Hope Gay Straight Alliance voted down

Campus Life Board votes 5-3 against awareness group

Matt Cook

The Hope College Campus Life Board voted 5-3 yesterday morning against the recommendation of the Extra-Curricular Activities Committee to approve the Gay Straight Alliance for Awareness as an official student organization. The members of the Campus Life Board did not find it was in the best interest of the college to have that group right now," said Richard Frost, dean of students, and member of the Campus Life Board.

"That's just the nature of this college," said Jamie Raabe ('02), co-leader and founder of the Alliance. "The decision was disappointing with the decision. "I don't think I was expecting anything else, but I was hoping," Raabe said.

According to Frost, before the voting, there was a question and answer period with members of the Gay Straight Alliance.

Raabe said that one of the concerns brought up was the Reformed Church in America stance on homosexuality. Raabe did not feel her group was inconsistent with that. "The Reformed Church calls for open dialogue and that's something that we're all about," Raabe said. Another concern, according to Raabe was whether a student group was an appropriate forum for approaching the issue of homosexuality.

"I disagree with that because as students, we can relate to other students better than faculty and administration can," Raabe said.

Even though the Campus Life Board voted against it, Raabe feels like the campus community would have been in support of the group. more GSA on 2

Hope vans a danger
15-passenger vans can roll over when filled to capacity, says NHSTA

Matt Cook

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a cautionary warning on April 9, concerning the 15-passenger vans that are used for transporting students at many college, including Hope.

According to the results of a NHTSA test, when the vans contain more than 10 passengers, the risk of a rollover is three times as high as normal vans or light trucks.

The Chicago Tribune reported that a 15-passenger van from the Salvation Army was involved in an accident in January that killed 11 people.

Hope College is planning on replacing or reducing the passenger capacity of its fleet of 12 fifteen-passenger vans by May 7, 2001, said Tom Renner, director of Public Relations.

According to Renner, Hope's plan was not set in motion because of the warning. "Long before this advisory came out, the more VANS on 7

Student Congress elections start Thursday

Megan Krigbaum

InFocus Editor

This Thursday and Friday Hope College students will have the opportunity to voice their opinion and elect Student Congress members for the 2001-2002 academic year at various poll locations around campus.

There are 16 candidates for the eight positions which include president, vice-president, and two representatives each for the senior, junior and sophomore classes.

This year there are two candidates for president, Rand Arwady ('03) and Matt Scoopin ('02). There are also two students running for vice president, Carl Danel ('03) and Colleen Evans ('03). Although some candidates are endorsing others, students will be able to vote for president and vice president individually.

Current Student Congress president, Louis Cantfield noted that "the number of candidates for class representatives is greater than usual."

There are four candidates for senior class representative, including Amy Avery, Jeffrey InFocus, Page 5

Maya Angelou speaks to Hope; tickets copied

Emily Mooliman

Arts Editor

Maya Angelou began her speech on Monday evening with a strong statement, "When it looked like the sun wasn’t gonna shine no more, you became my rainbow in the clouds," Angelou sang to an audience of over 1100 students, faculty, staff and community members, in Dimnent Chapel.

The bestselling author, poet, actress, playwright, producer and director received a warm welcome from the Hope community when she arrived on Monday evening to speak to Hope's campus. Angelou's visit was sponsored by Student Congress Speaker Series, with assistance from many other organizations and departments on campus.

While on Hope's campus, Angelou was presented with a honorary doctor of letters degree, listened to a performance of "23rd Psalm," composed by Duke Ellington, performed by Hope's Jazz Ensemble I and faculty soloist Margaret Kennedy-Dygas, spoke to the campus for approximately thirty minutes, and gave a brief poetry reading.

Angelou was particularly honored by the presentation of the degree of letters.

"The finest thing that one can receive is an honor from one's peers," Angelou said. "Since I am an educator, it is a wonderful gesture to give me a token of your appreciation. I am excited, it is wonderful.

"The response from the campus was positive. Amy Avery, comptroller of Student Congress and chairperson of the Speaker Series was pleased with how smoothly the evening ran.

"We were really blessed," said Avery. "Everything went wonderfully and I believe everyone had an overwhelming positive experience."

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chapel and the pine grove) from 12 to 6 p.m., on Saturday.

The event will feature the music of the bands Lupida, Aziun, Gino Scare, as well as the brotherly duo Adam (’01) and Lee Herspink (’04).

There will also be a poetry reading by Amy Buchter (’03) and a speaker will be on hand to discuss environmental issues.

Due to a late cancellation, EIG has not yet finalized who will be the speaker.

The Alpha Gamma Phi sorority will be selling clothing made from hemp and other natural fibers, and there will be informational tables about the environment.

“We are having the concert to promote environmental awareness to the Hope College campus,” said Dave Willemier (’04). “We want to keep the campus more informed about the environment.

However, the concert is about more than just the environment.

“We want to bring the campus together for a cultural, community event,” Willemier said.

Earth Jam has been held at Hope College for the past several years.

Willemier feels that it has always been well attended.

“Last year we had over 200 people show up,” Willemier said.

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Klei. EIG encourages everyone to attend.

“Earth Jam is a great opportunity to be outside, listen to good music and hang out on a Saturday afternoon on Hope’s campus,” Willemier said.

A GIFT OF SHOES: Maya Angelou receives the traditional Hope College gift of a pair of wooden shoes from Amy Avery (’02), a member of Student Congress.

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Angelou left immediately after her presentation was over, and audience members gathered at the Maas Conference Center for refreshments and to discuss Angelou’s appearance.

“I thought Angelou was personable and fun,” said Rachel Peckenheim (’04), who attended the event. “She related to the audience well and made me realize that besides what you may think, you really can make an impact on someone.”

1050 tickets were made for the event and quickly sold out.

Because not every student could get a ticket, some resorted to counterfeit.

“I made a couple because I heard people saying that they couldn’t get them, including faculty, and I was really torn about the whole thing,” said an anonymous student. “I thought it was unfortunate that the school was bringing such a well-known and influential speaker to the academic community. The tickets were easy to copy and I didn’t tell them. And I know other people did it too.”

Despite the fact that counterfeit tickets were distributed, students and faculty found Angelou’s visit exciting and uplifting.

“One of the reasons I’m so glad to be at Hope is because it is one of those rainbows in the clouds,” Angelou said in conclusion.

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Hope recognizes four with honorary degrees

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Midsummer Night is a feast for the eyes
Beth Lomasney

John College Theatre’s final production of the season, “Midsummer Night’s Dream” by William Shakespeare, will open this Friday, April 20, 2001. Additional performances are at 6 p.m. Saturday, April 21, and April 25-28. The Thursday performance will be at 9 p.m. All shows take place at the Devlin Center main theatre.

The cast of the play represents all four classes at Hope, and all designs are by members of the theatre faculty. Richard Smith created the scenery and properties, Michelle Bombe designed costume and makeup, and Perry Landes designed the light and sound. Dana Robins, chair of theater department, is director of the play.

“The cast has been fun to work with,” Robins said. “They have a good spirit and are very playful. The play asks actors to trust each other, which they are very able to do.”

“We need to find a connection,” Robins said. “Especially since the language is no longer ours. This play is about young love and the imagination, which is present at anytime and forever will be.”

Why should a Hope student go and see “A Midsummer Night’s Dream”?

“The acting is fabulous, but the settings, costumes, and music are to die for,” said Anne Pott (’01), who plays the part of Hippolyta. “And it’s Shakespeare. The whole play is eye candy!”

Robins advocates seeing the play on a different note.

“Compared to other Shakespeare plays, this one is easier to understand. There is a lot of action,”

Robins said. “It is known to be funny, and our version should be funny. On scene level, all of us can identify with getting carried away with feelings about others, especially jealousy and desire. Young, fickle love is fitting for a college campus. And on an extreme level, it’s fun to watch.”

Tickets are $7 for adults and $4 for senior citizens and students. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m.

Anonymous 4 to sing at local church
Emily Moellman

Travel to a different place, be in a different time, and hear a different sound. When Anonymous 4 brings their astonishing vocal blend and technical virtuosity to Holland, audience members will be swept away to a world of new music and forever will be.

The concert will be performed at St. Francis De Sales Church for numerous reasons. According to Emerson, the GPS committee decided on the church for acoustical reasons. "These four women are incredibly talented and the music faculty said that the chapel would not do justice to their voices, and recommended St. Francis," Emerson said. "When the church was rebuilt after the fire, they paid special attention to enhancing the acoustics. It is also in walking distance to Hope, so we’re not sending the students too far.”

Anonymous 4 take music seriously, but they also are entertaining. Emerson explains that since the group is so serious about their music and also enjoy to watch, critics and audiences alike have responded well to the group.

"It’s a great opportunity to hear music not typically heard anywhere," Emerson said. "This will be a moving experience, and those looking for a new religious experience will not want to miss this concert.”

Tickets for Anonymous 4 will be available at the theater lobby ticket office in the DeWitt Center. Tickets cost $12.50 for regular adults, $10.50 for senior citizens, and $5 for students.

TOADSTOOL, STAGE RIGHT: David Ovies (’03) as Lysander, and Matthew T. Bondy (’03) as Dometrius, rehearse a scene here from Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream.
Opinion

The Gay Straight Alliance was denied status as an official student activity by the Campus Life board yesterday morning. While there are valid reasons for and against the group becoming an official activity, it seems that one expressed by the Campus Life board is not quite well-thought. A concern was raised at the meeting that a student group may not be the appropriate forum for approaching the issue of homophobia.

A concern was raised at the meeting that a student group may not be the appropriate forum for approaching the issue of homophobia. Are we to understand that the Campus Life board deemed intellectuals deemed "worthy" of considering and discussing not be the appropriate forum for approaching the issue of homosexuality only on Hope's campus, but in the entire world. Hope should undertake the discussion of homosexuality and homosexual issues. To students and voices on the issues. Homosexuality is an emerging issue—not to have the college support a group of students who are looking to discuss these issues. Students need outlets for their discussion, and what better way to encourage groups of students who are interested in discussing these issues than to have the college support a group of students who are dedicated to open and frank discussion of the subject? There should be age this than to have the college support a group of students who are more interested in discussing these issues than to have the college support a group of students who are interested in discussing these issues.

The administration, faculty, and members of the Holland and world community are not excluded from this discussion. All these groups play a role in it. But to think that a student group is an inappropriate forum for these issues is not a good sentiment for anyone to have.

There may be legitimate reasons for the school to not make the Gay Straight Alliance an official student organization. Perhaps it can be shown that there isn't the demand on campus for a group that deals with homosexual issues; the club was denied student organization status in part because of that very reason. There is the question of funding. Competition for student activity funding is going to be tight, and two new organizations have been added this year already. But saying that a reason to not support the organization is that student groups are an inappropriate forum for homosexual issues simply doesn't work. It's demeaning to the students, to those heading the Gay Straight Alliance, and to the ethic of learning at this college.

It's heartening to see that the college's refusal to support the organization will not stop the Gay Straight Alliance from continuing their conversation on homosexuality. They seem willing to provide a structure for the discussion of homosexual issues on campus, even if members of the Campus Life board feel that they are "inappropriate" for such activity. Perhaps, as the college comes to understand that student discussion is the primary venue for discussion of issues on a college campus, they will be ready to support the Gay Straight Alliance officially.

Your voice

Angeloou autographs available through mail

To the Editor:

As many of you might know, we were certainly blessed to have Dr. Maya Angelou on our campus this past Monday, April 16. She was indeed an inspiration to us all and we were honored to have her spend just a few minutes to answer our questions.

Dr. Angelou was not able to sign autographs after the speech at the reception, but was very willing to allow me to publish her address in North Carolina. Anything that you send to her, she will sign and return to you, and she has encouraged me. It may take a few weeks (she's quite busy), but she will sign whatever you wish. Forward all requests to: Dr. Maya Angelou, Wake Forest University, P.O. Box 7314, Winston-Salem, NC 27109-0599.

Apache mission work is greatly appreciated

To the Editor:

I am writing to express the appreciation of the congregation of Apache Reformed Church and the community of Apache, Oklahoma, to the members of the Hope College team who spent Spring Break here on a Chapel-sponsored mission trip in March. Many thanks to: Dawn Denton, Rachel Hoffman, Jerry Rademaker, Ama Wackerly, Ross Duleman, Lindsay Johnson, David Rye, David Yang, Lori Geuder, Haley Martin, Kieu Tran, Tom Hoesch, Kelly Nitz, and Matthew Vandesande.

We know that there are many others behind this team of people who helped to arrange for their trip here, and we send our thanks also to the Chaplain's office and to all other supporting programs and personnel who have helped to make this and all of the other trips possible for the participants. While they were here, your team worked hard on home renovations to assist citizens in the Apache area to recover from a major flood which hit our town last December. Your team did a mar-

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Students at Hope have the chance to choose the President who is the top representative of the students. I feel that I am the candidate, the students’ candidate. Students deserve someone connected to the college, living on campus who is easily accessible and someone you know. I will be all of those. I will serve someone connected to the college, living on campus. I've sung in Christmas Vespers with college choirs, played football freshman year, supported the Nyker women as a Mo-
**Chow time at Hope**

**Students examine own eating habits**

Carrie Arnold

Spotlight Editor

For Heidi Osmundson ('02), the decision to remain on meal plan was a no-brainer. "I have no time to cook for myself," Osmundson said. Hope students make decisions every day about what they are going to eat. While most students make good decisions, college can be a no-brainer.

SPOTLIGHT EDITOR does a good job of trying to come up with reasonable portions where portions are essentially unlimited. Saffee said, "I don't use it that often. Phelps Dining Halls, Saffee said, buffet-style layout of both Phelps and Cook Dining Halls, is the largest problem most students face. For Heidi Osmundson ('02), the problem is bad eating habits. What's for dinner? I have aged 20 years thus far, an event which, I think, has given me a certain amount of life wisdom. After all, when the music you listened to as a child is sold on TV alongside such stand alone classics as "Polish Pea Party" and "Making Out to the Oldies," one cannot help but notice the knowledge that may (or may not) have arrived with the passing of the years. So what have I learned in these past 20 years that warrants me rambling on for several hundred words? Through trial and error, I have discovered that the combination of vats of coffee and pounds of Skittles helps you stay up all night. I have learned to avoid Meijer's on a Saturday and that doesn't. Who invented the rule that says, "We are told what to do by the clothing we must match? Why, for that matter, must everything we do always follow the rules?"

For numerous students at Hope, particularly female ones, the choice isn't so much what to eat but what to eat. Osmundson sometimes finds it easy to leave the meal plan. "The Health Clinic and a vegetarian bar. Many people who eat in the cafeteria cite the variety of food options as a reason for remaining on meal plan.

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**WHAT'S FOR DINNER?** Students in Phelps Dining Hall examine the choices at the deli bar before making their final selection. Phelps offers several specialty bars for students on meal plan, including a salad bar and a vegetarian bar. Many people who eat in the cafeteria cite the variety of food options as a reason for remaining on meal plan.

"The Health Clinic only gets the tip of the iceberg," Osmundson sometimes finds the joy of wearing stripes and plaids at the same time. Although we're expected to be, we're not. To this day, I still don't. Who invented the rule that says, "We are told what to do by the clothing we must match? Why, for that matter, must everything we do always follow the rules?"

We are told what to do essentially from day one. What to wear, how to act, what to eat, even what brand of running shoes to buy. By now, most of us are so programmed, we can operate without even thinking. Far too many of us do.

Have you ever stopped to ask yourself why you are doing something? Better yet, try and answer that question. Can you? Unlikely. In the end, most of us know what we're "supposed" to be doing, and many times, this advice isn't half bad. But give me a little credit here. Let me decide for myself whether stripes and plaids make suitable attire. We all get so caught up in these grand life-and-death struggles over what we should and should not do in our lives. You know what? It's not that important. In the grand scheme of things, whether my clothing assaults the eyes or whether I decide to eat a bucket of ice cream for dinner really doesn't matter. I still haven't figured out what does matter, but I know that doesn't.

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The Anchor is looking for people to fill several editorial positions.

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college was taking steps," Renner said. "It is a topic that has been discussed for a period of time before this." According to Renner, although Hope has not had any accidents involving rollovers, the van’s manufacturers have been voicing their concerns to their customers. The NHTSA press release states that, when full, a 15-passenger van’s center of gravity shifts rearward and upward, increasing the likelihood of rollover. The shift in the center of gravity will also increase the potential for loss of control in panic maneuvers.

Because the vans are much less dangerous with fewer people, the first step for the college will be the removal of seats in the 15-passenger vans so that they can only carry eight passengers. "The vans are safe. The question is when they are filled to capacity. The solution is reducing the number of passengers," Renner said. "If that is accomplished, and seat belts are worn, and if drivers have the appropriate skills, then the vans are very, very safe vehicles.

According to Renner, Hope is currently looking at two options for replacing the vans. One option is to replace them with eight-passenger vans. The other option is for the college to purchase vehicles sized between a van and a bus that could hold around 24 people. However, because of its size, a vehicle like that would have new problems for the college to confront.

Anyone driving a vehicle with over 16 passengers is required to have a Commercial Driver’s License. A Commercial Driver’s License has stricter standards than regular licenses, including a drug test.

"The college would need to look at how they are going to go about that, as far as getting people licensed and training them," Renner said. According to Renner, the biggest problem the school would have with the larger vehicles, which would cost approximately twice as much as Hope’s current vans, would be the reduction in the pool of drivers available.

Currently, any Hope student who can pass the driving test can be qualified to drive a 15 or eight-passenger van.

Renner said that the college is still deciding which of the two options to go with. Before making a decision, Hope is looking at how often vans are used to maximum capacity. "They’re trying to analyze this before just running out and buying a whole bunch of vans to replace the (15-passenger vans)," Renner said.

Whatever choice Hope makes, a lot of safety will still rely on the awareness of the passengers and drivers. "A lot of it comes down to the skill of the driver and the willingness of the passenger to wear seat belts," Renner said. "Even after the vans are reduced to eight seats, safety is still going to be dependent on people taking seriously the need to be seat belted as you would in any vehicle."

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M- You’re a source of cheer for me in these busy times. I think of the toxic world you helped me create in my head, and it makes me smile. —A

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Howard, Tanner Smith, and Nathaniel Tipp. T. L. Beeson, Joshua Egedy, and Chad Sampson are the three students running for junior class representative. The five candidates for sophomore class representative are Stephen R. Adair, II, Rhonda Armstrong, Ben Byl, Jill DeVries, and Cindy Reichert. Candidates this year have expressed interest in issues of communication between the students and college administration, the quality of Dow Center facilities as well as other student facilities and services.

Poll times and locations for Student Congress elections are available on KnowHope.

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TWO YEARS AGO IN THE FALL OF 1999, MATT GOUFFEL (‘01) AND DAVE KUHRT (‘01) DECIDED TO TAKE OVER THE HOPE COLLEGE ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB TEAM AS CO-CAPTAINS. THIS WOULD BE THE START OF TWO SUCCESSFUL SEASONS FOR THE CLUB TEAM.

THE HOPE COLLEGE ULTIMATE FRISBEE CLUB started back in the mid-1980s. In 1989 the team was ranked eighteenth in the nation. Between 1990 and 1996, there were only a few games played, but in 1996-1997 the team was restarted and has been built up to the full practices which started in 1999.

“Matt and I picked it up, and started from scratch,” Kuhrt said.

“IT WAS THE FIRST TIME IN FOREVER WE HAD PRACTICES, AND WE STARTED GOING TO MORE TOURNAMENTS.”

The team practices three days a week on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Sunday it is a fun pick-up game for the team with no practice. The team invites anyone in the Hope community to play in this relaxed game. It starts at 3 pm on the field behind Holland Municipal Stadium.

“It’s a good outlet for anyone with athletic ability, and a fun way to meet people and do something different from school work,” Kuhrt said.

Ultimate frisbee is a sport similar to soccer with a team of seven participants who work the frisbee down the field with passes, however not running with it. When the frisbee is knocked down or intercepted by the other team, that team takes over control. Every time you score (catching the frisbee in the goal area) you get one point. In a tournament, the teams play games to 13 or 15 points with a time cap of one hour. In regular matches with just two teams the game lasts two hours, or until one team reaches 21 points.

As a club sport, Ultimate frisbee has no advantages for the smaller schools. Division I, II, and III schools will all play against each other during the season. Last year’s team finished the year ranked 108 in this country in the Ultimate Players Association (UPA) rankings. The team’s season came to an end in the sectionals with close losses to Michigan and Michigan State.

This year’s team is consisted of 26 guys, and the only seniors are Goupell and Kuhrt.

“The team has been great, we have some really great guys who are a lot of fun to play with,” Kuhrt said.

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Hope student kickin it

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WHEN YOU FIRST SEE ALICIA ARNOLD (‘02) WALKING ON CAMPUS YOU MAY THINK OF HER AS A CUTE DARK-HAIRED 5’4” GIRL WHO WOULDN’T BE A FIGHTER. HOWEVER, MOST HOPE STUDENTS DO NOT KNOW THAT THIS 5’4” YOUNG WOMAN IS A SECOND DEGREE BLACK BELT IN TAE KWON DO, AND SHOULDN’T BE MESSED WITH.

“I COULD TAKE ANYONE DOWN, EVEN IF THEY ARE THE FOOTBALL TEAM. IT’S NOT WEIGHT, IT’S ALL TECHNIQUE,” SAID ARNOLD.

Arnold got started in Tae Kwon Do back in 1992 when she injured her knee and was told by doctors to find a sport that would work her knee and something she would stick with. Arnold found Tae Kwon Do, and has been doing it ever since.

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After spending her first two years of college at Kalamazoo Valley Community College as a business major, Arnold decided she was in the wrong field.

“I REALIZED WHAT I CAN DO WITH A KINESIOLOGY DEGREE, AND APPLY IT TO TAE KWON DO,” ARNOLD SAID.

She transferred to Hope this past school year and plans to use her kinesiology major to train kids for the Junior Olympics in Tae Kwon Do.

“IN FORMS YOU’RE DOING ALL THE MOTIONS, AND YOU’RE APPLYING IT TO THE FORM THAT THEY WANT. SPARRING IS JUST FIGHTING,” ARNOLD SAID.

By placing second, Arnold qualified for Nationals in both Forms and Sparring.

“NEXT YEAR, IN ARNOLD’S SENIOR YEAR, SHE HOPES TO START A TAE KWON DO CLUB HERE AT HOPE COLLEGE FOR BOTH MEN AND WOMEN. THE CLUB WOULD BE FOR ANYONE, BEGGINOERS UP TO HOPE’S FAVORITE PERSON IN THE MARTIAL ART IS JACQUE CHAN.

Jackie Chan is my favorite. I love his movies, and the way he incorporates the humor with his moves,” Arnold said.

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Alicia Arnold (’02) shows off the second degree black belt. Arnold finished second in the state in Tae Kwon Do, and will move on to Nationals in May.

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GUARDING THE PROP: Ken Diekema (’03) guards Hope professor Joel Toppen in an Ultimate Tournament earlier this year. Hope’s record is 12-5.

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