has taken the oath of American citizenship.

Ms. Hernandez is the oldest applicant to become a naturalized U.S. citizen, according to the Immigration and Naturalization Service. Previously the oldest person to take the oath was 102.

Relatives said Ms. Hernandez wanted to become a U.S. citizen so that she can vote. She took the citizenship oath Wednesday, her birthday, as a federal magistrate presided over the

ceremony in her home.

The mother of 11 children, Ms. Hernandez was born in Mexico but has lived in Texas since 1915. She lived most of her life in nearby Converse then moved to San Antonio last year to live with one of her sons.

Court upholds man's second death sentence

AUSTIN — The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals has upheld the death sentence of Cedric Lamont Ransom in the 1991 slaying of an Arlington optometrist.

In a unanimous decision Wednesday, the court said Ransom's second death sentence for Herbert Primm's murder was valid.

Ransom's original death sentence was thrown out in 1994, when the court ruled that the trial judge made an error in jury selection.

Among his arguments for appeal, Ransom alleged that testimony by the victim's wife prejudiced the jury. Justice Tom Price said Ransom did not submit enough evidence to prove that claim, adding that victim impact statements are admissible.

According to court documents, Ransom and three accomplices went to Primm's Arlington house on Dec. 7, 1991, planning to steal guns from the optometrist and part-time weapons dealer. Primm begged the men to take the guns and spare him but was shot in the head.

Presley's estate wants control of the King's name back

LONDON — Elvis Presley's estate appealed to a British court on Tuesday to restore their control over the commercial use of the King's name.

A lower court ruled two years ago in favor of Sid Shaw, a London businessman who sells a range of trinkets branded "Elvisly yours." In his March 1997 decision, Judge Hugh Laddie said the estate does not own "in any meaningful sense the words Elvis or Elvis Presley."

Peter Prescott, an attorney representing the estate, told three appeals court justices that the lower court made an error in deciding that the name could not be trademarked because Presley was famous. He said famous people should have the same rights as those who aren't famous.

"As we shall show, there could be no doubt that if Elvis Presley had remained an obscure person from Tupelo, Miss., or indeed had never gone into music at all, his name Elvis, Elvis Presley and his signature would be regarded as distinctive trademarks," Prescott said on the opening day of the appeal hearing.

Shaw, who has been fighting with the estate for 17 years, has argued that trademark protection does not extend beyond the grave. After winning in the lower court, Shaw said: "Where do you stop? William Shakespeare?"

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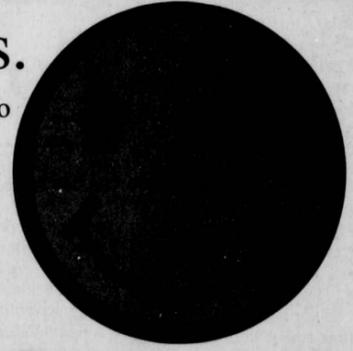
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editorial

POWER OF TWO

Vigil, forum needed combined efforts

Last night about 150 people from the TCU community participated in the candlelight vigil meant to give people an opportunity to take a stand against violence.

Meanwhile, a citizen's rights forum was held on the other side of campus. Coordinated by Leon Reed, a senior political science major, the forum was held to inform black male students of their rights during police questioning. Some black males at TCU feel they have been unfairly targeted by police officers in search of a lead in the assault case.

Both events were intended to remind members of the TCU community of their individual rights: The vigil reminded students that recent sexual assaults should not keep us living in fear, while the forum addressed alleged harassment by police against students who fit the suspect's description.

While the two events seemed to have a similar purpose, it is unfortunate that they were not planned to complement one another. Members of the TCU community who attended the vigil would have gained valuable insight from the students at the forum. Likewise, participation in the vigil by those at the forum would have made a positive impact and would have been a more cohesive approach to denouncing violence.

Just as women at TCU do not deserve to live in fear, men on this campus should not feel victimized either.

Marianne Graham, who organized the vigil, said she meant for the two events to be adhesive, not competitive. She said the fact that these two events were held simultaneously was merely a result of bad timing.

Opening and developing the lines of communication is key to understanding how we are all impacted by violent crime. That's what community is all about.

Granted, an attempt was made to combine efforts in this show against violence. And we applaud both Graham and Reed for their leadership and initiative. But in the future, an effort should be made to hold similar events such as these in the same location, one after the other. That way, all students — black and white, male and female — can show their support for the victims of violence and each other as well.

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Happiness isn't in money

Fast-paced, material world gives skewed outlook

What is new is not always better. And what is presented as new isn't always that, either.

This is the idea Richard Altschuler and Nicholas Regush write about in "Open Reality: The Way Out of Mimicking Happiness." In this book they argue that, overwhelmed by media messages that new possessions are the way to fulfillment, people try to buy their way to happiness.

Commentary



ROBYN ROSS

Because so much of what they are presented with in ads tells them a product will straighten out their lives, the mentality of consumption becomes the dominant one in society, influencing every aspect of human relations. Buy this boat (skin cream, coffee filter, exercise equipment), the message goes, and your life will be smoother, your spouse more responsive.

On some plane we all recognize the fairy-tale content of this story. But material possessions are the currency of our culture. Corporations and advertisers know this and speak to us in a way that tells us that with one more possession we'll be complete. So the cycle of consumption and dissatisfaction continues.

Critics of media coverage of crime have pointed out that in this realm, like any other, the audience craves newness — or at least the news directors think newness is necessary. Coverage of the same old crimes bores and loses viewers. To keep people's attention, the same facts must be presented in a different format. Hence the creation of new criminals who may not actually be any different than the criminals who have always been around. The drunken driver and the mugger have always existed. But each came to the forefront of public awareness at some particular time in the past 30 years. News media present an old criminal in a new light, and it's something apparently new and different, so we watch.

This impulse is what makes us interested in what we call "the news" in the first place. Every morning or night we dutifully read or watch what has transpired in the past 24 hours. What if nothing truly new and important has happened? The news goes on. And because we, the viewers or readers, trust these media to do their job finding news for us, we soak up what is maybe not deserved-



ly "new" at all.

How often do we hear or say that we live in a fast-paced society, or that in today's world things are always changing? More than we ought to, because these phrases actually mean very little. If we weren't so frantic to work overtime to pay for stuff we don't really need but buy because of advertisements we listened to in between watching TV newscasts about how fast-paced life is, we might find more peace than we had ever imagined.

Perhaps the problem is our failure to assign a value judgment to our presumably fast-paced society when we speak of it this way. We say this as though people themselves are not the ones who have determined the pace of their existence. "The media," "advertisers," or "corporations" are not to blame, and they are not the ones who can make a change. Only individual people not afraid to deal

with each other sans mediated distractions can.

What would happen if we stopped our drive for the new, the different, the ever-changing? We would be forced to confront each other in a realm more intense and challenging than the one in which the new takes the place of the real. This is what Altschuler and Regush call Open Reality — the plane where one consciously acknowledges his needs and wants, faces the contradictions in his life, recognizes the frequent and conflicting messages he receives, and, with other similarly inclined people, finds a way to sort it all out.

We can keep our lives interesting without the constant barrage of news, new products, new images and new styles in part by looking inward. In each of us is a wealth of newness we haven't discovered in the time we've spent being distracted by outside stimulation. Knowing ourselves

better helps in two ways. It generates the self-awareness necessary to combat confusion created by conflicting impulses. And it makes interpersonal intimacy more possible by focusing friends and partners on each other instead of on what corporations and advertisers have decided is necessary for their mutual survival.

If, after this sort of examination, the world is not as superficially new and exciting, it is because the true excitement lies elsewhere. The real challenge is in dealing with ourselves and each other in a genuine, honest way without the props of mediated excitement or new toys. When we can sit face to face and talk instead of relying on the plastic of the mall for entertainment, we're on the way to a happier reality.

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Black voice, writing should not be silenced

When discrimination finds its way into the workplace, we're outraged.

When racism rears its ugly head in politics or the media, we shake our fists, shout something about the Constitution and demand that things be made right. We are the country that boasts "liberty and justice for all" for goodness' sake.

When discrimination seeps into our classrooms, however, we don't march, boycott or protest. Whether apathetic or unaware, we allow it to fester, unchallenged and unchanged — a concept highly un-American.

Teachers aren't parading around in sheets, and no one's being told he or she has to sit at the back of the class. But when black writers are underrepresented in our classrooms, discrimination exists. When the scope of black literature is limited to a handful of writers, such as Langston Hughes and Toni Morrison, while many other black writers are ignored or forgotten, discrimination exists. Something is amiss when distinctions are made between

American literary figures, such as when Hemingway is seen as one of the greatest American writers while Ellison is seen as one of the greatest African-American writers.

Discrimination exists, and sadly, students suffer as they are deprived of one of the richest, most passionate, insightful voices in literature. The black voice.

Throughout high school literature courses, I was exposed to the same writers most other high school students studied: traditional writers such as Fitzgerald, Twain, Hawthorne and Pound — all white, all male. I thought when I got to college I'd read literature by a more diverse group of writers. I was wrong. The recipe is still the same — all white, all male with the occasional woman sprinkled here and there and a minority for flavor. But now I'm paying thousands of dollars for a taste.

When I finally realized I would have to seek out new literary figures on my own, I began to visit bookstores more frequently. I bought a few black literary anthologies and as I read, I became ashamed. I had never read most of the writers I encountered. Arna Bontemps, Claude McKay, Amiri Baraka and

others — they were all new to me.

I wasn't simply ashamed that as a black woman I couldn't name 10 black writers off the top of my head. I was ashamed of every literature class I had ever taken in which I sat and thought that Langston Hughes, Gwendolyn Brooks and Ralph Ellison must be the only black writers worth reading.

Although blacks only make up about 13 percent of the American population and an even smaller percentage of most college campuses, the study of black literature should not be overlooked. It provides a unique perspective to common themes, and it offers the reader the chance to explore new themes that are singular to the black experience.

This unique literary view conveys what it means to be black in America to both black and white students. This allows for a better understanding of the black American and what is important to him or her, just as reading literature produced by white Americans provides a better understanding of what is important to white America.

A telling sign of the status of black literature in society is the highly criticized list of

"The best novels of the 20th century," composed by the Modern Library. Less than 5 percent of the books on the list were written by black authors, leaving out such writers as James Baldwin, Zora Neale Hurston and Toni Morrison. Even my American literature book, which consists of about 15 percent black literature, leaves out such great writers as Paul Laurence Dunbar, Nikki Giovanni and Maya Angelou.

There are many reasons why black literature may not be more widely read in college. It could be that while the literature produced by black people is great African-American literature, it is not great American literature. In other words, it isn't as good as white literature, but for colored writing, it ain't half bad. Or maybe it is common thought that black literature is only for black people. And since there are only two or three black students in a class, it isn't important to include much black writing.

If we were to follow this reasoning, however, then white literature would only be for white people. This can't be true, though, because I get a great deal from

reading white writers.

The most likely reason black writers are neglected is that discrimination is institutionalized and passed down from generation to generation. The "greats" were dubbed long ago, before blacks were recognized as a literary force. These writers are the ones our teachers read when they were in school. They are the ones their teachers before them read and so on. These are, therefore, the writers with whom teachers are familiar. They are the ones worthy to be studied.

This logic is flawed. It is this kind of thinking that kept blacks at the back of the bus. This is the same logic that denied black people the right to dine in certain restaurants and go to certain schools.

Students, both black and white, should not be deprived of the passionate voices of black writers. They have something to say, and until their voices are heard in the hallowed halls of institutions everywhere, we must take it upon ourselves to seek those voices out and listen.

Shavahn Dorris is a sophomore English major from Joliet, Ill.

letters to the editor

Offers of help should be welcomed, appreciated

I want to applaud Erin Brinkman in her commentary last Feb. 4, "Help isn't a bad word."

The question is, "Why are people so reluctant to ask for help or even accept a kind gesture?" There may be several factors involved. Brinkman mentioned the element of independence. Our society is so indulged in this concept that it blinds them from a more important one — helping others.

Another thing that Brinkman mentioned was trust and caution. Because of the uncontrollable evils that society brings us, we are reluctant to trust anyone, especially strangers. I don't deny the fact that safety issues should always caution us, but if we turn ourselves away to every helping hand, we will end up in a society of independent, arrogant, paranoid people.

The truth is people are simply afraid of themselves. Sometimes it's just better to simply let go and let reality take its course. Besides, every friendship always

starts with a simple friendly gesture. And every friendly gesture deserves another.

I am 22 years old, and it took me this long to actually realize that sometimes you just have to accept whatever comes to you. If help comes your way, grab it while you can, because you can never be too arrogant or too sure that there will always be someone out there to help you.

Jason De Jesus senior advertising/public relations major

Student health center in need of changes

I recently visited the health center for the first time since my freshman year. As I walked through the door, it seemed that nothing had changed. The chairs in the waiting room were still sitting in the same positions they were two years ago, and I felt as though no time had passed. After I put my name on the card and I was called back to talk to the nurse, I found that some things had changed. I was informed that the doctor would not be able to see me for a week.

We all need to be aware of changes that need to be made in the health center. I feel it is really necessary that we have a doctor able to see walk-in patients every day. Most of us live far enough away from home that we do not have a doctor of our own here in Fort Worth. When we need to see a doctor, this is where we come. This is a very important part of our campus that we really need to consider updating.

Erica Bellbird junior speech communication major

CAMP

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kids for weeks," she said. "Kids can feel loved unconditionally. They are all special in their own way, and they may not get that in their everyday life."

Similar to Camp Kanakuk, Pine Cove in Tyler, Texas, is another Christian sports camp. Pine Cove stresses self-confidence and the courage to tackle life's challenges.

Paula Gordon, a senior speech pathology major, said Pine Cove helps kids understand God's love.

"The kids really teach you a lot," said Gordon, a counselor at Pine Cove. "The little things are so important, and we get carried away with the wrong things. It's a good experience."

Pine Cove is a non-profit non-denominational summer camp that stretches over 760 acres.

Gordon said Pine Cove allows children to have fun in a safe environment.

"The kids are just wonderful," she said. "They have such innocence to them, and they bring so much more meaning to what you are doing."

Although all three counselors are graduating in May, each said wish to return to their camp for a final summer.

"Camp is pretty much my favorite place in the entire world," Hensley said. "There a lot of personal awards as far as learning more about yourself."

Campers and counselors not only learn more about themselves but also have some of their greatest memories in their life.

"I have a lot of good stories, but let's not tell the parents about it," Hensley said. "But mostly it's good, wholesome, family fun."

RIGHTS

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to field questions and concerns from students, Reed said, but for reasons unknown, were absent.

Reed said he plans to give the university a list, possibly with as many as 50 names of students who say they have been harassed by Fort Worth police officers.

Barbara Herman, assistant vice chancellor and director of Student Development Services, said TCU wants to protect students' rights and help them find the right off-campus resources. She also said none of the reports of alleged harassment have implicated TCU police officers.

Reed said no plans have been made to file any formal complaints to the FWPD on behalf of the students who have been stopped.

One student who was asked by

police to give a DNA sample said he has filed a lawsuit to have his sample returned.

Frank Colosi, a cooperating attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union, said no one is required to give a DNA sample. He said, however, that a person waives their right not to give the sample merely by giving their consent.

Joe Briggs, a senior marketing major, said the stigma surrounding black males on campus has worsened in the wake of the most recent attack.

"Being a black male on campus is becoming very burdensome," he said. "People whisper when you walk by."

Briggs said he thinks black males at TCU have a long road ahead.

"I can't wait until I don't have to walk around with a yoke on my neck," he said. "I think it will go on as long as black

males are around TCU."

Briggs and about 30 other students, many of them black males, attended Wednesday night's forum.

Colosi, along with Don Jackson, chairman of the political science department and president of Fort Worth's ACLU chapter, addressed questions concerning citizens' rights during police questioning or traffic stops.

Reed said police officers fill out field investigation cards each time they question someone. He said he believes black students have been targeted for further investigation by police detectives after the initial questioning.

Jackson, who has been an ACLU attorney for 23 years, said police officers are usually just doing their job when they stop someone for questioning.

"They're trying to solve a crime," he

said. "They're going to ask questions."

Jackson also said police officers who stop motorists for a minor traffic violation do not have the right to search the car.

"You have a legal right to say 'Don't search my car,' but if they go ahead and do it, you can't resist them," he said.

Jackson said that when a person resists a search, police officers usually become suspicious and will go ahead with the search anyway.

In that case, the person who has been pulled over should do exactly what the officer says, Jackson said.

"Who are you going to believe if you are on a jury?" he said. "Just do what they say and take action later."

People who feel their rights have been violated should file a formal complaint with the internal affairs division of the police department, he said.

VIGIL

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candle were asked to blow it out to honor every one in six women who is raped. Later, the number two candles were asked to blow out their flame. At the end of the program, Graham asked the people with candles still burning to light the others.

"Do not see the candles that have been blown out," she said. "See the light of perseverance."

Kimberly Rachel, a victim of domestic violence, spoke about her experiences and how there is hope for victims.

"Even a small candle gives enough light to fight the darkness," she said.

Rachel spoke about the abuse by her former husband and how she is now realizing her dreams and will graduate from TCU in May with English departmental honors. After she graduates, she plans on attending law school at the University of Texas to pursue a career in public service.

She said her ex-husband blocked all her attempts to escape the abuse, and she felt hopeless. After nine years, she received help from the Women's Haven of Fort Worth and is working towards her goals.

"We are here to unite," she said. "The candle symbolizes the glimmer of hope we have to combat violence."

Jessica Kjellgren, a junior finance management major, is a member of the Student Athlete Peer Association and helped by handing out yellow ribbons. She said Rachel's insights bring violent crime issues closer to home.

"It was effective to have a woman talk about her own experiences," she said. "She reassured women they can get through it and still have their dreams."

Stacey Paullin, a junior marketing major, said the program was organized and effective.

"(The vigil) showed how quickly we react to what happens in our community," she said. "It was a good feeling in the room and I was glad I could be a part of it."

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NBA

Allen signs \$70.9 million, six-year deal
MILWAUKEE (AP) — Guard Ray Allen signed a \$70.9 million, six-year extension today, becoming the highest-paid player in Milwaukee Bucks history.

"For a coach, my job is to piece this thing together," new coach George Karl said at a news conference to announce Allen's extension. "And now I've got a very big piece."

Allen negotiated directly with team owner Herb Kohl, the senior senator from Wisconsin.

Allen, who saved a 4 percent commission — \$2,836,000 — that he would have had to pay an agent, said Kohl agreed to pay him the maximum salary allowed a third-year player by the new collective bargaining agreement: \$9 million to start, with annual raises of 12.5 percent.

That works out to \$70.9 million over six years, the same contract recently signed by Kobe Bryant, Allen Iverson, Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Antoine Walker, all three-year stars who would have been eligible for free agency after this season.

Allen's deal surpasses the \$68.25 million contract that Glenn Robinson got as the top pick in the 1994 NBA draft.

Hicks closer to buying piece of the Mavericks

DALLAS (AP) — Tom Hicks, who has already bought major league baseball's Texas Rangers and the Dallas Stars of the NHL in a bid to launch a regional sports network, is still trying to buy a piece of the NBA's Dallas Mavericks.

The Dallas Morning News reported Wednesday that Hicks and the basketball team's owner Ross Perot Jr. are continuing ongoing negotiations that will likely result in Hicks purchasing a piece of the team, possibly as much as 15 percent.

Talks have begun to include a chunk of Perot's "Victory" project aimed at creating a residential, commercial and entertainment district around the \$230 million downtown arena being built for the Mavericks and Stars.

Hicks has been trying to buy into the Mavericks for nearly four years, ever since original owner Donald Carter first put them up for sale. Hicks has sought a minority stake from Perot for quite a while. A Perot-led group bought the team in 1996.

On Wednesday afternoon, Hicks issued a statement to downplay the impression that a deal was almost clinched.

"Speculations about an imminent investment by me in the Dallas Mavericks is premature," Hicks said. "Ross Perot Jr. and I have had discussions about further aligning our interests. ... It is only natural to examine how we can work together in other ways."

"However, talks are preliminary and I would not expect any further developments of any kind for some time."

Early mistakes lead to 8-3 loss

By Matt Welneck
SKIFF STAFF

Sparked by two home runs by Allen Marshall and a record-breaking performance from All-American Shane Wright, the 13th ranked Texas Tech Red Raiders defeated TCU 8-3 in Lubbock Tuesday.

The loss drops the Frogs to 2-3 for the season. The Red Raiders took advantage of a shaky start from pitcher Mark Hamilton who went three innings and gave up five runs.

Marshall's first home run of the game came in the first inning with two on base to answer the

two runs put up by the Frogs in the top half of the inning. Third baseman Royce Huffman and designated hitter Shaun Wooley led the TCU charge, combining to go three for eight with all three runs batted in.

Pitcher Cade Harris closed out the game with three shutout innings and three strikeouts, but the damage was already done.

"We didn't play very well; we made mistakes we shouldn't make defensively, and we didn't make good pitches early," coach Lance Brown said. "We knew we had some things to work with coming back from Laredo."

TCU opened its season at The Gateway Classic in Laredo last weekend. The Frogs won their first game 17-3 against University of Texas at Arlington, but then dropped the next two against Oral Roberts and Sam Houston State, 11-3 and 10-5 respectively. The Frogs closed out the weekend with a win over Centenary, 11-7, in 10 innings.

"It's just early in the year," Brown said. "We knew that coming in that we would have to do a lot of experiments early with as many position players as we had to try and get a feel for the team and what they can do."

The Frogs made a mark of their own against Centenary, turning their first triple play since Brown became head coach in 1987.

Huffman and first baseman David Wallace led the way offensively for TCU in Laredo. Huffman reached base on 13 of his 19 plate appearances and drove in five runs. Wallace drove in six runs on five hits.

The Frogs play a three-game set against the Southwest Texas State Bobcats this weekend in their home-opener. TCU will play a double-header Saturday with the first game at 12:05 and finish on Sunday at 1:05 p.m.

Rec sports off and running

By Jeri Petersen
STAFF REPORTER

Club Sports

The men's and women's lacrosse teams surprised even themselves last weekend in New Orleans.

Club presidents Pete Hoffman and Kelly Coulson said participation in the Mardi Gras tournament was intended to give their young teams experience playing against older, better teams.

However, both clubs beat some of the veterans.

This is the first time TCU lacrosse teams have participated in the annual Mardi Gras event, where some of the best teams in the country gather.

"We played wonderfully," Coulson said. "Half the team members are freshmen and if they continue to play this well we will be one of the best teams out here."

The women split their games on Friday, beating Virginia Tech and losing to Texas A&M. Saturday's action resulted in a tie with the University of Virginia and a win over Penn State.

Coulson came to TCU from Colorado and started coaching the women's lacrosse team her freshman year.

"I have acted as captain and coach all along," Coulson said. "When I first got here, the team hardly played any games and didn't do very well. I graduate in May, and it's exciting to see how this team has grown in four years. After I graduate, I plan to continue coaching because these girls are my girls now."

The men also played a tough weekend schedule in various levels of competition.

"We feel we did very well against men's club teams at the Division I level," Hoffman said.

Against collegiate competition, the Frogs were 1-1, dropping an 11-9 decision to the Green Wave of Tulane University and beating

Purdue University 5-1.

Club Vice President Mark Gregory said, "We came out kind of slow in the first half (against Tulane) but came back ... and only lost by two. We had a great second-half performance."

The Frogs' goalie, Dwight Clasby, was named team MVP for the tournament, Gregory said.

"(Dwight) is a first-year player and he really came out strong," Gregory said. "He had a lot of great saves and the team got a lot of compliments from other teams about his performance."

The competition in New Orleans helped prepare the men for this weekend's round-robin tournament at home against No. 15 Auburn and No. 10 Texas.

The Frogs will face Auburn under the lights on the track at 7 p.m. Friday.

Texas and Auburn will battle at 7 p.m. Saturday on the track.

A showdown between TCU and Texas at noon Sunday on the Intramural Fields will wrap up the tournament.

"We'd really like people to come out and watch," Gregory said. "And we're still recruiting players. Anyone with athletic ability who wants to learn the game can come out and make a difference."

Students interested in men's lacrosse may contact Hoffman at 924-4985 or Gregory at 257-3011.

In other club news, the men's rugby team was defeated last weekend against St. Edward's University.

The Frogs will take the home field against Texas Tech at 2 p.m. Saturday.

Club member Brad Parker said, "We're big rivals with Tech. They have beaten us in the past, and we're both really competitive."

Since losing many seniors last year and picking up several freshman this year, the team is rebuilding



Josh Rodriguez/SKIFF STAFF

The rugby team, shown here in action against St. Edwards University last Saturday, will face Texas Tech at 2 p.m. Saturday on the Intramural fields. The men's lacrosse team will also play this weekend, as it faces Auburn at 7 p.m. Friday at the track and the University of Texas at noon on Sunday on the Intramural fields.

this season, Parker said.

"Even so, we've been playing well for a young team," he said.

Club Vice President Robbie Yellott said, "This might be our last home game, so we'd like to get people out to support us."

Intramurals

A large contingent of bowlers turned out for Monday's tournament.

Intramural Sports Director Lance Steffen said, "A total of 28 teams comprised of 112 participants competed. We scheduled 81 games and played 81 for a perfect turnout."

In the best series team category, scores were for a three-game total.

The men's team winner was Sig Ep; women's winner was Rickel; and the co-ed winner was Brachman Wolfpac.

The best game team category took the highest score for one game. Winners were: Sig Ep for men, Rickel for women and Brachman Wolfpac for co-ed.

Best series for an individual player winners were: Matt Louis, playing for Pi Kapp; Manda Morris, playing for Theta; and Annette Kvamme playing for Brachman Wolfpac.

Finally, in best game for an individual, Matt Louis won for Pi Kapp; Manda Morris won for Theta; and Annette Kvamme won for

Brachman Wolfpac.

In Sunday's intramural basketball, the co-ed team Brachman Wolfpac won over The Reds, 49-44.

Lambda Kappa Kappa lost to Pi Kappa Phi 51-42 in the 6-foot-and-under league.

The men's Trailblazers won over Phi Kap Black 57-50.

Upcoming intramural events include a bench press competition on Feb. 22 and a tennis doubles tournament on March 1.

Registration for the bench press competition is due Tuesday. Tennis doubles registration is due Feb. 24. For more information, call 257-7945.

Frog fans need to ban fair-weather attitude

Four losses in a row. We never thought it would happen, did we? Well the truth is that it has happened. But does that mean it's all over? Of course not.

For most of my four years at TCU, I never thought I would see the student body supporting its athletic teams. There were many home games where I was one of only a handful of students.

During last year's basketball season and this year's football season I saw students here were actually capable of showing some sup-

port. Last year's men's basketball home victory over New Mexico and the Sun Bowl proved that, but whether the students are capable of being more than just fair-weather fans remains to be seen.

I see this basketball season as the test. I'll admit I was happily surprised to see the student section as packed for last Saturday's game against Southern Methodist as it has been for any game. I'd like to think the high attendance was as much due to unconditional support for the team as it was because the opponent was SMU. I said I'd like to think that, but I'm not so sure.

I guess I will see at tonight's game against Wyoming. Are four straight losses enough to keep students away from Daniel-Meyer Coliseum tonight and for the rest

of the season? It would certainly take more than that to keep me away. In fact the only home football game I ever missed was because the engine in my car blew up (yes, blew up) on my way there.

Of course I understand winning is important, and don't think that I don't care if the team loses. I do care and I always want the team to win, but I don't base my support on the win-loss record.

Remember, last year the team went undefeated in conference play, lost in the second round of the Western Athletic Conference Championship and then lost in the first round of the NCAA tournament. This was disappointing, but the students were right back there this season ready for another shot.

So now the team has lost five

games in the conference, but there are still six games to play and four of them are at home. On paper this looks like a benefit, and it should be one in reality as well, but if the students aren't there in force the court becomes more of a neutral place than one of advantage for our team.

TCU isn't out of the WAC race by any means, but the team needs wins in order to stay in that race. For the rest of the schedule we students have the opportunity to contribute to at least four of those games. Don't think that our presence doesn't have an effect either. Anyone who was at the New Mexico or Tulsa home games last year knows how important a rabid home crowd can be.

Just say the team only wins the four home games it has left on the

schedule. That would leave the WAC record at 7-7 and should give the Frogs a berth in the WAC tournament. It's not over yet, and anything can happen. That's not just a sports cliché either. Want proof? Last year Nevada-Las Vegas entered the WAC championship tournament with a 7-7 conference record and ended up winning the tournament, earning the Runnin' Rebels a spot in the NCAA tournament.

We have four chances to prove that we aren't the fair-weather, apathetic young people everyone says we are. The team members haven't given up, Billy Tubbs hasn't given up and neither should we.

Wendy Bogema is a senior broadcast journalism major from Danbury, Texas.

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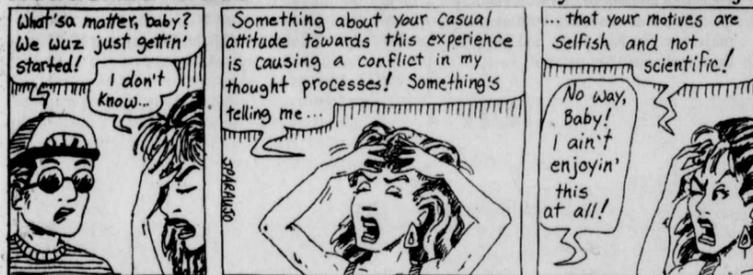
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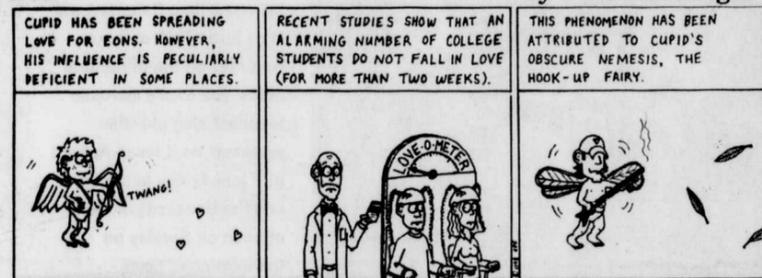
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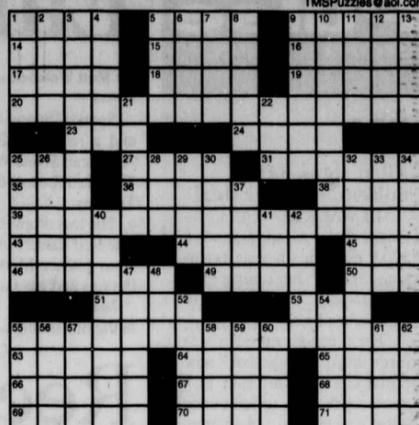
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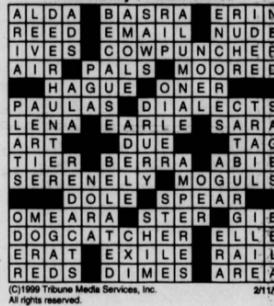
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 - Legal decision makers
 - "Casablanca" co-star
 - Large, bundled package
 - Graphic opening?
 - Actor Merlin
 - Revise for print
 - Egyptian fertility goddess
 - Bang-up time
 - Lions' lairs
 - Small land mass



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Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



- DOWN**
- _ a one
 - Double-reed instrument
 - Positioning of troops
 - Upright stone marker
 - Explode
 - Extrmity
 - State with conviction
 - Dahomey, today
 - Crouch
 - Fall to notice
 - Rex Stout's Wolfe
 - Polynesian beverage
 - Winter transportation
 - Body part
 - Gear tooth
 - Saxon
 - Cheech's surname
 - Embassy head: abbr.
 - Whopper peddler
 - So far
 - Ingenuity
 - Ghostly
 - AI of the '50s
 - Indians
 - Practice boxing
 - Knickknack shelves
 - Dead-eye
 - Low-cost
 - PTA member
 - Wallach or Whitney
 - Flowed back
 - Wheel spokes
 - Amorphous amount
 - Loaf about
 - Sky bear
 - Summoned, old-style
 - Ken or Lena
 - Seines
 - Runner
 - Zatopek
 - Suffer defeat

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