Departmental Focus

# New heads: Foutch, McCash, Murphy







The new leadership-l to r, George Murphy, June McCash and Harley Foutch

### McCash heads foreign language with positive attitude for new era

By BILL TROUP

Sidelines Managing Editor Dr..June McCash is going into

her new job as Foriegn Language department chairperson with mixed feelings.

McCash is looking foward to her new position but she says that she does not like leaving her previous post with the Honors program.

"My seven years with the Honors program were the most productive of my career, so I am leaving with mixed emotions,"

All personal feelings aside, McCash is going into her job with enthusiasm. "I am very interested to see how we can recruit new majors and build our enrollment," McCash said, "but I'm not at will to discuss specific ideas until I have met with the faculty."

"There are always changes when a new leader takes over," McCash said, "but it's really hard to say at this point what, if any, changes will take place."

McCash feels that the entire country is heading into a new

era in foriegn language education. She says that government agencies are helping to put more emphasis on foriegn language education, and that the whole emphasis on "back to basics education" will have a profound effect on programs across the country as well as here

McCash commented that any advances made in the foreign language department under her leadership will be the entire department's efforts, not just

### George Murphy wants to keep past excellence

Change in leadership sometimes means change in direction. But Dr. George Murphy, newly appointed Biology department head, says he will run the department just like it has been run in the past.

"I don't see us taking any radical new directions," said Murphy, "If I could do as well as Dr. Patten ( the previous department head ) has for the past 20 years I'll be doing quite well."

With budget cuts a way of life

for education now, Murphy sees maintaining the current Biology program in the face of declining finances his biggest challange. "If funding isn't cut more than we are expecting," says Murphy, "we won't have to cancel any programs."

Murphy says that the enrollment in the Biology program has been steady enough so that any budget cuts to the department would not be too drastic. "If enrollment stays up, our budget will stay up," said Murphy.

Overall, Murphy has a good outlook for the department in the coming years, "Its going to be a big challange, but we've got a good staff and we hope to do well."

### Foutch chairs agriculture department; plans to provide specialty education

By JOIAN McBRYDE Sidelines Staff Writer

Although years ago the study of agriculture was concerned primarily with farming alone, changes have taken place in which the farming aspect constitutes a small percentage in the field today.

Now there are a variety of areas in agriculture that students can choose as a career.

Harley Foutch, the new agriculture department chairman, realizes this and plans to provide students with an education in their own specialty.

"Some students may want to study the chemical side of agriculture; others may want to go into soil conservation. We want to provide them with a background and basic training in whatever they choose to study," Foutch said.

He is very optimistic about students obtaining careers in the field of agriculture.

"About 40 percent of the jobs relate somehow to agriculture," Foutch said. "From the actual farming of the crops, the marketing, distribution and the on the dinner table the field of agriculture is involved."

There are also other areas in

agriculture such as horticulture, horse science, forestry and even recreation that the department has to offer to students.

Foutch sees an emphasis today and in the future on a more 'back-to-basics' type of training in which 'hands on' experience is very important.

"We want to reorganize and restructure some of our courses to give students a complete background in agriculture. We end product to where the food is are planning to hire a farm manager soon to help students get the more basic training they need," Foutch said.

As well as the increase in agriculture majors there are more non-majors who are interested in learning about subjects such as soil science and gardening for their use in everday life. There are classes designed in the department for those reasons alone.

"Our most important job is to serve students first," Foutch said. "We want to relate our program to students in a way they find rewarding as well as attractive.'

#### County system picks up slack

# THEC decision drops campus school funds

By WARREN DENNEY

Sidelines Editor in Chief

The Campus School...an old and famous institution in Murfreesboro is having its major university funding dropped.

The school, which consists of students from kindergarten through the sixth grade, will lose its line item appropriation funds that it receives as a part of MTSU.

The decision to drop the

funding came from the Tennessee Higher Education Commission. THEC feels that the funds that are appropriated to the university should not be used to fund a public school.

Campus schools at MTSU and East Tennessee State University are being required to discontinue support because of THEC's decision.

Dr. Jack Carlton, Vice President of Academic Affairs at

MTSU, hates to see it go. "The Campus School has been a valuable part of the university in that it served a dual purpose as a laboratory for student teachers and an institution that educated young children," said Carlton.

According to Elizabeth Whorley, the two roles have complemented each other nicely. "It has served as a learning ground for the student teachers and the children have

benefitted from the various programs offerred by the university," she said.

The dropping of major university funding means that the county school system must pick up some of the slack that was once carried by MTSU. The new funding scheme for Campus School has yet to be unveiled as the county budget has yet to be clarified.

"What many people don't realize is that the school is a county school just like the others. The students get the same amount of money spent on

them per head as the ones in other schools," said Whorley.

"Without the usual funding that we get from MTSU we may experience a diminished access to some programs. But, the leadership in the school won't allow for a drop in quality education. We may have to tighten our belt up a little and ask for a little more PTA support, but we'll manage just fine," Whorley said.

The major part of the funding from the university has been in the form of salary supplements for those teachers involved in programs connected with MTSU.

According to Carlton, this has been one of THEC's chief complaints. "They don't want us using university appropriated money to supplement the salaries of public school teachers," he said.

"I don't really see the difference between using our appropriations to pay the teachers when it is going to come from state revenues, anyway," said Carlton.

### Cosmos pondered at Sudekum

By ALAN ROGERS Sidelines Feature Editor

According to its curator, the largest projection screen in Nashville is a 40-foot diameter acoustically-transparent dome, the top of which actually rises 30

feet above the floor. Star Wars will never be shown on it, but the Sudekum Planetarium in Nashville does show over 1300 stars daily. The star projector, a \$60,000 instrument looking like a spacecraft from that movie, stands ominously in the center of the planetarium. Operated in conjunction with a stereo sound system and special effects, the result is a multi-media view into outer space.

"Cosmie Mysteries," the current feature narrated by Leonard Nimoy of Spock fame, explores some questions which star gazers have been pondering since man first looked into the night sky, in addition to questions that were not even asked until modern astronomers

had evidence about even more mysteries of the universe.

What is the origin of the moon? What happened in Tuscanga, in Siberia, creating an explosion which sent a shock wave around the world twice and left no crater to be found? Why does the planet Uranus spin on its side, its axis always pointed toward the sun? What are UFOs? What are Quasars, and why are they moving away from us in space almost twice as fast as all other heavenly bodies? And the ultimate question, how did our universe begin and what is its ultimate destiny?

This program was brought in from the planetarium in Strassenberg, N.Y., which, according to Sudekum Planetarium Curator Larry Miller, is probably the best planetarium in that state.

"We produce about five shows a year," Miller said, "and bring in one from somewhere else." When a show is produced at another planetarium, it comes

complete with audio, visuals and script.

"The panoramic sections take six projectors, but there are slides for twelve, making a full 360-degree picture around the horizon," Miller explained. The 130 seats in the Sudekum Planetarium all face one direction, so Miller uses only one-half of the slides to create the panoramic effect.

In producing his own shows, Miller must take the pictures for the slide progectors, write the script and create the desired visual and sound effects.

"Cosmic Mysteries" runs through August 30, and Miller is already working on shows to follow it. He is working on the contracts to add laser effects to the planetarium, in time for a special Halloween production of H.G. Wells' "War of the Worlds." The script is already underway for "Oz and Beyond," a planetarium show beginning in November.

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Campus School

#### Cosmos

#### pondered

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"The next Voyager will pass Saturn in November," Miller said, "What are we going to find when we get beyond Saturn?

"We've found places close to home that are wilder than anything science fiction writers could think of," he continued, "Wilder than any Oz."

Miller is not inexperienced in producing the shows, even though he has only been with the Sudekum Planetarium since October of last year.

He has controlled the stars at Newport News, W.Va. for the past three years and in northern Pennsylvania for three years prior to that.

"I was working on my masters degree in education at Western Kentucky the first time I ever saw a planetarium," Miller said.

"I did an internship there the next summer for three hours credit." he said. Following his graduation, he started working at the northern Pennsylvania planetarium.

Because of his education degree, Miller views the planetarium as an audio visual education laboratory. Among planetarium operators, according to him, there are probably more education professionals than any other discipline.

"For school kids the show is about 85 percent education and about 15 percent entertainment," Miller said. For the public, it is the other way around.

Located in the Cumberland Museum on Ridley Avenue in Nashville, there is an admission fee of \$1.25 and planetarium showtimes are at 11:30, 1:30 and 3:30 Tuesday through Saturday; 7:30 Fridays; and 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30 Sundays.

In addition to the above schedule, there is a special show each Thursday at 7:30, "The Skies Over Nashville," an open forum for star gazers, showing the stars and constellations overhead.

### Aerospace workshop updates teachers' concepts

By STEVE SPANN Sidelines Staff Writer

MTSU is hosting the 25th annual Tennessee Aerospace Education Workshop from June 9 until July 3. In its 22nd year at MTSU, the purpose of the workshop is to update the classroom teacher in aviation and aerospace concepts, and allow them to integrate what they learn into their respective fields. There are companion workshops of the same nature going on at Memphis State University and East Tennessee State University.

Tennessee is the oldest state in the nation to offer aerospace and aviation workshops to classroom teachers. The program was started in Tennessee in 1954 by Dr. Beale Smotherman, who continued as director at MTSU until 1975. He established the advanced workshop, the International Aerospace Educator's Seminar and the masters program in aerospace administration.

The director this year and since 1975 is Dr. Wally Maples, who takes on the task of organizing the workshop beginning each Januarary. Much planning is needed to carry out what is regarded by the Federal Aviation Administration, NASA and just about all federal and state aviation agencies as the number one workshop in the country.

Each day includes activities from three areas: the grade level

group, general session speakers and field trips. The grade level group is divided into elementary and secondary level teachers. This area provides the basic unit of learning, as participants learn to construct maaterials, use textbooks, discuss films and generally share experiences.

The second area provides some nationally and internationally known speakers in aerospace and aviation, who represent leading organizations and industries. There are 20 speakers from the Federal Aviation Administration, NASA and numerous other federal and state agencies. Included among this years speakers are NASA astronaut Steve Nagel, who will eventually fly on the space shuttell missions andDeputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force George McWilliams. These and others provide for free time and services which otherwise could not be bought.

The third area provides for field trips, one of which was behind the scenes of Metro Nashville's Airport- into the radar room and the main tower. A trip to the Arnold Engineering Development Center in Tullahoma is also planned, where the world's largest wind tunnel is located.

In addition to these educational oppurtunities, the workshop also provides an incentive to its participants, as they are surrounded by people from all over the country who

share the same interests they do. At the heart of this workshop is Betty McNabb of Panama City, Florida, who can serve as a motivational device for even those not interested in aviation and aerospace.

Recognized internationally in the field of aviation and aerospace, the 70 year-old hospital and medical consultant who writes, teaches and speaks all over has logged over 7,000 hours flying time.

As long as people like Wally Maples and Betty McNabb are around to organize and motivate, the Tennessee Aerospace Education Workshop should continue to be successful and be recognized as number one across the country.

### Jones Hall: state and MTSU revenues not the same

By WARREN DENNEY

Sidelines Editor in Chief

Will the real Jones Hall please stand up? First there was the Iones Hall that was funded by existing university revenues and now there is the Jones Hall funded by existing state revenues.

The real Jones Hall is the one funded by state money.

According to Richard Schellhardt, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Facilities Development with the State Board of Regents, the renovation of Jones Hall was paid for with 1978-79 state current bonds.

"It had nothing to do with campus funds. The \$520,000 used was a specific line item appropriation. The revenues were acquired through normal

#### Correction

The Sidelines would like to apologize for the dating error that appeared at the top of each page of last week's issue. It should have read June 12, 1980.

state avenues such as taxes," said Schellhardt.

In a story that appeared in this paper last week, Otis Floyd, Executive Assistant to the President at MTSU, was quoted as saying that the renovation was paid for with existing revenues.

To clarify the subject, it was existing revenues...state revenues. The paper thought that Floyd was talking about university revenues when he was

The university is required to use a small percentage of its own revenues for unusual maintenance costs and dormitory

The Jones Hall renovation is an example of the direction the state wants to take. That is to fund capital outlay projects with existing state revenue as opposed to carrying the liability of a

According to Jerry Tunstill, Chief Accountant at MTSU, the university will probably see less approval of capital outlay projects in the future because of the state of the economy.

"By using the existing revenues the state is using an effective budget tool and an inflation fighting concept. I think we will see less and less approval of capital outlay projects that would require funding through state bonds. As it stands, the projected state revenues will be down," Tunstill said.

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### from the editor

### Court decision brings concern

The Supreme Court handed down what may be one of its most irresponsible decisions ever this past Monday.

In a 5-4 decision the court ruled in favor of granting patents to new life forms created through genetic engineering. Through the vote the justices said that the government must approve a patent request by General Electric employee Ananda Chakrabarty for a labratory developed bacterium that eats crude oil more quickly and efficiently than natural bacteria

It sounds pretty neat on the surface. Oil spills are one of the most destructive phenomenons that we incur on our environment. General Electric's contention is that the new bacterium, created through gene splicing, can benefit our society and the environment by cleaning up such spills before a significant amount of damage is done.

But, what GE does not like to mention is that the bacterium has only been tested under strict labratory conditions. The fact is that they don't know exactly what the new micro-organism

vill do after its food supply is gone.

Spokesmen for the company assure us that the bacterium ill die shortly after the oil is gone. "Shortly" is the key word o're. Some scientists are concerned that the new life form can destructive to the ecological balance, even if it only survives short time after exhausting its food supply.

It only takes common sense, something that we can't atribute to the Supreme Court, to realize that we are tampering with dynamite.

Genetic engineering companies and corporations have already been formed solely on the premise that the Supreme Court would rule in favor of the patent requests. Competition will be fierce as different firms will strive to create the most prolific micro-organism for a specific job.

Good ole American business practices will abound. That is to say that goals will be for short term success and throwing caution to the wind for the sake of profit will be the standard behavior.

The Carter administration, in a rare moment of rationality, had opposed the patentability of the new life forms because of what it termed as "very significant" economic implications. In other words, BIG money from BIG companies means BIG trouble.

However, cries of concern fell on deaf ears. Now control of genetic engineering is our only alternative. Can we depend on the Environmental Protection Agency to regulate the new practice strictly and efficiently? Do they know enough about the problem to regulate it effectively? No.

The fear is that we have no idea of what the interjection of a new life form can do to our environment. Will it be something that insidiously affects us over a long period of time or will it create immediate problems?

These are questions that the Supreme Court failed to weigh with enough seriousness.

American short-sightedness in terms of environmental protection has been one of our country's most glaring flaws. The spectre of Love Canal already looms over our heads like some sort of death angel. There are literally thousands of sites around the country that are potential chemical timebombs.

And now the height of absurdity has been reached as our nation's highest court has allowed for the mass production of a potentially hazardous commodity to aid in the control of a hazardous waste.

The fact that the Supreme Court can act foolishly sometimes is a fact that Americans have had to live with for years. Now we must only hope we can.

### offin space

#### by Dork Analien

### Technology means paranoia

Would you like to help prevent a Russian invasion? All you have to do is send 45 cents to the Pentagon for a new integrated circuit for their giant computer. If you would rather take it to them personally, just be sure not to bring a Pepsi with you or you will be dodging either nuclear fallout or Russian missles on your way out.

Yes, 45 cents could make a difference in a nuclear attack, and the minute you stop believing it is the minute that the Little Red Alert Who Cried Wolf will strike again and Little Red American Hood will be eaten up by the Big Bad Reds. They'll huff and they'll puff and they'll. . . Okay, okay I've taken it too far.

So this is modern technology - a million tiny circuits that 45 cents or a Pepsi can make or break. This is the same genius that has developed a microorganism that eats oil slicks. But what if that microorganism loses its way and ends up in an OPEC nation? What then? I've got it! Let's loose them on the faces of thousands of teenagers; but what would happen to dermatologists?

So you thought test tube babies was big stuff. Well, what about those hairy tomatoes? I'll never eat a pizza again. Only anchovies are supposed to have hair.

The heck with technology. All it does is complicate my life. I think I'll just get in my car, turn the radio on, go home and fix myself a dinner in my microwave oven. But from now on, I'm keeping 45 cents with me at all times.

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# Perspective



PRO/CON

By Bill Allen and Steve Burkhalter

## Does capital punishment work?

Capital punishment is the execution of an individual for certain crimes committed against society. A society that, in most cases, creates the criminal that commits the crimes.

Capital punishment is an answer for society's failures; it can never be more than that. Individuals are products of experience and environment, governed by societal rules and laws. Those rules and laws are sometimes applied unfairly to lower classes of society in the form of capital punishment.

People with means, in the form of money and contacts are rarely prosecuted to the full extent of the law. The phrase "equal protection under law" should mean exactly that. — B.A.

The question has been raised as to capital punishment's usefulness as a deterrent to

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crime. In America today our society needs protection from the rapists, murderers and copkillers.

As evidenced by the past ten years, our liberal approach toward capital punishment has failed to work. Murder, rape and other violent crimes are on the upswing throughout America.

People like Charles Manson are eligible for parole in eight years due to the nonexistence of capital punishment laws in California. There is rarely any sympathy given to the friends and loved ones who survive the murder of innocent victims.

"Son of Sam" now sits in a mental institution at a cost of \$10,000 per year to the New York taxpayers. How can a person who blatantly murders, rapes or maims an innocent individual question the fairness of capital punishment. — S.B.

PRO. Only with the reinstatement of capital punishment throughout America can there be an effective deterrent to the heinous crimes that plague our country.

CON. Capital punishment should not be used as a deterrent to crime. Its past record indicates that capital punishment does not decrease criminal levels of activity or the incidences of murder, rape, etc...

PRO. Penalties, unfortunately, are applied after the fact. To the criminal mind, armed robbery carries roughly the same penalty as murder. Why shouldn't he kill a victim rather than leave witnesses.

CON. Capital punishment

can be used as a tool to stop crime. Environment shapes individuals into patterns of consciousness and activity. More education and economic activity, in the form of jobs and technical schools, sponsored by government agencies is the only way to reduce crime. If an individual feels responsible for himself or herself and their community, then there is less reason for criminal activity.

PRO. Unfortunately, this liberal and unrealistic approach to crime prevention can only result in failure. To deter the criminal who is a menace to society there must be stiffer penalties for his actions. The golden rule usually applies only to law abiding citizens.

CON. Some studies show, resting on the proof of later confessions, that one of three people executed is innocent. Once a life is extinguished, there is no compensation. There is too

much error in human fallibility and the American system of justice to be sure of a just execution.

PRO. What margin of error is given to the murdered man's wife and children? America has the most elaborate legal system in the world. At least a murderer or rapist receives a trial...a luxury not afforded to his victim. The protection of law abiding citizens should be foremost in the minds of those who determine punishment. The criminal's rights should be secondary to society's inalienable rights.

CON. Life itself should be preserved at all costs. The state should not be the final arbitrator of life and death, only God has that authority. Man cannot escape his prejudice and bias. Men should not execute each other. Education, economics and compassion are the ultimate answers to the dilemma.



### Messier named Honors Program director

By JANE STROBEL Sidelines Staff Writer

There has been a change of command with the Honors Program at MTSU. Dr. Ron Messier has been named the new director of the program, replacing Dr. June McCash who has become the chairperson for the department of foreign languages.

Dr. Messier has been at MTSU since 1972. He received his bachelor's degree from the University of Rhode Island and his master's and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. He is currently in Europe with a

group of students on a seven week tour under the European Cultural History Program. He has helped conduct the trip, which focuses on Paris, Florence and Vienna, for the past five

The Honors Program began here in 1973 under the direction of Dr. June McCash. The program, well-known throughout the country, is designed to give superior students intellectual challenges that they do not receive in average university classes.

"We can give the stucents everything they can get at state wide prices," McCash said, "the Honors Program is the best they can get for their money."

When the program vegan there were 125 students participating, and now there are approximately 300.

Because of its reputation there has been a great number of students requesting admittance into the program. McCash would like to see more students accepted, but there is a maximum number of 20 students per course.

According to the admissions office, the Honors Program is instrumental in helping them recruit the better students to MTSU. Former students of the program are doing extremely well in graduate schools and professionally.

Karen Zimmerman, an honors graduate in mass communications now working for the Nashville Banner, said that the program gave her "a number of opportunities" she normally would not have had.

"Dr. McCash gave the students a challenge," Zimmerman said.

McCash said that she is proud of the program and feels that it is being left in good hands.

#### Blue Raider football season tickets now on sale for 1980

Season tickets for the upcoming MTSU football season are now on sale at the athletic office on the ground floor of Murphy Center.

The price for the five-game ticket is \$17.50. Individual tickets are \$4.00 per game. A faculty-staff discount will be offered and those interested should contact Jim Simpson at 898-2103.

All renewal notices for those wishing to retain last year's seats have been mailed out. The deadline for renewal is July 14. Those wishing to purchase new or additional tickets should have their applications in by July 14 also. They will be filled July 15. Students will be admitted

without charge upon presentation of a validated full time

The 1980 season will be Boots Donnelly's second year as head skipper for the Raiders. The team is still in the rebuilding stage and will be trying to improve on last year's 1-9 record.

The five home games this fall will be: Sept. 13, UT-Chattanooga; Sept. 27, Morehead State; Oct. 4, Western Carolina; Oct. 25, Austin Peay (Homecoming); Nov. 15, University of Akron.

### Plans for new football weight room announced

By STEVE SPANN Sidelines Staff Writer

The MTSU Athletic Department has moved ahead with plans to construct a new weightroom in Murphy Center in an area adjacent to the football player's locker room.

Football coach Boots Donnelly explains that a new one is needed because at present, football players are getting their weight training in a dance studio in the Alumni Gym that is simply inadequete. The present facility has bad lighting, the ceiling is too low, it is too small to accomodate the team, there is little or no ventilation and according to Coach Donnelly,"It creates a depressing atmosphere."

Since the dance studio is a classroom, the weights must be removed from a locked closet before each workout and then returned. This makes it difficult for team members to work out on their own. Also, the players will no longer have to get dressed in Murphy Center and then walk over to the dance studio, since the new weight room will be adjacent to the locker room.

In addition, Coach Donnelly says "To have pride in themselves and in our program, the team has to have a place they can be proud of." He stresses that in order to change the football program here, a positive

approach must be taken and the . new weightroom, which is hoped to be finished by the fall, is one of the most positive things to happen to MTSU football since he arrived.

The weightroom began as a project of Coach Donnelly's about a year ago. The Blue Raider Club baecame convinced of the need for a class weight room and a structural engineer designed what was desired. The Blue Raider Club then gave a gaurantee to raise the necessary funds for the project and went to the MTSU foundation Board and presented their case.

The Foundation agreed to loan the Club any needed funds that they could not raise on their

own. With spiraling interest rates at most banks, this type financing could conceivably save much money. The MTSU Foundation agreed to put up as much as \$50,000 although costs are not really expected to go that

Coaches and players alike are excited about not only the project for a new facility, but about the show of community support that this project represents. As Coach Donnelly put it,"With this community support, the football team has to give back more to the community. Anytime a university committs itself and the community comes forward to help, naturally the players will put out more."

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### High school students attend MTSU band camp

By VIOLET JONES Sidelines Staff Writer

Some 2500 high school students will adapt to campus life over the next 8 weeks as the MTSU sponsored band camp swings into another summer.

"MTSU benefits by this program for recruiting value, economic purposes and an uplifted quality of our music program," Joseph Smith, MTSU band director.

Offered to band camp students at MTSU are trained staff, food facilities and lodging for an average of \$61 per week.

These are not necessarily offered in their own locale.

"It is important for students to be on campus and have a good experience so this will influence enrollment. A 1979 survey indicated 82 percent of enrolled students had been on campus due to athletic events and band camps."Wes Williams, MTSU director of admissions, said.

"It's the difference from ending up in the black or going in the hole," Smith said.

The music program picks up students ordinarily not familiar with MTSU. There is a number

of out-of-state students that attend.

The camp offers a hard program with an eight-hour day filled with routines for percussives, flag and rifle teams, field conductors and majorettes.

"The university is fulfilling its purpose of educating young musicians," Smith said.

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