Inquiring Minds

Freshman Inquiry Seminars have proven to help students transition academically and socially, strengthen retention rates, foster a sense of community and stimulate long-term academic success. By Nancy Cadou Godson

An interdisciplinary pilot program introduced last fall to initiate incoming freshmen into academic life at Baylor has proved so popular among faculty and students that course offerings were expanded this year to accommodate its fast-growing enrollment.

Freshman Inquiry Seminars use small-group learning experiences and close faculty-student interaction to help first-year students make the intellectual transition from high school to university academics. Expert teacher-scholars lead students into multifaceted explorations of significant cultural and social issues pertinent to biology, economics, political science, physics, the classics, or other select subjects. Along with discovery, students gain crucial learning skills and are introduced to Baylor’s expansive research resources.

Freshman participation in the seminars is projected at 280 for this academic year, compared to 115 students last year.

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President’s Perspective

A academic integrity balanced by faith-based mission

n of the challenges that Baylor faces as a church-related, doctoral university is achieving academic prominence while remaining true to our faith-based mission. At times during the University’s 136-year history that quest has produced tension. No doubt that tension will continue as long as we take seriously the purposes for which Baylor was founded. We are not alone in this struggle. Catholic institutions across the country are wrestling with the implications of Ex corde Ecclesiae, a document released in 1990 by Pope John Paul II that was drafted to define the relationship between the church and Catholic colleges and universities. It has sparked a spirited debate among that community of faith. The Sept. 17 issue of The Chronicle of Higher Education contains an excellent article on the impact of Ex corde Ecclesiae American Catholic higher education, and I encourage you to read it if you have not already done so.

Catholic colleagues

Over the past two years, Baylor faculty and administration have had excellent interaction with our Catholic colleagues at the University of Notre Dame, Boston College and Santa Clara University about the similar challenges we face as we seek to integrate faith and learning. I have participated in several of these sessions and they have been quite fruitful in generating thoughtful discourse about this subject.

Denominational ties

While many Protestant colleges and universities have abandoned or lessened their relationships with their sponsoring denominations, Baylor has maintained a vital partnership with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Despite the 1990 charter change, which was necessary to insulate Baylor from the political struggle occurring at Southern Baptist, we have maintained a vital partnership with the Baptist General Convention of Texas. In fact, I believe in the years to come, Baylor and Baptist will find new ways to partner with churches to carry out our common interests in education, missions and ministry.

Our recognition as a leader in faith-based higher education is growing, as evidenced by Baylor’s selection to host next spring’s American Association of University Professors conference on academic freedom at religious institutions. This conference, which is being coordinated by Lynn Tatmun in the religion department, will probe the challenges that institutions like Baylor face in carrying out their objectives of promoting academic freedom while remaining true to their faith-based ideals. I believe Baylor occupies a very important niche in American higher education. Some may doubt our vision, but I believe it is not only possible for this University to achieve academic prominence, but also to take a position as the leading Protestant institution in the world.

United Way Campaign Kicks Off

hat better way to end the year than with Baylor reaching its United Way goals of $65,000 in total pledges and being the largest corporate donor in the city? That’s how Susan Anz and Dr. Ray Wilson, co-chairs of the 1999 Baylor campaign, hope to ring the bell for this University to achieve academic prominence, but also to stake out a position as the leading Protestant institution in the world.

The United Way helps as many different organizations, and you can designate which agency to receive your gift,” said Anz, assistant controller in the Controller’s Office. “And since a majority of the money you give stays in the Waco and McLennan County area, you literally could be helping the person right next to you.”

Hart’s track and field program, media relations.

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Stricklin comes to Baylor from Tulane University, where he served as assistant athletic director for media relations for the past year. In addition to overseeing the media relations office at Tulane, he served as media coordinator for the 1999 NCAA Men’s Basketball Championship First/Second Rounds held in the New Orleans Superdome. Before his position at Tulane, Stricklin served as the associate media relations director at Auburn University for five seasons and with the Mississippi State University sports information office from 1989-93.

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Variety of topics, small class sizes, extracurricular experiences and professor/student mentoring highlight program

Personal experiences
Along with field study, Dr. Hills invites any physiology class to talk about some of the problems they’ve encountered with patients. He said that students respond well to personal experiences shared openly by these distinguished doctors.

Field studies, colloquia
Students participate in field studies, attend colloquia, even gather at faculty homes for informal discussions. He said, “Every Baylor or Waco event, department or service is considered a potential academic opportunity.”

Academic Calendar to Include MLK Day Holiday, Fall Break in 2000-01

The academic calendar for 2000-01 will feature a Fall Break for students in October and will include a Martin Luther King Jr. holiday for students, faculty and staff.

The changes were announced in October by President Robert B. Sloan Jr. following a recommendation from the University’s calendar committee, which had been discussing the changes since September. Dr. Sloan said, “I believe it accomplishes two major goals.”

“First, it gives the ability to celebrate a very important holiday, while at the same time strengthening the academic dimensions of our calendar.”

Along with these changes, Sloan noted that an added study day would also benefit the students and should enhance their ability to perform academically. In addition to observing the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday, the University will continue to promote events and programs that commemorate the life of the civil rights leader up to the observance. He said, “I am especially grateful to the calendar committee and to Jon Rolph, the student body president, for input and leadership given to this process.”

Dr. Sloan said, “Funding for the semester as the current schedule. — BN

KCTF Holiday Auction
KCTF public television station will hold its first Holiday Auction 7 to 10 p.m. Nov. 18-21. The station needs donations and volunteers for this fundraising effort. Companions and individuals are encouraged to donate items with a value of $100 or more.

Also, volunteers are needed for a variety of duties on and off site. To get a speed bid number to use during the auction, or for more information, call Kelly at ext. 7882.

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Santa’s Workshop: Dec. 3
hosts local preschoolers

“A Santa’s Workshop is a great way to get involved with the community and with Baylor,” said Melissa Pihoda, Baylor’s community services coordinator. “You can see what a difference you have made in their lives by the kids’ reaction when they receive their gift.”

Faculty and staff are encouraged to donate new, unwrapped toys for children ages 3 to 5 through Nov. 25. Drop-boxes for toy donations are located throughout the campus. Monetary donations may be made at the Student Activities Office in the Bill Daniel Student Center.

Food for the event is donated by A&MARK. The Athletic Department brings student athletes from several sports, as well as cheerleaders and songleaders, to the event to interact with the children.

For more information on Santa’s Workshop, call the Student Activities Office at ext. 2371. — John Jarrett

Thanksgiving dinner, worship service Nov. 18
Baylor University’s Thanksgiving Day worship service will be held at 8 p.m. Nov. 18 in Miller Chapel in the Tidwell Bible Building.

Dr. William L. Hendrick, a retired fort Worth pastor, will deliver a sermon titled “Gratitude: The Gift of God.” Baylor students, faculty, staff and their families are invited.

Prior to the service, the Baylor Round Table will hold its annual Thanksgiving Dinner at 6:30 p.m. in the Barfield Drawing Room of the Bill Daniel Student Center to honor international students at the University. President Robert B. Sloan Jr. will give an address about American Thanksgiving traditions. There will also be a sing-along before the dinner to teach international students some of the traditional American songs of the season.

For more information about the worship service, call Lois Myers, Religious Affairs Committee, at ext. 6285. — Scott Keath

Outstanding Young Alumni Four to be honored at Pigskin Revue Nov. 12

Four Baylor University graduates will be honored by the Baylor Alumni Association as Outstanding Young Alumni during Homecoming’s Pigskin Revue at 7 p.m. Nov. 12. Honored this year will be Carol Pitts Dedricks, Shove Flint, Mark Kimbell and John Morris, who are recognized for contributions to their profession, business or life work and for bringing honor to their alma mater.

Dedricks graduated from Baylor in 1980 and received her master’s in library information systems in 1981 from the University of Texas. She is an associate professor at Ohio State, where she directs the library acquisitions program. She has received the Leadership Acquisitions Award from the American Red Cross.

Fairfield, a 1983 graduate, is the executive director of the Fifth Ward Community Redevelopment Corporation in Houston, a nonprofit organization that develops low-income family housing. Fairfield has attended a National Housing Conference sponsored by Waco, 500 Webster Ave. The bonfire and pep rally will be at 9:30 p.m. Nov. 12 at the Ferrell Center parking lot. At 8 a.m. Nov. 13, what is believed to be the nation’s largest collegiate Homecoming parade will begin at 12th Street and Austin Avenue in downtown Waco, winding its way back to the Baylor campus at Fifth Street and Sycamore Avenue.

Football fun begins at 11 a.m. Nov. 12 at Floyd Casey Stadium with the Snickers Touchdown Alley, a fun-filled prelude to the game for children of all ages. The Bear Marching Band will go in gridiron action at 12 p.m.

For more information, visit the Baylor Homecoming web site at http://www.baylor.edu/“Homecoming.” — Mark Ellidion

F rom its iconic campus setting on the banks of the meandering Brazos River to the vibrant enthusiasm of its students, the unique magic of Baylor University has been captured in a short, high-definition television format for a documentary titled A Most Significant Journey, due to premiere during Homecoming.

The 30-minute HDTV production tells the story of the impact the world’s largest Baptist university has on the lives of its students, some of whom are shown moving into dorms as freshmen and learning to navigate their way around campus.

The production features spontaneous reactions from students, faculty, staff and alumni.

Unscripted “on-camera” interviews with President Robert B. Sloan Jr. and other members of the faculty and staff are shown for Baylor and its students in the next millennium.

Resulting aerial shots highlight the expanse of the university’s tradition and the beauty of the campus.

“If the production has a decidedly pro-Baylor ring about it, it’s quite intentional,” said Larry D. Brumley, associate vice president for communications, who, along with Dr. Charles S. Madden, vice president for University relations, served as executive producers of the video. “All but about six of the 150 people involved in its production are Baylor alumni, faculty or students.”

Hosting this strong “green and gold” connection is Fred Miller, a 1985 graduate and award-winning filmmaker who directed A Most Significant Journey. Miller has produced a string of top films and documentaries, including A Rentier’s Porch and All Married, which received the 1989 Sundance Film Festival audience favor and grand jury awards and was nominated for an Academy Award for best documentary.

Miller said his goal with A Most Significant Journey was to capture the spirit of Baylor at the end of the 20th century and to present it in a way that would be useful “for many, many years.”

“In this show, the most important objective is to inspire,” he said. “We need to entertain and the third is to educate enough to where people will want to know more about Baylor.”

“[The homecoming show is] constructed to do things at several different levels — 1. Hope. That’s my dream.”

The finished presentation will run just under 40 minutes, but another 30 minutes of interviews and features will be incorporated in DVD and VHS versions, which will be available for purchase.

Beginning in January and continuing throughout next year, the documentary will tour the country, showing to audiences in Dallas, Houston, Austin, San Antonio and Okhoma City, among others. Out-of-state cities currently on the tour itinerary include Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Nashville, Atlanta, Oklahoma City and Kansas City. A major component of the tour will be a two-hour half-time season with President Sloan that will follow the video presentation.

The production will also be aired by a number of digitally equipped television stations nationwide that are in need of high-definition programming, which currently is scarce. Brumley said.

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For more information about A Most Significant Journey, visit the web site at http://www.significantjourney.baylor.edu. — Ann Hunt

‘Most Significant’ HDTV Documentary Debuts

Alums, Students Ready for Homecoming
Nov. 10-14 ushers in football, singing, parade, revue as part of rich tradition

Good times, fond memories, football and fellowship are in store for Baylor University’s 90th anniversary Homecoming Nov. 10-14. “We hope that this year’s Homecoming is the best one,” said Kevin Schindler, Homecoming chair for the Baylor Alumni Association. “The production also will be aired by a number of digitally equipped television stations nationwide that are in need of high-definition programming, which currently is scarce. Brumley said.

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Extraordinary, the Homecoming dance, will be at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 13 in the Hudson Quadrangle. In case of rain, it will be held in the McNeel Center. Tickets are $10 in advance and $7 at the door.

The weekend will wrap up with a Homecoming Worship Service at 9 a.m. Nov. 14 at Seventh and James Baptist Church, 402 James Ave. Baylor President Robert B. Sloan Jr. will deliver the sermon.

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Perception & Pleasure: Legacies in American Literature

Master of ‘American Masterpieces’ uses fictional characters to teach students about awarness, choices, people

By Rachel H. Moore

Lecturer in English and 1999 Carr P. Collins Award for Outstanding Teaching

While teaching American Masterpieces has been both challenging and delightful, — in a culture increasingly devoted to consumerism and entertainment, fragmented and frustrated by random violence and increased demands on our time, struggling to keep pace in the technological revolution — and to keep our mental and spiritual balance, we understood the truth of John Cheever’s exclamation: “Please help those who have no lives to live but their own!” Thank goodness for good fiction! For nowhere can we learn more pragmatic truth about American character, dreams, struggles, mistakes, accomplishments, real progress, and possibility than we can in our best lit- enure. Literary characters prove that human beings can survive and even thrive in a corroding world. Good fiction allows us to live somebody else’s life for a while, and often to cope better in our own. * * *

All students need exposure to what William Cronon called the “human heart in conflict with itself” — the subject of our class address in order to teach us, as he said in that magnificent Nobel acceptance speech in 1995, to help ourselves. From the many characters that have contributed to our fictional legacy of laughter and comfort, of warming and hope, I have chosen a few special women in apprecia- tion of their gifts to me personally.

The Scarlet Letter

In The Scarlet Letter, Hawthorne has created two people who are devoted to their family. As the death of Hester Prynne’s husband, John, approaches, she begins to understand that she must accept the shame and suffering that she bears. She learns to overcome the obstacles that stand in her way and to find the strength to keep on going. The novel teaches us the importance of integrity and the power of forgiveness. It also shows us the importance of living our lives in a way that is true to ourselves, even when it is difficult.

A Thousand Acres

In A Thousand Acres, the novelist uses the story of the family Smith to explore the complexities of family relationships and the impact of a farming enterprise on a community. The novel highlights the importance of community and the need to support one another in times of need. It also explores the themes of violence and the impact of the past on the present.

Flannery O’Connor’s “A Good Man is Hard to Find”

In “A Good Man is Hard to Find,” O’Connor uses the story of a family on a road trip to highlight the themes of moral complexity and the importance of making choices. The story shows us that even well-intentioned people can make bad choices and that the consequences of those choices can have far-reaching effects. It also explores the idea that even good people can be tempted by evil.

Academic Agenda

In claiming the priceless legacy that is our literary birthright, we can choose ideals, value mystery, and beauty, seek guidance, and come to experience both perception and pleasure in reading.

Rachel Moore

Price in 1981, for her powerful novel of a Midwestern family in A Thousand Ares, (Realistic fiction proves all the problems and dysfunc- tional families exist even out west in the South!) Her credible narrative, Ginny CooK Smith, shares her initiation into adulthood after years of male-domin- ance and abuse of both the land and — emotionally, sexually and physi- cally — of the women in this vast, rich farming land. In Smiley’s story, set in 1975, great and complex. interest is expressed about the conflict between two families who live in close proximity on a multimillion dollar farming enterprise in cattle, horses, and corn in Zebulon County, Iowa. Faulkner tells us the past is never past — but we know it must be dealt with.

Powerful lessons

In A Thousand Ares, Ginny’s younger sister Rose shows me that fierce and unforgiving anger eat away at the self and relationships as surely as the relentless cancer that kills her. And we learn, too, powerful lessons about parenting. The bumbling father Larry Cook, product of a prob- lematic childhood, obsessed, greedy and eventually smile, ironically dies of his heart in a beautiful literary display of poetic justice, as his heart attack occurs in the corn fields aside at the supermarket! Ginny teaches us that we deal with troubled people successfully, not in repressed memories, not in adultery as temporary escape, not in continued justification for the sake of tradition and approbation. We can choose to deliberately, set aside anger and hurt if we set to move on to know ful- fillment. For Ginny is a survivor, whose courageous choice is to stop the legitimation of terrorizing secrets and guilt, from the expectations that have destroyed the family and the farm. Independence, courage, a desire for peace, a reverence for freedom are ingrained in Ginny as in the moral fiber of the American character, and this awareness is a legacy that needs to be shared.

I tried to stress to my stu- dents that awareness is our legacy, not only of genre, style, literary devices, criticism, but the ability to think, to recognize choices the literary charac- ters have made, and those available to us in our life’s journey. Thus we exper- ience vicariously. We pay attention to people — all kinds — to marriages and parting, to families and community relationships — all kinds. And to all this, Sartre’s sage advice “Even if you have a strong stomach, eat as few cockroach- es as possible.”

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Family Circle

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Profile

Baylor’s ‘Dr. Doolittle’ Cunningham speaks for city’s unwanted animals

I n a perfect world, people would love and respect their pets and there would be no need for animal shelters and humane societies. Until that time comes, John Cunningham, assistant professor of communication sciences and technology, also wanted to get involved with an animal organization. Cunningham, lecturer in communication studies, will devote his precious free time to finding homes for unwanted dogs and cats.

On any given weekend, Cunningham can be found at PetMart’s Luv-A-Pet Adoption Center, a program in which pets from the Waco Humane Society/Animal Shelter are taken to the pet supermarket at 4600 Franklin Ave. in hopes someone will adopt them.

“What a two-year-old dog, I realized I wasn’t supposed to get involved with an animal organization,” Cunningham said. “I started volunteering at the Waco shelter, where I would take dogs for walks, clean cages and halter the puppies. But if you are a die-hard animal lover, volunteering at the shelter can be very difficult. When PetMart opened, I started volunteering for the Luv-A-Pet program, and that is an ideal place for me.”

During the summer, he volunteers most Saturdays for seven hours, and about 16 hours a month during the academic year.

Cunningham has been a leader of a humane society for most of his life. He started volunteering for the San Diego animal shelter while in junior high school and volunteered for the ASPCA in Los Angeles while an undergraduate at the University of Southern California.

Cunningham encouraged people to volunteer at the animal shelter, even though it can be emotional.

“When I look at it, that is even if a dog or cat you have played with gets put to sleep, at least the time that you spent with it made that animal’s life better.” — John Cunningham

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Now you know.

Q: At what age should I begin my child in music lessons?

A: There are excellent, delightful music programs, such as Music Garten and Kinder Musik, available now for preschool children. They introduce the fundamentals of music at the young child’s own pace and are fun for the children. Piano lessons are more successful after such a course and following the first grade in school when reading is well under way. — Catherine Lowe

Spotlight

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Calvin B. Smith, associate professor and chair of museum studies and director of the Sterker Museum Complex, chaired the “Issues in Professional Training” session at the annual meeting of the American Psychological Association Aug. 10-14 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Gordon Stone, The Robert A. Welch Distinguished Professor of Chemistry, gave invited lectures on the latter paper is Annette L. Ranft, Wake Forest University. The paper also will be published in the

Dr. Robert F. Straughan, assistant professor of marketing, presented a co-authored paper titled “A Choice Model of International Internship: A Profile of Students Across Seven Universities” at the annual meeting of the American Marketing Association concern Nov. 29-30 in Atlanta. Co-authors are Nancy D. Albert Miller, University of North Carolina, and Prendes J. Primack Millsaps College. The paper also will be published in the conference’s proceedings. Dr. Straughan also presented “Development of Interest-Aware Courses Motivating Students of Urban Electronic Resources,” co-authored by Allen Miller.

Dr. C. William Thomson, professor of biology, and The J. E. Bush Professor of Accounting, presented “The Integrated Accounting Curriculum: Dual Track Approach” at the annual meeting of the American Accounting Association Aug. 10 in San Diego.

Dr. Joseph White, assistant professor of biology, presented “Carbon Accumulation Estimated for New Zealand Indigenous Vegetation from the 3-PG Model” at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America Aug. 12-16 in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Trena L. Wilkerson, assistant professor of curriculam and instruction, has been named a reviewer for the Journal of the American Water Resources Association.

Dr. Robert E. G. Cumfer, distinguished professor emeritus of English, has been granted membership in the Century Club of New York, an association of collectors of rare manuscripts and books.

Dr. Marilyn Crane, vice president for human resources, was selected to attend the Institute for Educational Management at the Harvard Graduate School of Education July 14-30 in Cambridge, Mass.

Evelyn Hupp, Hockamuk School of Business, was elected treasurer of the Western Chapter of CPAs.

Dr. Duane Ireland, professor of management, director of the entrepreneurship studies program, and The Curtis Hanksker Professor of Entrepreneurship, has been selected for inclusion in Whos Who in Management Sciences.

Dr. Kevin G. Pinney, assistant professor of chemistry, was awarded a new patent March 23 for “Anti-Mitic Acid Agents which inhibit Thymidylate Polymerization.”

Leo Percier, catalog department, Moody Library was selected as the Librarian “Staff Member of the Month” for September.

Dr. James F. M. Shih, assistant professor of marketing, presented a paper titled “Wetland Distribution in the Big Thicket National Preserve” to a group of scientists at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Spring in Austin, Texas. She also has been named a reviewer for the Journal of the American Water Resources Association.

Dr. Arita S. Baker, associate professor of curriculam and instruction, has been named by Johann K. Lembel to receive the fourth edition of her book "Curriculum and Instructional Methods for the Elementary and Middle School" at the 50th International Conference on Technology and Education in March in South Korea. Co-author was Dr. Kartick Taylor, National Science Foundation.


Dr. Daniel Winberg, professor of biology and director of undergraduate studies in biology, served on a grant Review Panel for the Coalition for Advanced Placement Biology's "AP Biology Professional Development Institute for Students-Teachers" at the seventh international conference on Technology and Education in March in South Korea. Co-author was Dr. Kartick Taylor, National Science Foundation.

Liza Zygo, senior research scientist at Baylor's Center for Applied Geographic and Spatial Research, gave a presentation titled “Wetland Distribution in the Big Thicket National Preserve” to a group of scientists at the annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America in Spring in Austin, Texas. She also has been named a reviewer for the Journal of the American Water Resources Association.
Heritage Harvest Bonfire Nov. 2 fun for whole family

Imagine sipping a cool sarsaparilla in an old-time saloon, playing horseshoes or dominoes, listening to stories around a campfire, or square dancing to a fiddle and guitar. You can make that image a reality at this year’s Heritage Harvest Bonfire 5 to 9 p.m. Nov 2 at the Gov. Bill and Van Daniel Historic Village.

This year’s event will feature a carnival theme as a celebration of the autumn harvest, said Dinah Siemon, education coordinator for the village. The size of the bonfire will depend upon the status of the McLennan County burn ban.

Village staff dressed in attire reminiscent of the 1890s, plus a few cowboys and cowgirls, will help folks enjoy the annual event with square dancing, phrenology readings, pie- and donut-eating contests, and horse-drawn rides through the village. Old-fashioned drinks such as root beer, sarsaparilla and birch beer will be available at the saloon.

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The event is free for Baylor faculty, staff and students. For the community, tickets are $3 for adults, $2 for senior citizens and $1 for children ages 6 to 15; children under 6 are free.

To add more nostalgia, Leslie Collier, a part-time educator at the village, will tell harvest stories by the bonfire. “I love to storytell,” said Collier, who also directs and acts in local theater productions and is a retired high school English teacher.

“I enjoy telling stories to children because they can get so wrapped up in them, which in turn gets me more into them.”

Other fun family events include square dancing, folklorology readings, pie- and donut-eating contests, and horse-drawn rides through the village. Old-fashioned drinks such as root beer, sarsaparilla and birch beer will be available at the saloon.

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