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To the Graduating Class of Florida International University:

Many years ago, I was told that the secret of happiness was to try and give one hundred percent to every job and opportunity that came along. It was a simple and surprisingly obvious principle, but I kept thinking of it whenever my energies would flag or my spirit would get depressed--and it helped. But here's another thing to remember:

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Today is a day to cheer. To the faculty and staff, to families and friends, and above all, to the Graduating Class of 1988, Barbara and I proudly extend our congratulations and best wishes.

Sincerely,

George Bush
Vice President of the United States

April 29, 1988

To the Graduating Students of Florida International University:

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You have my best wishes for your continued success.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Dukakis
Governor of Massachusetts

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■ Graduating student Luis Concepcion stands ready to receive his Biology degree.

Goodbye, FIU!

REY QUINTANA
Sunblazer Editor

After five consecutive years at the Miami Beach Convention Center, the 16th commencement ceremonies of Florida International University were staged at Tamiami Park, adjacent to FIU's University Park Campus, on Friday, April 29.

With a light Spring breeze blowing under perfectly blue skies, 3,280 degrees were awarded to the graduating class of 1988. "Commencement is the high point of the university calendar," said Mike Wagner, FIU professor and commencement chairperson. "The rites involved in the celebration of commencement date back to man's earliest times."

The ceremony began promptly at 8:30 am with the procession. First to enter was Bruce Hauptli, professor of philosophy and president of FIU's Faculty Senate. He was followed by Student Government Association President Fred Jorgenson and President-elect Tim Benjamin. Next came the graduating students, the faculty, and finally the administration.

FIU President Mitch Maidique began by offering his sincere congratulations to the class of 1988. "Rest assured that the value of your degrees will increase as the years go by," said Maidique. "As the University continues its record of progress and achievement, the pride and benefits you will derive from your FIU degrees will also increase."

Maidique then presented the University's Distinguished Service Award to Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, FIU alumna and the first Hispanic woman to be elected to the Florida Senate and House of Representatives. James Mau, FIU's Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, also received a Distinguished Service Award.

Honorary doctoral degrees were given to writer and critic Elizabeth Janeway; economist Eliot Janeway; Cuban scholar Levi Marrero; John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League; and Alvah Chapman, chairman and chief executive officer of Knight-Ridder.

Chapman also served as the keynote speaker at the commencement. He referred to FIU as "a noble institution"

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Law Society students win moot court trials

ANDREW DODGE
Sunblazer News Editor

The point is not moot... Members of the FIU Pre-Law Society scored a victory last month against other pre-law students from three area universities in a moot-court competition sponsored by the University of Miami Law School.

Society members Elizabeth Delgado, a political science major and David Durke, an accounting major, comprised a team that came in first in the finals of the moot-court competition held on Monday, April 25.

"The moot court gives future law students a chance to see what they are up against," said Delgado.

"It is also an opportunity to familiarize yourself with legal terms and procedures and to gain experience in presenting a case," she said.

The subject of the final competition was surrogate motherhood. Each team, comprised of two members, had to argue both sides of the "Baby M" case before a panel of three judges.

The competition included pre-law students from the University of Miami, Barry University, St. Thomas University and FIU. The final score was actually a draw between one of the four UM teams and the team from FIU.

FIU was represented by only one team because the trial took place at the beginning of FIU finals week and many members of the law society were too busy with study to participate in the moot court. "The fact that we did so well in this competition is very exciting for the law society," said FIU Law Society President Luis Novoa.

"Considering that pre-law is not offered as an actual major at FIU, and our students don't get the chance to gain the legal experience that those at U.M. might get, it is impressive that we fared as well as we did," he said.

The Law Society at FIU was begun last October and now consists of approximately 40 members. The activities of the society include organization of volunteer work and community service, sponsorship of guest speakers and arrangement of internships for members.

"The University of Miami Law School is planning to sponsor another competition in the Fall that would include pre-law students from all over Florida," Novoa said. "We will plan on participating in that one as well."

Maidique and Ruffier honored at accounting fraternity banquet

JORGE ALONSO
DR. JOHN SENETTI
Eta Iota Chapter of
Beta Alpha Psi

The Eta Iota Chapter of Beta Alpha Psi, Florida International University's national accounting fraternity, honored the Honorable Joan Ruffier, chairperson of the Board of Regents of the State University System of Florida and FIU President Mitch Maidique at a banquet held at the Omni International Hotel on April 16.

The ceremony, in which eight students and a faculty member were initiated, began at 6:30pm. The students initiated into the fraternity were: Christian Cozier, Cynthia Edell, Elsa Figueras, Jane

Janer, Eddie Kopetman, Beth Ann Roushar, Jorge Salguero, and Fernando Torres. Dr. John Sennetti was the faculty initiate and President Maidique and Chairman Ruffier were chosen as honorary initiates.

After dinner, Ruffier, who was also the guest speaker at the banquet, mentioned the national recognition that FIU accounting students have achieved on the CPA exam. Chairman Ruffier also stated that in order to maintain and improve the quality and to maximize the University's fullest potential, more state funds would be needed, suggesting a state income tax.

Following Ruffier's remarks, the Faculty Vice President and Director of the School of Accounting, Dr. Lewis Davidson,

presented several scholarships and awards. Beta Alpha Psi President Jorge Alonso recognized those people who participated in the IRS's VITA program, wherein the volunteers assist the elderly and less experienced taxpayers in preparing their income tax returns. The Chapter also presented an award to the Outstanding Alumni, Evelyn Macia, a principal of the auditing department at Arthur Young & Co., and to the Teacher of the Year, Dr. David Lavin.

The evening culminated with the induction of new officers for the Fall 1988 term.

Have a good summer!

North Miami Campus cafeteria remodeled

ANDREW DODGE
Sunblazer News Editor

Dining at the North Miami Campus is about to become a different kind of experience, thanks to plans for renovations of the cafeteria.

"The design of the space is difficult to work with," said Bradley Biggs, assistant vice president for administrative affairs at the North Miami Campus.

"We can't make any major structural changes, but we need to increase our usable work area to accommodate the increasing number of students who will be using the facility," he said.

The renovations will include removal of the old metal counters that are now used for the salad bar. The current fixtures will be replaced by two

separate food service areas; one, a delicatessen-style setup, will serve cold food, while at the other side of the room, another counter will specialize in hot meals.

New carpeting has already been installed, and a large retractable awning will soon be in place on the south side terrace, providing additional seating area outdoors with protection from the elements.

A new lighting system will

be equipped with dimmers to provide an elegant atmosphere for dining in the evening and bright lights for catching up on study during lunch.

"It takes a long time to get the work done because we have to go through the bidding process to insure the taxpayers the least expensive price," Biggs said.

The administration expects renovations to be completed by the end of the year.

The need to increase the capacity of the cafeteria is partly due to the expected rise in the number of students that will attend the North Miami Campus when the School of Hospitality Management moves there from University Park.

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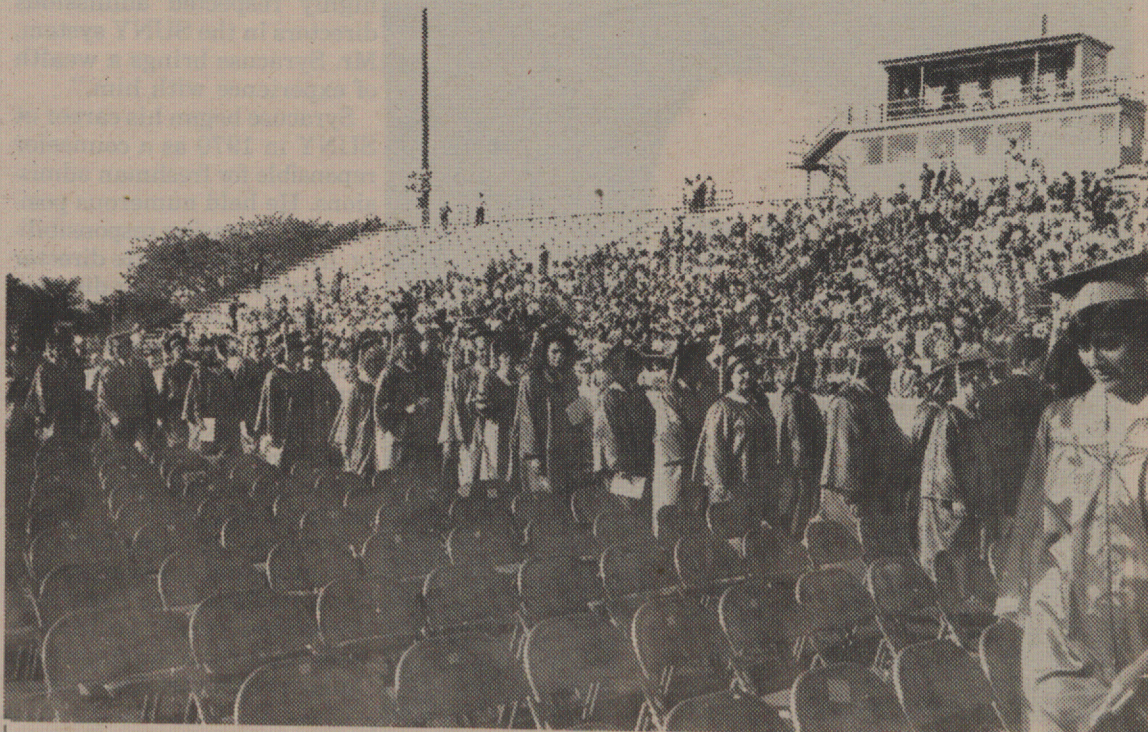
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■ Top left: FIU President Mitch Maidique. Bottom left: Bruce Hauptly, president of the FIU Faculty Senate. Above: the graduating class of 1988 enters Tamiami Park.

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Memories of the commencement

-Graduation, from page 1

and "a good university that is getting better." He told the graduates they must "build bridges of confidence, concern and courage" as they build their futures.

Chapman cited the problem of illegal drugs as America's main concern, and he did not hesitate to blame the American people. "America's drug problem will end when Americans quit buying drugs," he said. "It is up to you, the leaders of tomorrow, to have the courage to be different if necessary."

Following Chapman was the awarding of 2,823 bachelor's, 456 master's and one doctoral degrees. For 22 year-old psychology major Daima Pico, it was a very emotional moment.

"I was very happy, even though it's not the end for me," Pico said (she plans to continue on to graduate school, possibly at the University of Miami). "My friends and family were all there. And I knew that my mother was out there crying somewhere."

When asked to mention her most pleasant memory of FIU, Pico recalled her first-place finish at the Copacabana

festival's salsa dance contest last March. Her least favorite memory consists of the problems she encountered at the Financial Aid Office. "They took forever to release my Pell Grant money," she said. "It was very frustrating."

The ceremony ended with the conferring of the degrees by President Maidique. As 10,000 audience members proudly looked on, the members of the class of 1988 moved the tassels on their caps from the right side to the left, symbolic of their new status as FIU alumni.

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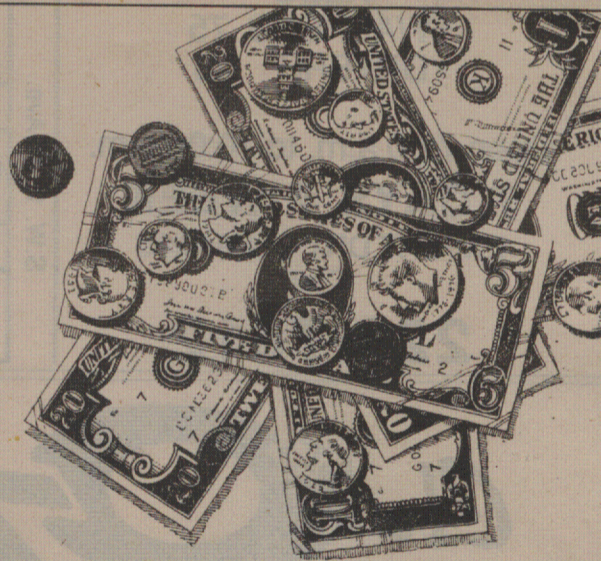
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Syracuse began his career at SUNY in 1970 as a counselor responsible for freshman admissions. He held numerous positions of increasing responsibility, including associate director of admissions, acting director of admissions and, in 1975, director of admissions.

"I'm happy to be here at FIU," Syracuse said. "I'm excited by the opportunity and challenge that lies before me as the university continues to expand and grow."

Syracuse has also been active in several trade organizations, including the American Personnel and Guidance Association and the American College Personnel Association.

Syracuse is new vice president of admissions

Thomas A. Syracuse, 42, a 20-year veteran of higher education, has been named assistant vice president for admissions and financial aid at Florida International University. Prior to coming to FIU, Syracuse was director of admissions at the State University of New York, College at Cortland, in Cortland, New York. "I am extremely pleased that Tom Syracuse has decided to join our staff," said Richard Correnti, vice president for student affairs at FIU. "As one of the most prominent and

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Today's chuckle: Or, should we say, "cackle?"

Dr. Richard J. Correnti, vice president of student affairs, poses with a feathered friend aboard the FIU Seascape cruise last Sunday, May 1st. The

one-day excursion to the Bahamas was enjoyed by over 1,000 FIU students and guests despite miserable weather conditions. For Dr. Correnti, this trip was clearly "for the birds."

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FIU's hangout: the Rathskeller

JAVIER MARISCAL
Sunblazer Staff Writer

It is without a doubt one of the most popular hangouts on the University Park Campus. It is "the place to be" on Thursday nights. Florida International University's Rathskeller, affectionately known as "the Ratt" and located across from the cafeteria in the UH building, offers a pleasant and relaxing atmosphere for students who have a little time on their hands.

The Rathskeller, a student restaurant and pub, is owned by FIU and managed by Gabe Forment, a 25 year-old student in the School of Hospitality Management. Forment explained that the University has a management contract with the Total Food Service Direction (TSFD) company, which provides all the food and pays all the employees of the Ratt. Under the terms of said contract, TSFD also pays the University a commission based on sales. "Our profits are quite large, so the arrangement works out nicely," Forment said.

The Ratt was the center of some very negative publicity last semester when a couple of incidents involving high school students who got drunk prompted Forment to limit entrance into the pub to those aged 21 and over. "I wanted to

weed out the teeny boppers," Forment explained. "There were too many high school kids coming in here."

Both TSFD and the University were not happy with Forment's decision, however, and two weeks later minors were re-allowed back in the Ratt and a new policy was established to keep the high school crowd out. The Ratt is now open only to students with a driver's license and a valid FIU I.D.

Sigma Phi Epsilon President Manny Rodriguez is pleased with the new policy. "High schoolers don't fit in with our crowd," he said. "The only way they can have fun is to start trouble, and we don't need that around here."

Forment is planning several events to attract students to the Ratt. Among these is an amateur comedy night once a week, and several theme parties are also in the works. "Halloween should be a fun time here," Forment said. "We're planning a big monster bash complete with Frankenstein and the Werewolf."

The Ratt will be open during the summer months on Monday through Thursday from 11am to 11pm and on Fridays from 11am to 6pm. The late-night parties with DJ Robert Agüero will resume on a weekly basis in the Fall. "We're changing for the better," said Forment, "so come by and visit."



■ FIU students hang out at the Rathskeller.

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Commentary:

It's time: speak up!

RALPH E. DEL RIO
Special to the Sunblazer

In the past three issues of the newspaper, I've commented on certain issues: The Rathskeller, school spirit, and campus life.

As a Student Government Association Senator I was flogged with many student grievances, and the issues above were some of the most important ones.

I was elected to SGA in the Fall of 1987 by the College of Business. I am here to represent the College and the student body as a whole and I intend to continue to do so to the best of my abilities.

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Review:

Momentum Dance Company visits FIU

REY QUINTANA
Sunblazer Editor

The Miami-based Momentum Dance Company will close its Spring 1988 season with four performances at Florida International University's VH-100 this coming weekend. Three world premieres, two historical works and selections from the company's repertory are scheduled in a program that should provide considerable enjoyment for its audience.

The three world premieres are "Rocks of Light" by Andrea Seidel, "Love Song" by Momentum's Artistic Director Delma Iles, and "When Once I Sang" by Paul Mockavak.

Seidel's creation takes us back to the dawn of time, when man's survival was closely linked to the Earth's basic elements. Four female dancers come to life around a pile of rocks from which their souls draw energy and strength. The women perform a primitive ritual around the rocks, seeming to depend on them for their very existence. As the piece picks up speed and momentum (no pun intended) we are enveloped in a celebration of life and freedom. "This dance is reaching for the essential and enduring things in a transitory world," Seidel said.

The choreography of the piece is brilliant. It is difficult enough to make four dancers into an ensemble, but throw in sixteen ostrich egg-sized rocks and you've got a real challenge on your hands. Momentum's talented dancers take care of their own set design as they ceremoniously arrange the rocks first in piles, then in a straight line, then in a circle. The footwork in this dance becomes quite intricate at times, but the performers in the piece have obviously been well-trained. They execute the complex patterns with apparent ease.

Their upper body movements, however, are somewhat stiff and sloppy. This is an unfortunate characteristic of most major dance companies in the Miami area - too much emphasis on lower body technique and not enough work on upper body technique. Momentum's last

two appearances at FIU were shy of perfection because of rigid arms and stiff lower backs.

"Rocks of Light," because of its original subject matter and complex choreography, should be the highlight of the performance. The other two premieres, "Love Song" and "When Once I Sang," deal with different aspects of love and romance. Both were unavailable for preview.

A company premier will be "Northwest Spirit Dance," by modern dance pioneer Eleanor King. The work pays tribute to the now-lost spiritual dance performed by Native Northwestern Indians to invoke their personal spirit guides. King saw this dance over fifty years ago on her first trip west and preserved the memory of it in her choreography.

Also featured in the program will be Delma Iles' untitled work from last season which provoked critical and popular interest. Iles interprets the poetry of Joyce Carol Oates in an emotional solo full of reminders of Martha Graham's timeless works. I saw the piece last year, and its effect was ruined by the terrible recording of Oates' poetry which was read in the background. This year, a live actress will read the literature on which the dance is based. If she speaks slowly and clearly it should make a very big difference.

The final work to be presented will be "Poems of Scriabin," given to Momentum by legendary choreographer Anna Sokolow during her visit to Miami last year. It is a melancholic and romantic dance set to two Scriabin etudes.

Momentum's quality performances have established the modern dance company as one of Miami's finest, and the closing of its 1988 Spring season should not be missed. Concert dates for FIU are May 12 and 13 at 8:00 pm and May 14 at 2:00 and 8:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance and \$12.00 at the door. Students, children and seniors pay \$7.00. All dancers bringing a dance bag will receive \$2.00 off their ticket price. For further information call the Momentum Dance Company at 235-3047.



■ Momentum dancers Delma Iles and Silvia Garcia perform "Rocks of Light."

Literary award winners announced

Winners of Florida International University's Student Literary Awards for 1987-88 had the opportunity to read from their prize-winning work last Thursday, April 21, at the Literary Awards Ceremony held in ACI 194 at the North Miami Campus.

The readings, called "A Taste of the Literary Future," were kicked off with introductory remarks by Texas writers Bill Ripley and Pat Ellis Taylor, whose first books were published in January by the Atlantic Monthly Press. The two authors are former

students of Les Standiford, director of FIU's Creative Writing Program, and they encouraged the award winners to persevere.

Pamela Gross of North Miami Beach took top honors in both non-fiction and poetry. Her essay "The Garden" won the Lewis and Rhoda Kurzweil Award for Non-Fiction and her poems "Because His Wife is Dying," "The Grandfather," and "Burial at Sea" placed first for the Academy of American Poets/Books & Books Prize.

Christine Kling of Dania

won first place and the Josephine Friendman Award for Short Fiction for her story, "Sleeping Dragons."

Honorable mentions in poetry went to Virginia Wells of Plantation and Iris Heckman of Miami. Bobby Linfors of Miami and Doris Bartlett of Hollywood were cited for their short stories. Annetta Schwartz of Miami Beach won an honorable mention in non-fiction.

Have a nice summer!

Wanted: Cartoonist

The Sunblazer, FIU's independent student newspaper, is considering running a single- or multi-panel cartoon, beginning in the Fall 1988 semester. It should be related to life at FIU and either humorous or satirical in nature. Publication would be weekly during school sessions.

Applications should be sent to the Sunblazer, UH 315, University Park Campus, Miami, FL 33199. Include two sample cartoons, a list of cartoon ideas and a self-addressed stamped envelope if you wish materials to be returned.

The decision as to which, if any, cartoons will be published will be made by the Sunblazer Editorial Board.

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(a) Try to do more research on the specific type of work that you will be doing;

(b) Be prepared for a question related to salary-try to research the salary range for the position that you are applying for;

(c) Have enough money for incidentals (lunches, cab fare, etc.). It helps to have a credit card to pay for travel and hotel expenses when traveling out of the city. Most employers will reimburse you.

(d) Be ready for a possible panel interview (hint: maintain eye contact with all members of the panel when answering questions);

(e) Bring extra copies of your resume with you;

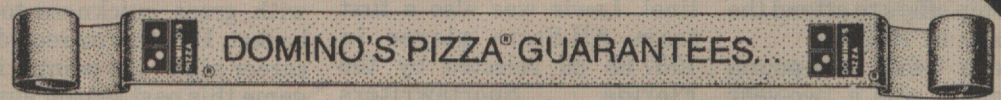
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Men's basketball signs key players

Florida International University Head Basketball Coach Rich Walker has announced that two more student athletes have signed national letters of intent. Hallandale High School senior guard Brett Lewis and Allan Hancock Junior College (in California) sophomore forward Warren Hawthorne have accepted scholarship offers to attend the University in 1988-89.

Lewis, a 6-foot, 161-pound point guard, was a two-year starter at Hallandale High and he was also a member of the Chargers' 1987 state championship team that compiled a

31-1 record.

Last year, Lewis averaged 20.5 points, six assists and four rebounds per game in helping Hallandale to the District 15-3A championship. He was named All-Broward County by all three area newspapers and he was the County Player of the Year as named by the Ft. Lauderdale News/Sun Sentinel. Lewis was also a first team All-State player in 1987-88 as selected by the Florida Sportswriters Association.

"Brett Lewis is an outstanding basketball player who can play both point and shooting

guard," said Coach Walker. "He is the beginning of my program (in Division I), and when he is a senior he'll be leading it."

Hawthorne, a 6-foot 5-inch all-state player, averaged 22.5 points and seven rebounds per game this past season as Allan Hancock finished with a 22-6 record. An explosive scorer with great quickness to the basket, Hawthorne recorded a career-high 43 points in a game this past season against the College of Siskiyous (California).

As a prep player at Mastbaum Vocational Tech in

Philadelphia, PA, Hawthorne averaged better than 20 points per game as a senior and he was honored with first-team All-Public League recognition.

Both years at Hancock, Hawthorne was named All-Western Conference and this season he was selected first team All-American.

"Today is a big day for the FIU basketball program," said Walker on signing Hawthorne. "We signed a legitimate junior college all-America candidate from Philadelphia. Signing Warren was the culmination of intense effort and hard work on the part of our entire

coaching staff. I know the entire community will be very happy with the play of our newest Golden Panther."

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