

# DANA COLLEGE Hermes

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Members of the Dana cross country team pose for a group photo at the national meet in Kenosha, Wis.

## Banquet held to honor athletic achievement

TINA HAMILTON  
Reporter

Approximately 210 coaches, parents and fall sports participants attended the Nov. 22 semiformal luncheon in the campus center. This event is known as the athletic banquet and is held twice a year.

"The purpose of the banquet is to honor and thank the athletes and coaches for their commitment and participation in athletics," said Kathy Foley, Director of Athletics.

At the banquet, every athlete receives an award based on the year of participation. Athletes in their first year of participation receive framed certificates. Second year awards are a personalized metal, while third year awards are a Dana college watch.

During the fourth year of participation, athletes receive a stadium blanket.

Special awards such as an academic award, All-American award, and most valuable player awards were also handed out during the event.

Most valuable player awards were given to Jenny Wilcox for women's soccer, Tiffani Nielsen and Scott Stanley for cross country, Becky Stansberry for volleyball, and Biff Schofield for the football team. These recipients of the most valuable player awards received billboard trophies.

"I like the athletic banquet because it brings all the fall athletes together and shows what all the teams have accomplished," said Tiffani Elznic, sophomore volleyball player. "It's neat to see who excelled in all the other sports."

## Runners take fifth at nationals

WENDY TROFF  
Sports Editor

As you probably noticed from the banner in the campus center, the men's cross country team experienced an enjoyable end to their successful season.

The Vikings placed fifth at the Nationals meet held Nov. 21 at Kenosha, Wis., and had one All-American, Scott Stanley. Stanley, who finished with a time of 24:55 and placed 11th, setting a new Dana record on any course. According to coach Jay Birmingham, the Dana team ran well.

"We were ranked ninth going into the race, and we placed fifth," said Birmingham. "I think we surprised a lot of people by doing so well. No other team moved 4 places higher than their ranking."

Dana's Nationals squad consisted of Stanley and six others. Matt Poulter claimed 39th place with a

time of 25:51. Bob Spangler, the only team member who has competed at Nationals for four straight years, came in at 25:66 for 44th place. Justin Christensen ran 26:09 to place 57th. Derek Fey finished 58th with a time of 26:10. Evan Bees took 125th with a time of 26:58. And Aaron Schlotte, had a 127th place finish with a time of 26:58. Schlotte, who ran the final 1.5 miles with only one shoe, having lost the other after another runner stepped on his heel, still managed to finish ahead of many of the 325 total runners.

"The Nationals course is not an easy one," said Birmingham. "Most of our runners ran their personal best times."

Also representing Dana on Saturday was Tiffani Nielsen, who ran her best race of the season. Nielsen, who made her first trip to Nationals, finished the 6,000 meter course in 19:15 to place 72nd out of 344 finishers. Only the third Dana woman to compete at Nationals, Nielsen came in just

38 seconds after the last All-American.

The cross country teams have put an end to a successful season with a pleasant experience at a prestigious meet, said Birmingham.



Scott Stanley dashes to an eleventh place finish at the national meet.



Sophomore Ashley Denney accepts her award after being named the most improved soccer player. (Photo by Brooke Thomsen)

## Group forms to discuss sexuality

ALLISON RUHDE  
Reporter

GL2. Have you seen these posters around campus and wondered what this means? You will have plenty more opportunities this year to find out.

GL2, God's Love for Gays and Lesbians, is a series of conversations sponsored by the campus pastor's office. Pastor Joanne Richmond and senior Sarah Pierce started the program.

Pierce came to Richmond with a desire to start a group on campus to help make gay, lesbian and bisexual students feel more comfortable.

Pierce said she got the idea for the group after hearing about an organization called Lutherans Concerned, which works within churches to make sure people of all sexual orientation feel welcome and are treated equally.

Richmond said one major factor in her decision to help Pierce was the death of Matthew Shepherd, a gay college student in Wyoming. He was beaten and left to die by classmates because he was gay. Richmond said Shepherd's death gave her "a renewed sense of how important it is for gay, lesbian and bisexual students to feel safe and welcome." Through these meetings, Richmond wants to communicate that God does love people of all sexual orientations.

Both Pierce and Richmond have

been pleased by the response and support of the meetings they have had so far. Pierce said, "I have grown because of the meetings. I am becoming more conscious of society."

The group has had four meetings and plans to continue meeting next semester. The meetings are held in the Forum and are usually every other week. Richmond says the people who have attended the meetings so far are interested in having an open conversation about sexuality. Everyone is welcome to attend, faculty and staff, as well as students, but Richmond says there are a few ground rules for those who wish to attend.

She said, "We listen to each other, we respect each other, and we don't think we can change each other."

## Hispanic student club to start activities soon

SAMREEN SALIM  
Reporter

The Dana Hispanic Student Organization will begin activities in January.

The leader of the Hispanic club, freshman Adolfo Morales, said, "I want to start the club in order to allow the cultural heritage to remain vivid in each individual, as well as to emphasize the sociological problems of Hispanics."

So far four people have shown interest in the club. One of the members of the club, Rachel Hospodka, said, "I'm really glad that the club

is starting. It's an interesting idea to enable me to learn more about the Hispanic culture."

Morales is planning to do a Hispanic Christmas tradition called "Three Kings Celebration," as well as a Hispanic culture day with food, music and dance sometime next semester.

The organization will be teaming up with the Denison University Hispanic Organization in Granville, Ohio, to help each other in promoting Hispanic leadership as well as doing community service projects together during the summer.

Anybody interested can contact Morales by e-mail or calling him at ext. 7675.

## Audience to participate in Danish customs

TJ KERGER  
Reporter

Danish instructor Trine Thiessen, the Danish Club and students enrolled in Danish class will present Christmas traditions from Denmark in the form of stories, singing and audience participation at this year's Julestuen.

The Christmas Room, the English translation of Julestuen, is a traditional part of the Sights and Sounds of Christmas and will be held in the Dana Hall of Science Auditorium at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

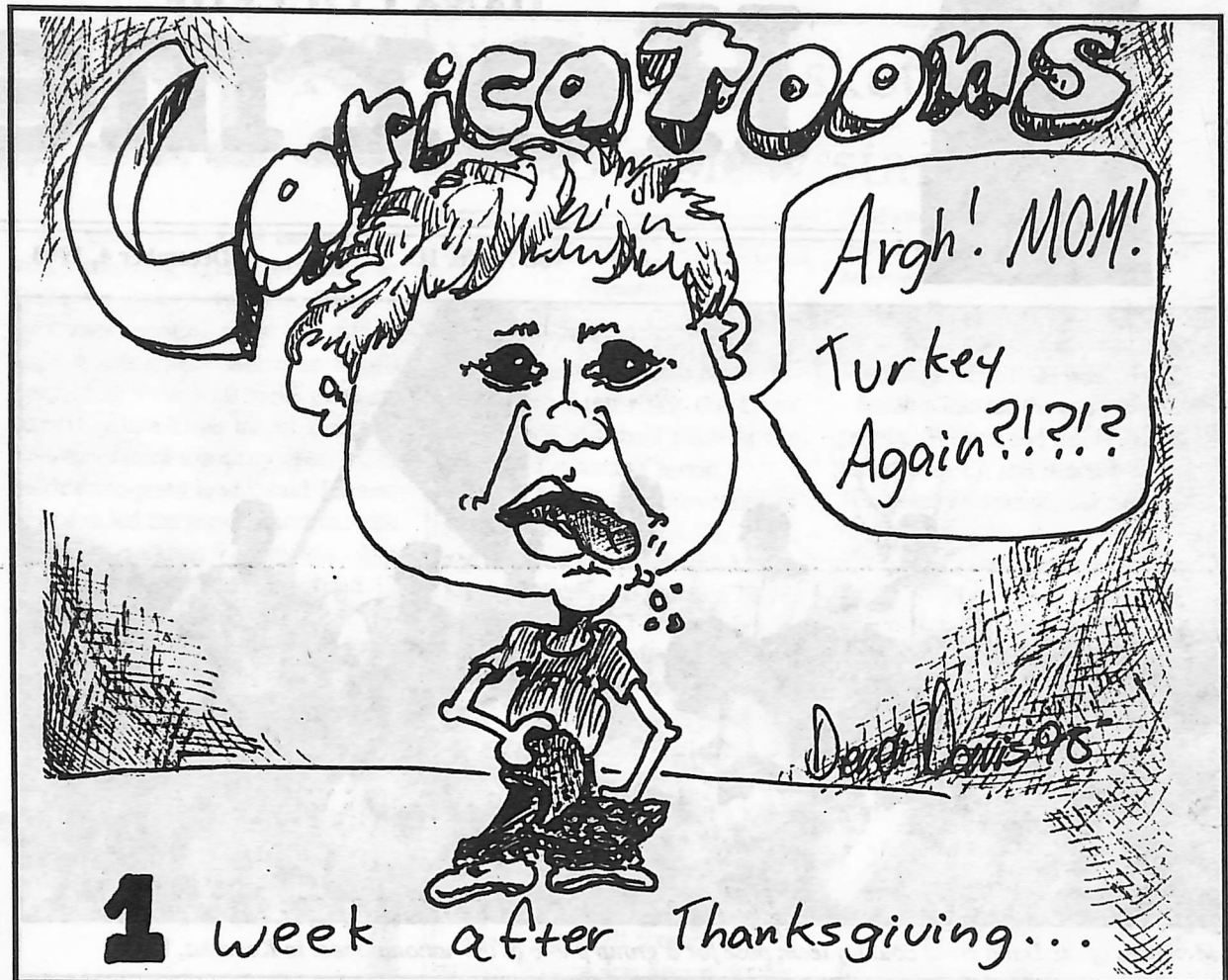
Unlike previous years, this Julestuen will incorporate traditional United States Christmas customs for

comparison with those from Denmark. Thiessen noted some interesting differences between American Christmas customs and traditional Danish customs.

In the U.S., Santa Claus comes from the North Pole. He brings presents while we sleep on Christmas Eve night. We then open them on Christmas Day.

In Denmark, Julemanden, as they call him, comes from Greenland. He brings presents, but they are opened on Christmas Eve after a large feast. In a traditional Danish Christmas, the family even joins hands around the tree as they sing carols.

Admission is available through the Sights and Sounds buttons at each event. The buttons cost \$5.



## Christmas plays, music and dance

MELANIE HINZE  
Reporter

The Dana College Theater Christmas production of "Christmas Stories" is the combination of both the typical and the out of the ordinary Christmas past-time brought to life on stage.

The 35-minute production will be performed on Sunday at noon 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Lauritzen Theater.

"Christmas Stories" includes five short sections dealing with Christmas experiences for all ages. The production will include the play, a guitar trio, a trombone duet, Christmas carols and dances. The fancy footwork displayed in the dances will be choreographed by Julian Adair, an award-winning Omaha choreographer.

"Christmas Stories" is being performed by acting classes under the direction of Dr. Paul Schneider.

Come support the men's basketball team Tuesday as they take on the Bruins from Bellevue University. The action starts at 7:30 p.m. in Borup Coliseum.

Cheer on the basketball women as they battle Peru State College on Thursday at 8 p.m. in Borup Coliseum.

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## Sights and Sounds offers Danish food, crafts and shopping

BECKY DUNNELL  
Reporter

Still need some good gift ideas for your parents? Feeling artistic? In the mood for some Scandinavian food? Then be ready on Sunday because shopping, crafting and eating all play a major part in the Sights and Sounds Christmas festival.

If you are still in need of some holiday gifts, you will be able to shop all day long in the Dana College Bookstore. You will also be able to buy premium quality books for 40-70 per-

cent off in the Linden Room as part of a Books Are Fun Sale.

If you are more interested in the works of local artists, you need to stop by the Jule Markedsplads in the lobby of Mickelsen Hall. Student art will be for sale in Madsen Fine Arts Center. There are also opportunities to learn to make your own gifts.

If you are in the mood to make it Danish, you'll need to stop by Argo Hall to learn the art of Papirklip, Bobbin Lace and Hardanger. Don't know what they are? Then make sure you stop by and find out, and you will also learn how to make a traditional Scandinavian Christmas ornament.

If baskets are more your thing, make sure to visit the Linden Room and watch the Swedish weavers as they demonstrate weaving and spinning. Also available for your viewing pleasure is the student art exhibit in the Thomsen Gallery of the Madsen Fine Arts Building. There you will be able to view art work that has been created by Dana students.

If all this shopping and crafting makes you hungry, make sure to stop in the campus center for the Scandinavian Smorgasbord. Here you will be able to sample a Christmas feast from another culture. Be prepared for dishes from Denmark and America.

## Band and chorale concerts expected to draw large crowds

TARA FURSTENAU  
Reporter

What better way to get into the Christmas spirit than with the sounds of music? Concerts by the concert band and Chorale will kick off Sights and Sounds of Christmas on Saturday.

In the past, there has been a joint concert with both groups performing in Borup Coliseum. This year they are following a slightly different format. The band concert will begin at 7 p.m. in the Madsen Fine Arts Center. Following the concert, there will be a reception in Borup, where the Chorale will then begin at 7:45 p.m.

Not only is the format different, so are the performances. Both the band and Chorale have added some unique features to their performances.

Dr. William Hall, band director, explained that for the band's opening number, they will have a procession with colorful flags, which will then

be posted by the stage.

The band will play a variety of music from the 1400's through 1998. They will perform one piece entitled "Toy Symphony" that features solos by students playing unusual instruments, including a cuckoo and nightingale bird call. Hall said this humorous 1788 musical piece has been a crowd favorite for years.

The band, which will be performing for the second time this season, will finish the program with a sing-along.

According to Dr. Richard Palmer, the Chorale also has some new and interesting things planned for their concert, including solos by Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen and Miss Nebraska, Jenny Lemmerman. Nielsen will do her solo with the choir and harp. Lemmerman plans to sing "Do You Hear What I Hear."

Other performances will include an organ and trumpet trio, a brass quintet and a solo by Jeremy Brian, which will feature African drums.

Every year Chorale members are

given the opportunity to audition for Master Singers. Palmer explained that this allows ambitious students to grow and develop their singing abilities. Their auditions are videotaped and looked over by the vocal faculty. This year two Master Singers were chosen and they will have a chance to display their talents at this weekend's concerts. Matt Haufle will sing "Nuttin' for Christmas" and A.D. Ward will sing "Most Wonderful Day of the Year."

Palmer expects approximately 1800 people to be in attendance at the Saturday night concert. They will perform again on Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

### Scandinavian folk dancers bring tradition

SAMREEN SYEDA  
Reporter

Sights and Sounds of Christmas once again will be offering the Scandinavian folk dancers.

The Scandinavian folk dancers are eight enthusiastic Omaha couples, including older, middle age and young people. The dancers will be performing traditional dances and customs of Scandinavia under the direction of Poul Steffensen.

The Sight and Sounds event coordinator Anne Christopherson said, "It is a very good experience for the students to come and see the other students performing dance."

The admission fee is \$5 for outsiders and the students unless the Sights and Sounds button has been obtained. The dance is going to be held in three sessions. The first one is at noon and the other two sessions are at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. in Borup Coliseum on Sunday.

## Santa Lucia, Christmas Forte perform seasonal favorites

ADAM BOHN  
Reporter

In addition to the Dana College Chorale singing at the Sights and Sounds of Christmas festival, there are two other singing groups adding their voices to the festivities--the Santa Lucia and Christmas Forté groups.

The Santa Lucia group is a "women's Chorale ensemble that performs a capela, three part harmony in Danish and English" according to the Dana College Survival Guide. They will be providing the audiences with a rendition of the Swedish Festival of Lights.

Their performances will be held Sunday at noon and 2 p.m. in Trinity Chapel. For those who will not be able to attend the Santa Lucia performance at those times, they will be performing once more at 7 p.m. at the Concourse located in the E.C. Hunt Campus Center.

Alternating times with this group will be the quartet called Christmas Forté. They will sing popular Christmas favorites to audiences at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in Trinity Chapel.

As well as singing at the Sights and Sounds celebration, the Santa Lucia group sings at other Christmas festivals as well. For more information about Santa Lucia or Christmas Forte, contact Professor Jeanmarie Nielsen at ext. 7318.



Volunteers deck Dana's halls with evergreen in preparation for the Sights and Sounds celebration. Activities are planned for Saturday and Sunday.

## Christmas storyteller returns to Dana

BRIAN FRAHM  
Reporter

The Christmas Storyteller returns to Dana's Sights and Sounds of Christmas entertaining the young at heart. The former professor of religion and director of the humanities program at Dana College, Professor Emeritus John W. Nielsen, is presenting stories and rhymes.

"He's very animating, captivating, and grabs your attention right away," said professor Jeanmarie Nielsen.

John W. Nielsen is the father of Dana professor, Dr. John Mark Nielsen, who said that some of the

stories John W. Nielsen tells will be classics, but the others will be his originals.

He received his bachelor of art degree from Dana College, and his bachelor of divinity degree from Trinity Seminary, after which he was ordained. He then received his doctorate in philosophy from Oxford University in England.

John W. Nielsen has been telling stories for over 20 years. After his retirement from Dana in 1990, he took a few years off, then started entertaining again last year.

The storytelling will take place at The Forum. There will be three sessions starting at noon, 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. on Sunday.

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**SOLDIER** 5:10-7:25-9:30 (R)

**BLADE** 12:50-3:20-5:35-7:50-10:10 (R)

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**HOLY MAN** 1:10-3:25-7:55 (PG)

**ONE TRUE THING** 5:30-10:05 (PG13)

**ROUNDERS**  
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## Men's basketball team drops three games in a row

TRACI AHRENDT  
Reporter

The Dana men's basketball team went head to head with the University of Sioux Falls, Mount Marty College and Bellevue University. Each game ended in a disappointing loss for the Vikings.

The Vikings got off to a bad start against the University of Sioux Falls. The Nov. 19 game found the Vikings trailing 19-6 early on. K.C. Tupa and Ruel Cooper led the Vikings with 12 scores each. Chris Wulf and Tony Jackson also added to the final score

with 10 points each. However, it just wasn't enough. The Vikings fell to the Cougars 97-83.

Mount Marty, one of last year's national tournament final four teams, hosted the Vikings on Nov. 21. In the first eight minutes of play the Vikings were ahead. "The next thing we know it's 40-24 before we score again," said head coach Dave Jensen. By half time the Vikings found themselves with 14 turnovers, eight more than Mount Marty. The Vikes were unable to make a come back in the second half, and the final score favored Mount Marty 80-60. Michael Johnson led all scorers with 17 points. Jackson wasn't far behind with 13.

The game on Nov. 24 had the Vikings traveling again, this time to Bellevue University. The Bruin's perimeter shooting made the difference in this game. Bellevue hit 48 percent of their total field goal attempts, while Dana hit 41 percent. "We gave them too many open looks from three-point land," said Jensen. Johnson led the team in scores with 22 points and had 9 rebounds. Jim Koontz and K.C. Tupa each had 12 points, and Jackson also hit the double digits in scores with 11. The Bruins beat the Vikings 83-75.

The Viking's next game will be at Peru State College on Saturday at 7:30 p.m.

## Women's basketball team off to a slow start

MINDY STREITENBERGER  
Reporter

Slow starts proved to be the deciding factor for the Dana women's basketball team at the Midland Lutheran Classic.

They fell to the University of Sioux Falls Friday, Nov. 20, 75-71, and dropped a contest with Mount Mercy College on Saturday, 78-71.

Dana trailed by 12 at halftime of Friday's Sioux Falls contest but fought back and even took the lead in the second half.

Jorgia Morin and Melanie Lubbers both left the game with five fouls, while Jodi Bradley, Kim Wilken and Elizabeth Snedigar were saddled with four personal fouls each.

Bradley lead all scorers with 26 points. Wilken was also in double digits with 12.

Saturday's contest, unfortunately, was nearly a repeat of Friday. The Vikings trailed by 23 at halftime, 47-24. Poor shooting led to the early deficit. The Vikings hit only 37 percent of their field

goal attempts in the first half compared to 57 percent for Mount Mercy.

Again Dana came back strong in the second half and even tied the Mustangs. The final was 78-71.

Sarah Klein led the team with 15 points. Wilken and Lubbers each tailed with 13, and Bradley added 10. Mandy Axmann pulled in nine rebounds.

"We had a hard time coming out ready to play," said Dana head coach Judy Vaughn. "If we could have played the first half the way we played the second half, we should have won both games."

Wilken was named to the all-tournament team for her two-game effort of 25 points.

On Nov. 24, in Leavenworth, Kan., it was a different picture. The Vikings limited Saint Mary College to only 17 first-half points for a victory of 69-55.

Wilken led the Vikings with 17 points. Morin added 13, and Snedigar came in off the bench to add 10. Lubbers had 12 rebounds. Klein had 4 steals and 4 assists.

"It was a good win right before the break," Vaughn said.

## Wrestlers battle injuries

TIFFANI NIELSEN  
Reporter

The Viking wrestlers started their season off with three very competitive meets.

The first four meets the wrestlers attend are like preseason meets said junior Steve Jenny. So far, they have wrestled Division I athletes almost exclusively.

Although these high caliber events have given the Vikings valuable practice before they compete with NAIA schools, injuries have already taken their toll.

"No upperclassmen are wrestling right now," said junior Darold Foster, "Our four ranked guys are out because of injuries."

Even though the upperclassmen are unable to compete, they are doing a great job of pushing the rest of the team in practice. They feel they are still doing their best to be leaders, said Jenny.

"Its not like high school where the coach has to make you push. Your own teammates do it," said Foster.

Tough competition and a string of injuries occurring so early in the season can lower confidence levels, but the Vikings aren't letting it get to them. "We'll get through it and come out and compete," said senior Chad Greguras.

Dana has one more meet with Division I schools before they battle conference competition.

"With these first challenging meets, we'll be coming back with fire," said Jenny.

### Fall 1998 Athletic Awards

#### soccer

Most valuable offensive player: Jenny Wilcox

Most valuable mid-fielder: Rachel Herman

Most improved player: Ashley Denney

#### volleyball

Most valuable player: Becky Stansberry

Most inspirational player: Tiffani Elznic

Most improved player: Rachel Heitmann

#### cross country

Most valuable runners: Tiffani Nielsen and Scott Stanley

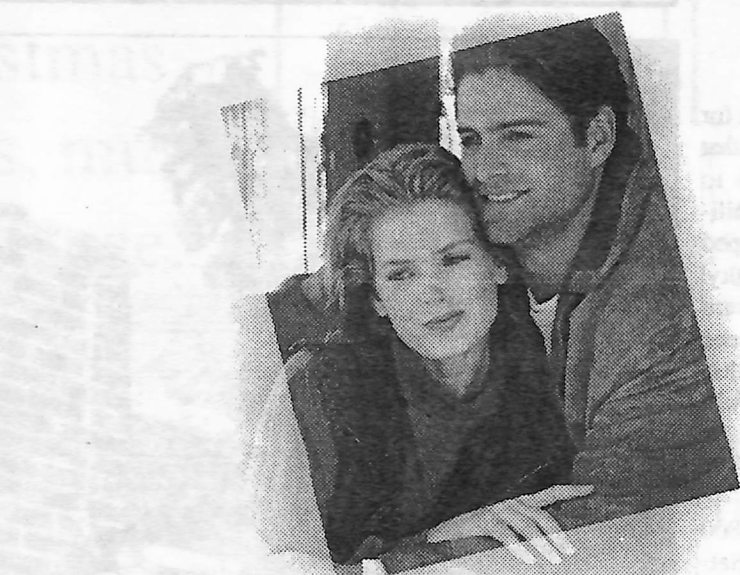
Most improved runner: Sarah Klein

#### football

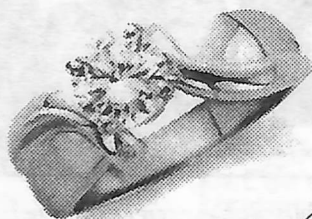
Most valuable player: Biff Schofield

Most valuable special teams player: Joel Krominga

Most inspirational player: Bret Erixon



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