

World and Nation

Swaggart thanks supporters

From Associated Press reports

BATON ROUGE, La. — Television evangelist Jimmy Swaggart, who stepped down from his pulpit after allegations of immoral conduct with a prostitute erupted, thanked members of all religions Sunday for their support during what he called "the darkest week" he has experienced.

During a brief appearance before his congregation at the Jimmy Swaggart World Ministries center, Swaggart thanked about 4,000 worshippers for their backing.

"I'll never have the words to express to you how much that I care, my concern for you and my thanks-

giving. If it hadn't been for you, we would not have made it. It's just that plain and simple," Swaggart said.

Swaggart, who last week confessed to unspecified sins, reportedly paid a prostitute to pose naked and tried to make a deal with a minister who confronted him about it.

Although Swaggart again did not specify his sin, he said he had received the love and prayers of members of various denominations and religious groups.

"That is what is so beautiful about it . . . not only Pentecostal, but Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and Catholics — even my

Moslem friends have called and said 'We love you; we pray for you,'" Swaggart said.

Swaggart, who on Saturday received support and sympathy from presidential candidate Pat Robertson, a former television evangelist, said his worldwide ministry would continue.

"First of all, this ministry belongs to God. Secondly, this ministry will continue. And last, but certainly not least, this ministry will be what he wants it to be," Swaggart said.

Making only brief reference to action the Assemblies of God denomination has taken against him, Swaggart said he would spend the next

three months away from the pulpit receiving "some meat of the word."

"To be frank with you, I haven't been fed," Swaggart said in a voice toned down sharply from his usual fire-and-brimstone style. "I don't know when it's been. To just be fed. I would get a little here and a little there. Over the next three months, I'm going to be fed."

Louisiana church officials have recommended barring Swaggart from preaching for three months, but national denomination officials asked for reconsideration after receiving hundreds of calls protesting the penalty as too lenient.

Shultz gains support for plan to end strife in Middle East

From Associated Press reports

Jerusalem — Secretary of State George Shultz finally made a little headway Sunday in his uphill fight to gain Arab and Israeli support for negotiations on a Middle East settlement.

"They liked the package," said a senior U.S. official after Shultz outlined his proposal in a three-hour meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarek in Cairo.

Shultz then flew to Israel to resume his discussions with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir Sunday night over dinner and with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Monday before flying to Amman for a second round of talks with Jordanian officials.

"We have a package that is promising — at least we think it is promising," Shultz said after seeing Mubarek. "Whether anyone else thinks it is promising is a question."

Egyptian Foreign Minister Ismat Abdel-Meguid, standing alongside Shultz under cloudy Cairo skies, did not respond.

But a U.S. official, who spoke on conditions of anonymity about Shultz's flight to Jerusalem, said that Egypt had endorsed the U.S. proposal. On Saturday, Syrian and Jordanian officials rejected the plan as unacceptable.

FBI investigates kidnapping
GREENSBORO — Authorities

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say FBI agents have interviewed a Guilford County sheriff after she said she had been kidnapped at gunpoint by a couple who drove her halfway across the country, robbed an Iowa bank and then released her unharmed in Chicago.

Local and federal authorities said late Saturday they are seriously investigating the story told by Deputy Susan K. Vincent of High Point, but law officers say they are suspicious.

"I don't know if it's on the up-and-up," said Guilford County Sheriff Walter Burch, who was notified about the kidnapping report Saturday afternoon. "But based on what the FBI said, we have to take it seriously. I have seen these kind of things happen."

Police seize guns at bus station
RALEIGH — Thirteen guns were seized at the Raleigh bus station last week, authorities said.

Seven guns were seized Wednesday. Six were in one suitcase and another was taken from a passenger. Six more guns were found Thursday, said Raleigh police Lt. D.R. Turnage.

"This is the first time we've got a large amount of guns at one time," Turnage said.

Panamanian president still in hiding

From Associated Press reports

PANAMA CITY, Panama — Deposed president Eric Arturo Delvalle stayed in hiding Sunday and defied Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, the military strongman who ousted him and ordered him out of the country.

The ex-president's whereabouts were a closely guarded secret, but family members said he was in a "safe and secure place" in Panama, in "good spirits" and determined to regain his job.

"I am going to stay here (and) stick it out," Delvalle told ABC television in a telephone interview Saturday night. "I'm going to fight it all the way."

Delvalle did not reveal his hiding place.

Roderick Esquivel, Delvalle's vice president, was also in hiding.

Both men were ousted early Friday in an action by the National Legislative Assembly orchestrated by Noriega, chief of defense forces.

Delvalle ignited the latest crisis in eight months of continuing unrest in Panama on Thursday when he tried to fire Noriega, who is charged in Florida with corruption and narcotics trafficking. The United States also has urged Noriega to step down as military chief.

On Friday, Delvalle returned to his home in an upper-class neighborhood. Police surrounded the house

Friday evening and Delvalle's telephones were cut, leaving him incommunicado and under an undeclared house arrest.

Sometime that night, he reportedly climbed over a patio wall at the rear of the house and escaped through a neighbor's yard, avoiding the policemen who had been posted on the street in front of his home.

The Panamanian government Sunday claimed U.S. officials were hiding Delvalle at an American military installation in Panama.

But Gabriel Lewis, a former Panamanian ambassador to Washington, said Sunday he was "under the protection of a good Panamanian family and they will never find him."

Candidates blast each other's views as Super Tuesday approaches

From Associated Press reports

George Bush, whose backers claimed victory Sunday in Maine's Republican presidential caucuses, was attacked by chief rival Bob Dole on the Iran-contra affair. Rep. Jack Kemp, meanwhile, blasted the two GOP frontrunners on taxes.

As the Democrats geared up for their second debate in two days, Michael Dukakis grabbed an early lead in the Maine Democratic caucuses. The Massachusetts governor had been favored to score a victory on his New England home turf.

The caucuses pick delegates to the parties' state conventions this spring, where national convention delegates

are chosen.

At a Republican debate in Atlanta — their first full-scale face-off of the Southern campaign — Dole took aim at Bush for the Reagan administration's decision to trade arms for hostages in the Iran-contra affair. That, he said, was a big mistake.

"We never should trade arms for hostages. We shouldn't issue these reports and say we shouldn't trade arms for hostages — the vice president's report — and then later go to a meeting and say it's all right. We shouldn't do those things," Dole said, holding up a report on terrorism that was written by a presidential commission headed by Bush.

Bush did not respond directly, but did say "mistakes were made" in the Iran-contra affair.

Kemp, whose campaign has been faltering after poor showings in early contests, accused Bush and Dole of

supporting tax hikes.

"They sound alike. They talk alike. They've supported every single tax increase over the last eight years," the New York congressman said.

Dole hit back, saying: "Jack's never

met a deficit he didn't like." And Bush told the New York congressman, "You don't care about deficits. You never have, and they're public enemy number one."

The GOP contest was sponsored

by the Atlantic Journal-Constitution newspapers, which organized a Democratic face-off on Saturday. There, Dukakis made stinging attacks on rivals Rep. Richard Gephardt and Sen. Albert Gore Jr. of Tennessee.

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Drug tests

routinely test for drugs, said Kathy Bartlett, company spokeswoman.

"We base our evaluation of a person on his performance and ability to do the job," she said. "If a problem does arise with drugs, we have rehabilitation programs open to employees."

Marcia Harris, director of University Career Planning and Placement Services, does not think many UNC

students are being denied job offers because they test positive for drugs.

"We don't believe these statistics apply to college graduates," she said. "Usually at this age, the main problem is a mix-match between the companies and students. Either students don't have what the companies want or companies don't offer enough for the students."

Out of the 400 companies that

recruit on campus, 20 percent require a drug test, Harris said. These companies do not have to tell applicants when they are being tested.

"Representatives from companies can tell students they are only getting a physical and then test for drugs," she said. "It is also legal not to tell a person why they were refused a job."

Trissy Hartmeyer, a senior from Long Island, N.Y., thinks employers who drug-test without telling the applicant are infringing on a person's rights.

"Because I am currently interviewing, it is a very scary thought to think that a company could deceive me like that," Hartmeyer said. "In my opinion, what people do on their time is their business, not the company's."

Sam Gore, a junior journalism major from Fayetteville, said drug use should be a concern of the company.

"I think the company has the right to know if an employee is on drugs," Gore said. "I believe if you're on drugs, it will inevitably filter into the job."

Anne Sherow, a junior journalism major from Dayton, Ohio, has had drug tests and doesn't see them as

a problem.

"It bothers a lot of people because of the constitutional issue, but it really doesn't bother me," she said. "It can just be a big hassle because (the test) is not always accurate. Sometimes over-the-counter drugs like Sudafed can cause your test to read positive."

Justin St. Germain, a lab technologist for Roche Biomedical Laboratories in Burlington, said Roche performs many of the drug screening tests for area companies.

On an average, 20 of 400 drug tests will come out positive, which implies the person has drugs in his system, he said.

"Many times we get a bad name because people think we're not serious about our work, when the opposite is true," St. Germain said. "We realize a lot of times we decide the fate of people, and we are very careful when we perform these tests."

The amount of time a drug stays in a person's system depends on the drug and the size of the person. For a moderate smoker, marijuana will stay in the body for five days and cocaine for two to four days.



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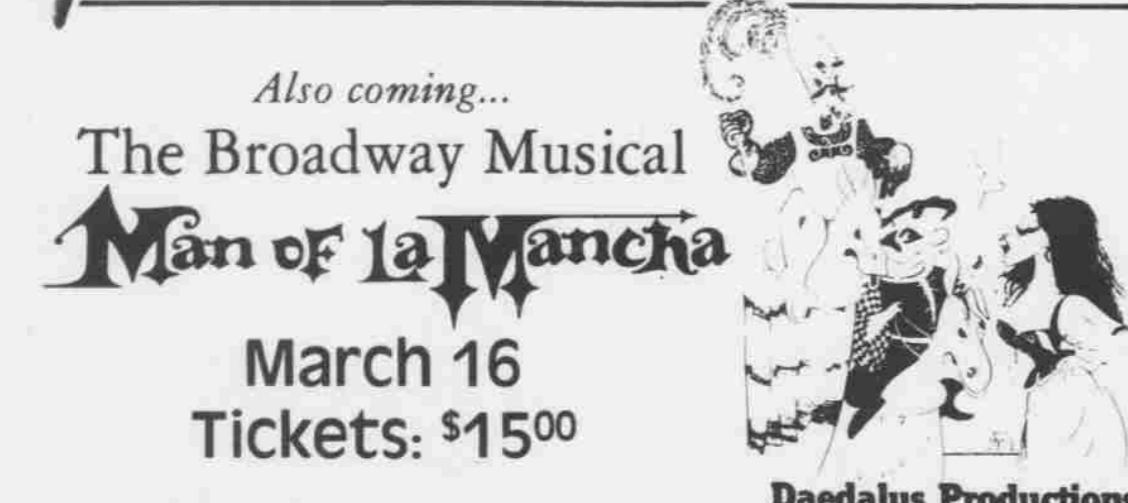
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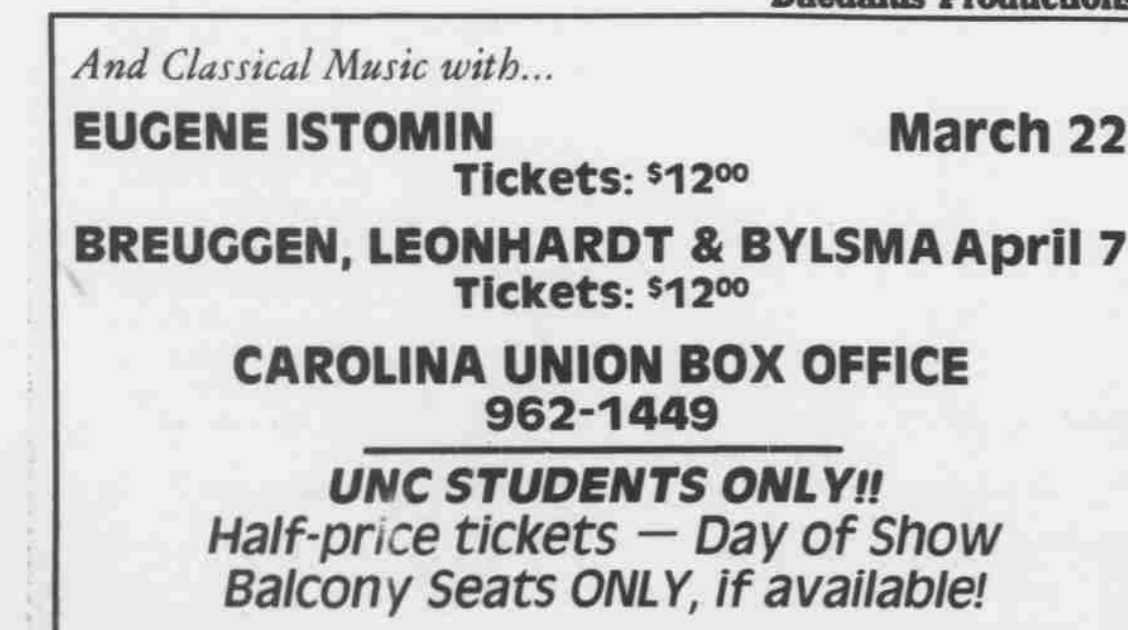


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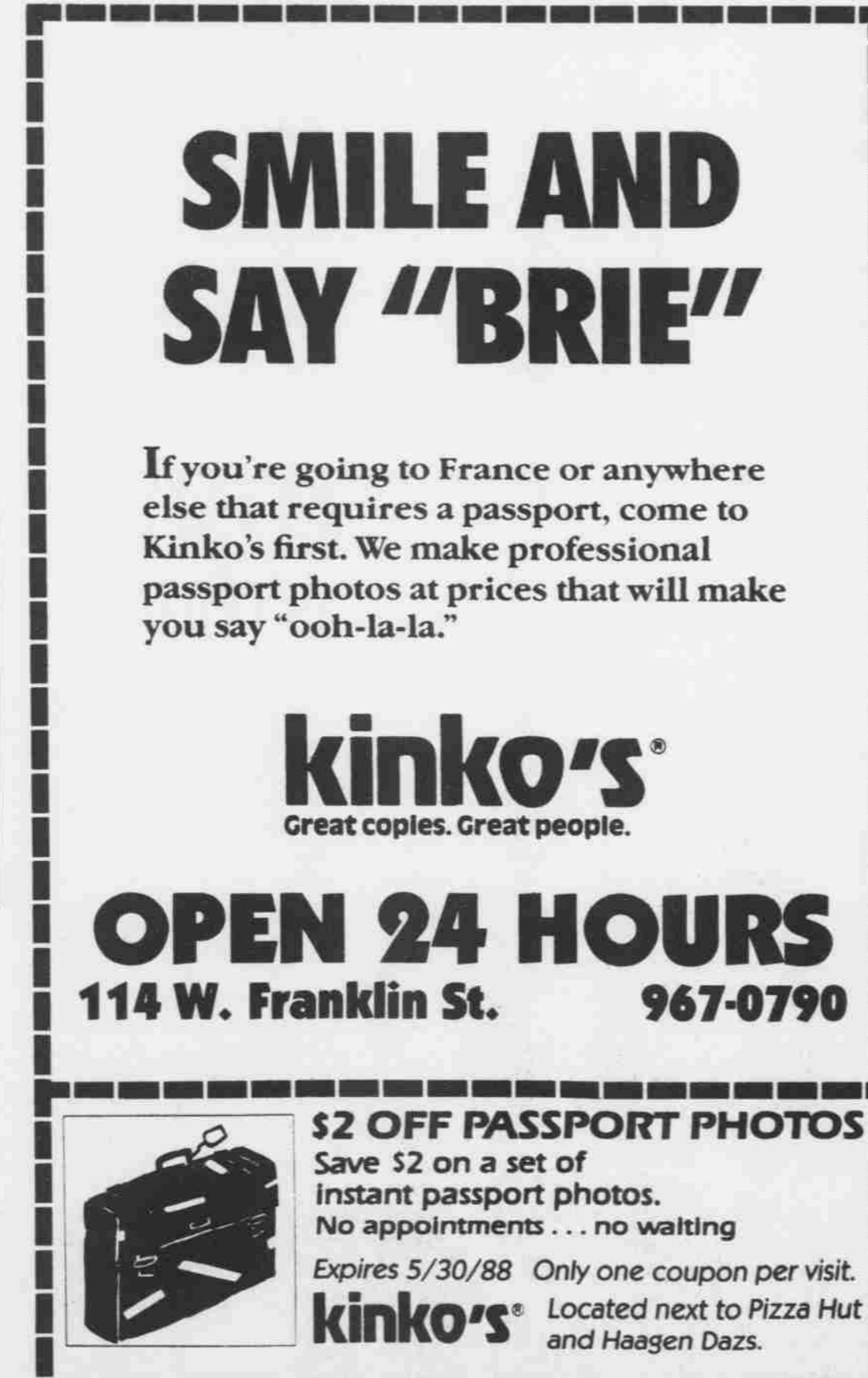
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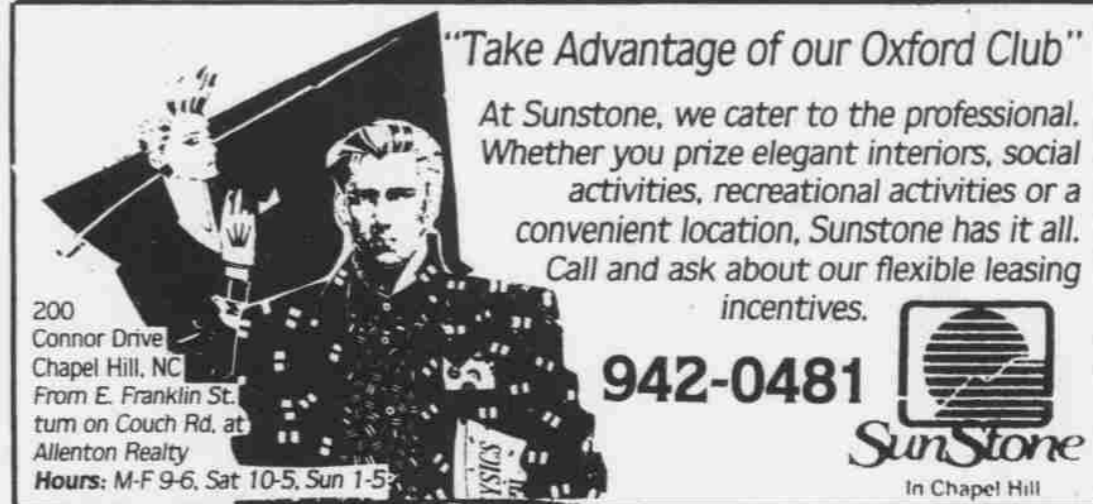
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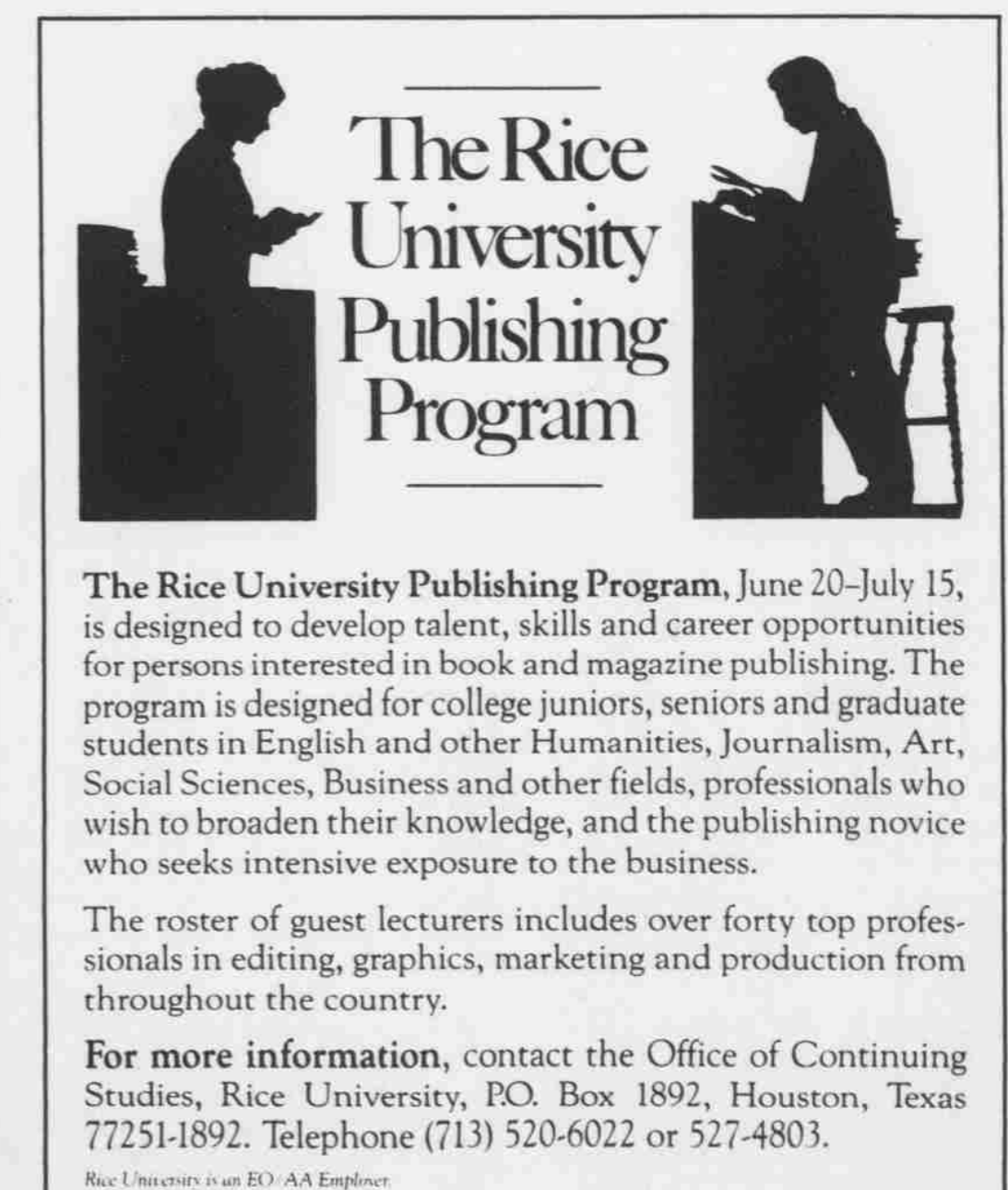
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