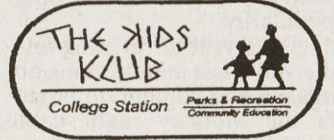


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## Supreme Court kills part of suit alleging racial bias at university

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court has killed part of a racial-bias lawsuit brought against Texas and various state officials by a white man denied admission to a University of Texas doctoral program in counseling psychology.

The justices, in an unsigned decision, said a federal appeals court had wrongly ordered the case to trial despite evidence that an affirmative action program for minorities and consideration of race played no role in Francois Lesage's failure to gain admittance.

Yesterday's ruling said people who sue over a government decision they say was based on an impermissible reason cannot win any relief if it is clear that the government would have made the same decision.

"Where there is no allegation of ongoing or imminent constitutional violation to support a claim for forward-looking relief, the government's conclusive demonstration that it would have made the same decision absent the alleged discrimination precludes any finding of liability," it said.

The justices sent the case back to the federal appeals court to determine whether other claims Lesage raised still survive.

Lesage sued after being denied admission for the 1996-97 academic year. His lawsuit sought admittance and monetary damages, and alleged that at least one less-qualified black student was admitted ahead of him.

**"[T]here is no allegation of an ongoing or imminent constitutional violation ..."**

— Supreme Court Justices' ruling

That year, 16 of 220 applicants were offered places in the incoming class. In pretrial proceedings, university officials said Lesage's application was rejected in the first cut, when the applicant pool was winnowed to 40.

They said four criteria were used: undergraduate grade point average, Graduate Record Exam scores, a "personal statement" of experience and letters of recommendation.

Lesage's undergraduate GPA was 3.65 and his GRE score was 1,030. Those who were accepted

had, on average, a GPA of 3.56 and test score of 1,242. For minorities who accepted the university's invitation of admission, the averages were 3.45 and 1,186.

University officials said "diversity" factors such as race and gender were not considered until the applicant pool had been narrowed to 40, but Lesage disputed that contention.

A federal judge threw out the lawsuit before it reached trial, saying Lesage had failed to offer enough evidence that he had been discriminated against because he is white. But the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed that ruling and reinstated the lawsuit last October.

The appeals court relied heavily on statements one member of the admissions committee, Dr. Frank Richardson, made when asked about how the applicant pool was cut to 40.

"We're interested in diverse cultures and ethnic backgrounds ... Everyone in psychology and counseling psychology ... very concerned to get qualified minority student," he said.

Lawyers for Texas argued that the appeals court ruling means white people have an easier time getting their racial-bias claims to trial than do racial minorities.

## Detective testifies in yogurt shop murders

AUSTIN (AP) — A police detective said yesterday that two others accused in the 1991 slayings of four teen-age girls told investigators that Maurice Pierce, who was 16 at the time, orchestrated Austin's yogurt shop murders.

Detective Robert Merrill testified during a hearing seeking to determine whether Pierce, now 24, and For-

Welborn, 23, should be tried as adults. Merrill told the hearing that both Michael James Scott, 25, and Robert Burns Springsteen Jr., 24, told police that Pierce masterminded the robbery and slayings at an I Can't Believe It's Yogurt! store.

Killed in the Dec. 6, 1991, crime were Eliza Hope Thomas, 17; Amy Ayers, 13; Jennifer Harbison, 17; and Sarah Harbison, 15.

If tried as adults, Pierce and Welborn, who was 15,

could face a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted. Because they were under 17 when the crime was committed, neither Welborn nor Pierce would face the death penalty.

Merrill said both Scott and Springsteen told police that the robbery and slayings were committed because Pierce needed money.

Attorneys for the Pierce and Welborn, now 23, criticized the police investigation and questioned the credibility of Scott and Springsteen.

Robert Icenhauer-Ramirez, Welborn's attorney, said the police used "terrible and deplorable investigative techniques" and had "no reasonably trustworthy information" to tie his client to the crime.

Guillermo Gonzales, representing Pierce, echoed Icenhauer-Ramirez's criticism.

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