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Inner City Sixth-Graders "Look Ahead"

Oakland, in cooperation with Detroit Public Schools and the Franklin Settlement Project, is currently involved in a student volunteer program known as "Project Look Ahead."

Each Saturday, for five consecutive weeks, twenty-four 5th and 6th graders from the Duffield and Bellevue Elementary Schools are bused to Oakland's campus. The same children make the trip each Saturday. Once on campus, they are paired with an Oakland student of the same sex.

William D. Peterson, Coordinator of Project Look Ahead, explained the aims of the program:

"One purpose is to give these children exposure to the university setting. Hopefully, as a result of this, these children -- who are all high achievers -- will

set their sights even at this young age on a college education."

"The second purpose is to give these children meaningful exposure to a college student. We are convinced that this can be a real high point in the lives of these children if the college students are willing to apply themselves to making the contact meaningful."

Individual tutoring in special areas of interest will be one of the primary gains. Also during the visits, talks by various college administrators will be given along with tours of the campus and viewing of its activities.

Ten adults accompanying the youngsters on these visits, will be participating in a program similar to the one for the students.

Hong Kong For Sure

After months of meetings and careful planning, it now appears almost certain that about 50 O.U.ers will be studying in the Far East this fall.

The group will be headed by Henry Rosemont and Edward Buote who will be teaching courses in the Chinese language, Introduction to China, the diplomatic history of Asia, and Far Eastern philosophies. There are also a number of students pursuing independent studies and directive readings dealing with the Far East.

The trip, arranged by Cra-

ven Tours Inc., will include brief stays in San Francisco, Hawaii, the Phillipines, Nationalist China, and Japan. The group will spend 75 days in Hong Kong where the actual classroom studying will take place. Arrangements are still in the process concerning the possibility of visiting the Peoples' Republic of China, but the chances of a visit to Mainland China are slim.

Cost of the trip is \$1,550 plus tuition. Tuition is \$22.50 per credit hour or \$270 for 12 credits.

Tuition Going Up? Tax Reform Vital to O.U.



Varner Speculates in Budget Proposals

Administrators are eyeing July 1 and the start of a new fiscal year with apprehension. January recommendations are still undecided by the Michigan Legislature and, according to Chancellor Durward B. Varner, "We have no legal authority for spending a dollar after the 30th of June."

Tuition increases appear inevitable as the Legislature stalls on the question of fiscal reform.

A Lansing study estimates that Michigan State and Oakland will have to up tuition at least \$80 (in the case of O.U. \$40 per semester) in order to meet budget demands.

Such a move would put the Board of Trustees in an embarrassing situation. In the past, such a move has been announced during the spring semester to prepare returning students for a tuition jump.

Asked how this would affect less affluent students, Varner said, "I think we have enough loan funds so that this won't be a hardship for any student -- provided they want to take out a loan."

As to the amount allocated for use by Oakland, Varner continued, "I'm really baffled. I can't believe the legislature would appropriate any less than the governor's recommendations."

If Romney's proposed figures are approved, Oakland will be in a position to maintain the library (according to Varner the "sacred cow of Oakland"), at its present level, and add one new person to the Dean of Students staff.

The grounds would not expand, and salary increases would be lower than usual.

Two problems Varner would face are salaries of new staff members and the cost of maintaining the engineering building. The new Dodge Hall of Engineering will be ours to support next April 1.

Building Completion Near

Although hindered by two strikes, the Dodge Hall of Engineering is still scheduled to be completed in the spring of 1968.

Construction was begun on the building on November 3, 1966, when the ground was officially broken. The work was initially hampered by a sheet metal workers' strike which was settled on

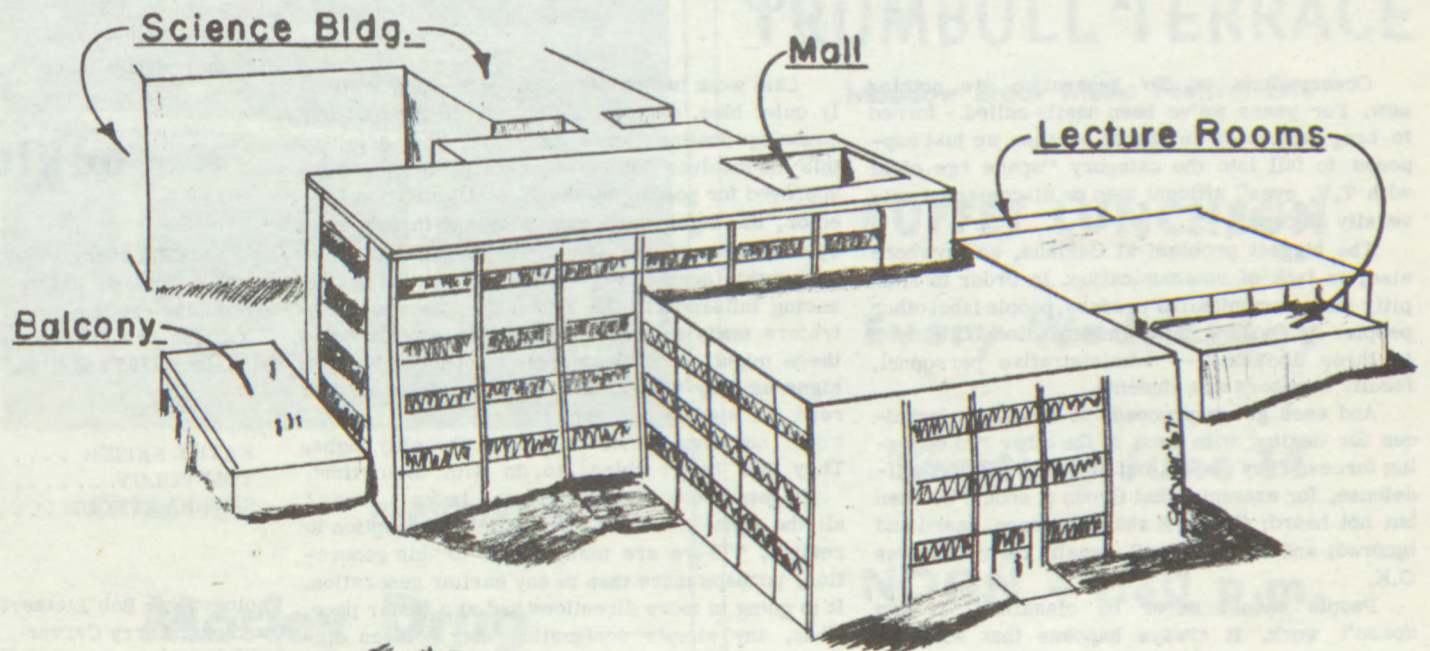
June 7th and subsequently by a Roofer's Union strike which is still in progress.

When completed, the four story structure will provide approximately 135,000 square feet of space for classrooms, laboratories, and offices. It will become the permanent place of residence for the University's

School of Engineering and the Department of Biology.

The total cost for Dodge Hall will be approximately \$5,000,000. Financing will be done through state appropriated funds and additional funds from the National Institute of Health.

Designing architects for the edifice are O'Dell, Hewlett, and Luckenbach.



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Enough Of Rumors, Charges, Cliches

As an aspiring political scientist, I have taken a "healthy" interest in the conflict surrounding the Department of Public Safety. As a commissioner on the Commission on Student Life, I have read with horrified interest the Citizens Research Council Report on Security at Oakland University. I have listened with concern about alleged snooping by the Oakland Police force into the activities of local hippies. I was alarmed by charges that the Department of Public Safety -- in conjunction with the switchboard -- was tapping telephones, opening mail, and other acts of a very unconstitutional nature.

Lately, newer charges cropped up. First there was the case of the two store employees who were finally arrested by Officer Joy. Charges and countercharges about the careless and needless use of weapons along with charges and countercharges about discrimination and police brutality quickly filled the air. Finally, Officer Joy was once more put at the center of stage when he was found in the office of SDS, allegedly going through the organization's records. A sworn deposition was filed by a student janitor about Joy's comments on SDS. I was becoming concerned about Joy's recent employment -- a member of the Special Forces (Green Berets) serving in Vietnam -- and how that type of background would affect his effectiveness in interacting with outspoken critics of our Asian policy. I imagined that he would have to be a super-human being if he could maintain an objective attitude towards Mssrs. Black, or White, or SDS, or myself, or a lot of other people who might be anywhere from mildly to strongly critical of the war in Vietnam.

The rumors, the charges, the cliches of "gestapo" and "police state" have been too numerous and they have come too often. The trouble is that I am getting sick and tired of hearing gossip and tales of idiots "full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." I would like to find out what is true and

what isn't and to dismiss unfounded charges. However, to shut my eyes and ears to all of this would be a disservice to both the accusers and the accused.

The Citizens Research Council Report dismissed the effectiveness of our Rent-A-Cops chiefly because it felt that our security people did not have the respect of the students and were therefore useless. I wonder what kind of respect Tom Strong has at Oakland today. I venture to say that respect is not won or lost by the type of uniform one wears or the type of gun he carries.

To dissolve the charges, to make the Department of Public Safety "respectable" and therefore "effective," I propose the formation of a Civilian Review Board, made up of three students, two faculty members, and one administrator; the board being directly responsible to the Chancellor. It would be up to the group to hear any charges leveled against the Department of Public Safety (except in cases dealing with traffic violations), to investigate, and make final recommendations to the Chancellor.

Obviously, my proposal is not a cure-all. The ability for a group like this to act, and act decisively, rests on the credibility it will have with the university community, and the powers -- if any -- that would be granted to it by the Chancellor. The make-up of the group is -- although not totally -- somewhat biased in that it implies that first the students, then the faculty, then the administrators make up our community and that they should be represented accordingly. I propose this rough draft, not because I feel qualified enough to take on such a venture, but simply out of default; that committee of the Commission that was charged with looking into this vital problem on campus failed not only to take its first steps, but it utterly failed to even get on its hands and knees and begin to crawl towards its designated goal.

-Tom Volgy

Simple Designations

Observations on our generation are nothing new. For years we've been neatly celled - forced to hang our heads in shame because we just happened to fall into the category "space age child with T.V. eyes" affluent teen or discontented university student.

The biggest problem at Oakland, as anywhere else, is lack of communication. In order to simplify the communicative process, people label other people. At Oakland this simplification boils down to three divisions -- administrative personnel, faculty members and students.

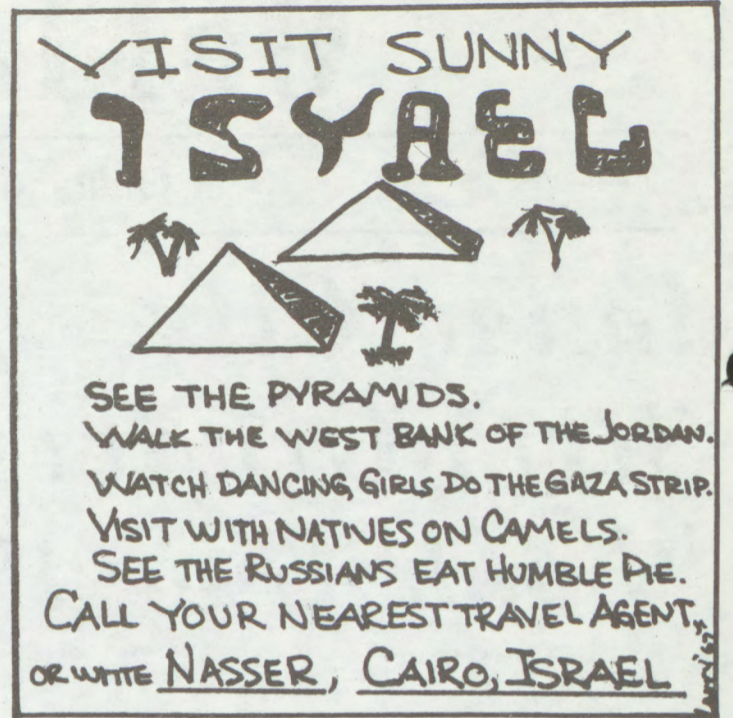
And each group proceeds to develop a technique for dealing with each of the other two opposing forces. They decide, out of experience or self-defense, for example, that Group A should be seen but not heard; Group B should be seen, heard and ignored; and that Group C, usually their own, was O.K.

People should never be classified. It just doesn't work. It always happens that someone comes along who doesn't respond to the prescribed technique and shoots the system.

Last week two students, out of the comparatively quiet blue, decided to fight for their particular cause by posting rather emotional (they admitted this themselves later) signs in protest. Though approved for posting by the Student Activities Director, the signs were torn down and thrown away by members of the administration. This kind of censorship denies the presence of any kind of balancing influence in the University. The administrators made the mistake of failing to realize that there might be many students as opposed to those signs as they were; that some students would just read the signs laugh and walk on; and that others would not even bother to look at the silly signs. They had better things to do with their time.

It gets pretty discouraging -- being a "they" all the time. As Clark Kerr had the perception to realize, "There are many facets to this generation, perhaps more than to any earlier generation. It is going in more directions and at a faster pace. Thus, any simple designation may hold an element of truth but not the whole truth."

-Kathy Keiser



Comment on Issues of Interest to the University Community

To the Editor,

The right of free speech in any community -- be it Oakland or Selma, Alabama -- is an extremely important right. Censorship is indeed a grave matter and any attempt at it must be looked at with strongly critical eyes.

The method of exercising one's right of speech is altogether a different animal. Different audiences should be approached differently. It is to be anticipated that a leaflet addressed to a university community would approach its audience with a minimum amount of intellectual effort. Unfortunately, the SDS pamphlet -- OAKLAND IS BECOMING A POLICE STATE -- was a vulgar display of subjective reaction to a very serious problem on our campus today.

I am sure that SDS is seriously concerned with the problem of the Department of Public Safety within the context of Oakland University. I also know for a fact that many other people have lately shown a great deal of concern for that same problem. But a pamphlet like the one SDS produced has a very destructive value in any attempt at talking about, or fighting through the problem.

In the future I would advise SDS that should there ever be a

need for any new pamphlets, the SDS approach it with the realization that intelligent people will listen to intelligent things and that a million subjective accusations cannot add up to a couple of objectively directed charges.

Yours truly,
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Professional Digest At OU

The Oakland Review has been established to publish analytical, research and/or critical articles on any scholarly topic, by Oakland University undergraduates. Students are invited to submit, and faculty members are invited to recommend, papers for consideration by the Editorial Board - Professor T. Casstevens, G. White, and R. Williamson.

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Next Year "New College"

Oakland will open the doors next fall to its second residential college, called New College, for an initial enrollment of about 100 freshmen & 20 sophomores.

Like Charter College, New College is designed to retain within the rapidly expanding University the values of a small and close-knit student body. Chancellor Varner describes the concept as fostering "learning fraternities." Each residential college will grow to no larger than 500 students. Charter now has an enrollment of about 300.

New College will be open to all freshmen but will seek in particular those students who are interested in a strong undergraduate emphasis on liberal arts. Classes will accent interdisciplinary study.

One of the stated aims of New College, as with Charter College, is "to foster a relatively small community of learning within the University, large enough to represent divergent backgrounds and points of view, yet small enough to foster continuing personal relationships." The development of small colleges is one of several steps being taken to protect the small college atmosphere in light of enrollment projections for the University which place the student body at more than 14,000 by 1977.

New College resident students will live together in dormitories, with provisions, whenever possible, for commuters to join in the extracurricular life of the college. The students will be encouraged to develop a social and cultural community to complement their academic programs, possibly including a "college forum" featuring debates, visiting speakers, and dramatic performances.

An unusual feature of the education of New College students will be a semester spent off-campus on the term project. The college will help the student plan and execute the project, which may involve salaried work, volunteer work or an individualized program of study. The plan is similar to that pioneered by Antioch College in Yellow Springs, Ohio.

Melvin Chernoff, associate professor of history and one of the original faculty members of Charter College, will be master of New College.

Summer Session

Eleven courses will be offered in the second annual summer session, June 19 through August 11, planned principally to provide graduate courses for school teachers unable to participate in the University's regular trimester program.

For graduate students enrolled in a degree program at Oakland, the 1967 courses lead to master of arts degrees in English, mathematics, elementary education and reading instruction. The courses also are offered to persons completing master's degrees elsewhere and to others, graduates and undergraduates, who are not pursuing a degree program but find an individual course appropriate to advance their education.

Alas Dear Oakland, I Knew Thee Well

By G.R. Willihnganz

Well, it's as clear as Black and White; Oakland is a Police State. I guess we all knew it was coming, but somehow we hoped it would never get here. I, for one, feel somewhat saddened, saddened because when I think of the way Oakland used to be, I realize just how much things have changed.

Remember the good old days?

Remember the Wednesday Night Fights? Why, on a good Wednesday night we could get every hood in Oakland County on campus. Remember the time Jim Petty had to call the Sheriff's Patrol because there was a gang fight in front of North Foundation Hall? Those were the days!

And how about these parking tickets? Back in the old days we never got tickets they just towed

the cars away and made us pay seven dollars for the wrecker. And if that didn't make you feel proud of Oakland you could always spend a few hours in the library only to find the book you wanted was stolen.

And, of course, who can ever forget the time a girl was attacked on her way back to the dorms one night? Wasn't Oakland a fun place to live then? Naturally some students went off the deep end and suggested that we really needed MORE police, but no one listened except the Administration.

Well, even if the days of the rent-a-cop are gone for good, we still have one thing to be thankful for. At least we still have students who are thoughtful and mature enough to tell us how things really are.

God bless the SDS.

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"... Both Hierarchical and Democratic"

By Sandy Stroup

There are many men in this University who have done an enormous amount of work to try to help Oakland grow old gracefully. These men attend endless meetings, compile files full of paper work and, in an unobtrusive way, manage to influence the policies of the University. Professor E. J. Heubel is one of these men.

Professor Heubel is Chairman of the Political Science Department and carries a full load as a teacher. In addition he is on the Steering Committee of the Faculty Senate and works on several less formal committees throughout the year. He speaks quietly, deliberately. His colleagues speak of his "marvelous sense of humor," his "democratic conduct" and "his wonderful sense of the ridiculous." He works long hours on many interests and activities. If there is a modern equivalent of the "Renaissance scholar" he comes close to it.

His office was unbearably warm. He had not thought to open the window. His hands sketched the abstract form of his thought as he spoke of the past, present, and the future.

Heubel did his undergraduate work at Yale going on for his PHD at the University of Minnesota. At Minnesota he was involved in studying the investigating power of the U.S. Congress. His thesis was that Congress has no real control over its own committees. The work was completed during the "total insecurity" of the McCarthy era and the influence that this had on the committees was a part of the study. This doctoral work is not, in itself, extraordinary. The unusual lies in the fact that Heubel is now considered an expert in Latin American studies and teaches no classes in American politics. The turn-about began when, as a graduate assistant, he was pushed into teaching a class on Latin America in which he admits he was "only one country ahead of the students." This traumatic experience led to a deeper curiosity about the subject which led to an investiga-

tion which is still continuing. In addition to being a Latin American scholar, he is also well-versed in the political systems of France, England, and Germany.

Last winter it was announced that Heubel would take a sabbatical and go to Spain to research on Spanish/Latin American relations. The trip was called off. The decision was made to do research in this area and in Washington D.C. for a semester and return to teaching in the winter. He will be doing research for a paper on the break in Cuban-Chinese relations. "The break interested me since each had similar revolutionary viewpoints," Heubel commented. "Since I cannot do research on the scene, I will be relying on statements and documents available." He said he likes always to be working on one article of research. He felt that popularity with the students provides some control on the teacher but the acceptance of an editor in your field of work acts as a measure of the writer's ability to communicate his knowledge. "This year I have written two articles. One concerned a comparison of the Michigan and Ontario legislators and the other was a more 'popular' (wider audience) piece on the politics of doing business in Mexico for foreigners."

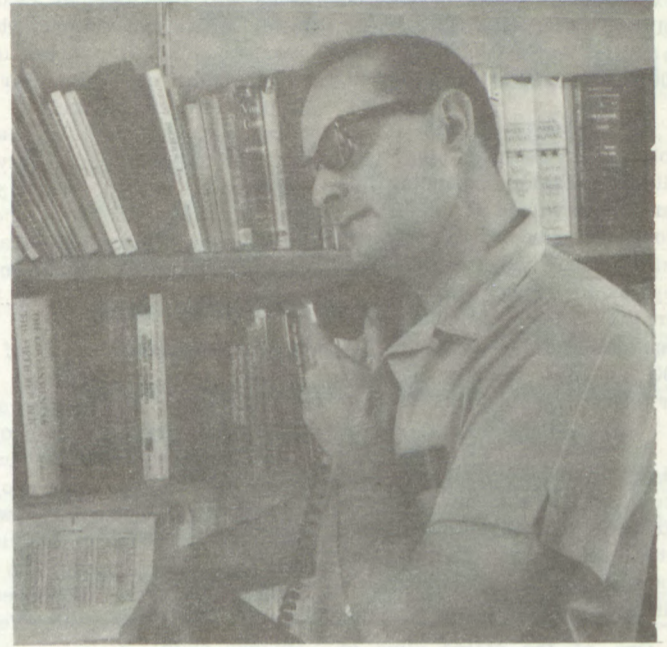
On the subject of Latin America he is quite vocal. "The U.S. interest in Latin America is vacillating. Whenever a serious problem arises people bemoan our lack of interest in the area. Crisis news generates momentary interest, but when the crisis is over, the interest dissi-

pates. As an example, most newspapers here never reported the evacuation of Marines from the Dominican Republic." He continued by saying that probably not until their economic power is greater would the U.S. take much interest in the area. Heubel spent two summers in Mexico as a student and tourist and taught at the University of Buenos Aires for a semester as a Fulbright fellow.

Professor Heubel is also responsible for expanding student participation in University affairs. He prepared the new Constitution for the expanded University Senate. Students will, for the first time, be represented on the floor and in committees of the Senate. This provision created a diversity of opinion within the Senate. Heubel commented that he was "very surprised" when it passed by such a substantial margin.

A large part of Professor Heubel's time is concerned with the duties of a department chairman. I confessed my total ignorance of these duties. The primary task of a chairman, he explained, is in hiring new personnel. "We're constantly searching for new people." How long does it usually take to hire someone? "We start recruiting in August or September for the following year. The process takes about twelve months."

He commented, "A department chairman is tempted to negate his job, to bemoan his lack of power. This is partly true - his powers are limited - and partly a defense mechanism. He has a strong voice in matters of tenure, promotion and salary in-



Prof. Heubel of the Political Science Dept. on the job.

creases." Sounding very much like a political scientist he continued, "this profession is at the same time both hierarchical and democratic. We are all colleagues working together to achieve similar results yet we rank people by degrees earned, by titles and pay rates. Everybody is equal but some are more equal than others." He emphasized that the chairman is in a difficult position. "You must respect the autonomy of a man to a high degree. Occasionally you cajole somebody, but there are clear limits to what one can do. You encourage them in ways helpful to the department, you arrange schedules and try to provide research time. It is necessary to reconcile the two perspectives--the administrative side and the professor and colleague side--which creates a communication problem." He added, "every chairman does not go about the

job in the same way. I like the job very much."

I asked how he felt about Oakland's rapid growth. "Most of the people that fought against the growth have left. I concluded that for a state institution, even if it were possible to keep it small, this would be a mistake. We might have become less interesting remaining small. It wouldn't permit specialization within the faculty or a good range of course offerings. I'm generally in favor of what's been happening here. We've worked to create autonomy in the University through the 'college' programs. We are constantly re-examining what we're doing."

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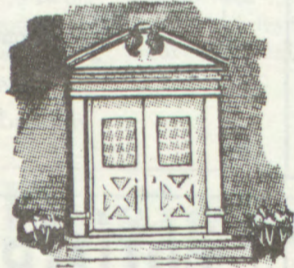
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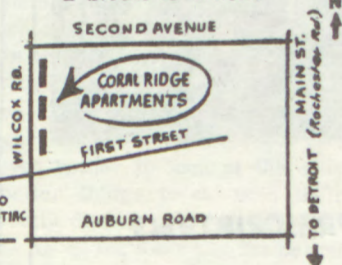


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