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KU SigEps lead KU Endowment and KUAA

By Chris Lazzarino '86

When Kansas Gamma chapter adviser **Dale Seuferling** '77 showed up at the SigEp house one evening in 1986, **Kevin Corbett** '88 was one the six guys who heeded his invitation to help work the phones for the KU Endowment Association's annual Greater University Fund spring campaign. Neither the SigEp alumnus nor the SigEp undergraduate had any idea that evening would change both of their lives and, to a large extent, the life of the University of Kansas.

Seuferling, a 1977 journalism graduate, and Corbett, a 1988 psychology graduate, now lead KU's independent, affiliated "advancement" organizations, the KU Endowment and Alumni Associations.

"I owe pretty much everything professionally to Dale. There's no doubt about it," says Corbett, who agreed in October, 2004, to accept the Alumni Association's offer to become its next president, succeeding Interim President and CEO Del Shankel. Corbett had been Senior Vice President and Corporate Secretary at KU Endowment; Seuferling, who joined KU Endowment in 1981 as Director of Public Relations, had been named his organization's President in 2002.

"In Kevin Corbett we have a leader of proven management and financial abilities who also has strong existing relationships with people representing all facets of the University," said Robert Driscoll, past Alumni Association Chair and searchcommittee leader, upon Corbett's hiring, at 38, as the Alumni Association President. "Kevin is well positioned to make an immediate and invigorating impact on the workings of the Association."

Corbett, a KU junior at the time he accepted Seuferling's invitation to work



DALE SEUFERLING '77 (LEFT) AND KEVIN CORBETT '88 USE THEIR CONSIDERABLE FUNDRAISING EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE TO BENEFIT KU.

the phones for the Greater University Fund, emerged as the campaign's top volunteer caller. That earned him a gift certificate to Mister Guy. As a student watching every dime while maximizing hours as headwaiter, Saturday morning cook and dishwasher, and office supply deliveryman in Strong Hall, the clothing coupon was surely appreciated.

More importantly, Seuferling and other Endowment Association officials quickly understood that Corbett could be a lasting asset. He was recruited as one of two students invited to join the Greater University Fund's advisory board; he also was asked to speak at the earliest events, in fall, 1987, leading to the 1988 launch of Campaign Kansas, the Endowment Association's first capital campaign in many years.

As Endowment began gearing up for the campaign, in spring and summer, 1988, Corbett found himself facing a crossroad: pursue a psychology master's degree at Arizona State or...

"...Or, I didn't really know what; I was in limbo," he now says. "I had been accepted to graduate school at Arizona State, but I just changed my mind. I had three weeks left on my student job, working in the basement of Strong Hall, and I applied for a job with the Endowment Association. I knew the organization, but I

didn't know where I was going and I had no idea what I was applying for."

Seuferling recalls that Corbett initially applied for a job beyond his experience; but when another job came open, an entry-level position for constituent development officers, a pile of previous resumes landed on Seuferling's desk. Corbett's floated to the top.

"I had no idea whether he'd be interested in this line of work," Seuferling says, "but I did call him to say we had something that would be a better fit."

Corbett landed the last staff job created for Campaign Kansas and quickly discovered he had found his calling. He began climbing the career ladder with stints at the University of Georgia, the University of Oklahoma Medical Center and, in 1993, Western State

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Alumni Board works to improve chapter house

By Bernie Becker '74, Alumni Board President

Most KU SigEp alumni remember the Alumni Board from their active days with some trepidation and very little fondness...at least that was my recollection. For many of us who were members in the '60s and '70s, the Board was something to be avoided, because to be summoned to their presence meant you had done something seriously wrong. That's clearly not the case today.

As the "landlord" of 1645 Tennessee, the Board is responsible for the physical plant, infrastructure, maintenance, collection of monies owed for room/ board, and the employment of the housemother and cook. As the "adult advisory board" for the chapter, we (try to) provide guidance and counsel to the chapter Executive Board as requested. One of our biggest challenges is to maintain enough distance from the active chapter to allow them to make decisions on the inner workings of the group, while at the same time being available to them for advice on "sticky subjects." We also are, by virtue of our age and continued involvement with the chapter, the guardians of the chapter's legacy.

The Board is made up of 19 men who meet at the chapter house monthly. These individuals volunteer their time out of a deep-seated feeling of "Brotherly Love" for an organization that has obviously made a difference in their lives. Very few alumni boards or house corporations on campus (or within SigEp nationally) meet as frequently or are as involved in improving the quality of life of the men in the chapter as is this group. Special recognition here goes to Sean Goodale '90, Board Treasurer, who is often seen as the "collections heavy," but without whose accounting skills and dedication to fair treatment of members with "payment problems" the house would suffer grievously. Even more credit should go to Tom Gray '77. No one in Kansas Gamma has contributed more to the chapter over an extended period of time. Tom has served in every possible alumni leadership role for the chapter, and his wisdom, experience, and dedication make him the "foundation" of the Board.

In the past few years, the Alumni Board has funded and overseen a complete renovation of the main bathroom/shower room, re-carpeted the upstairs hallway (more than once), purchased new furniture for the living room, and recently embarked on a room-by-room renovation program. Since the summer of 2003, we have completely re-done Rooms 7, 8, 12. Our plans are to re-do more as operating funds allow. This is a long overdue project, and requires over \$8,000 for each room (we're not talking about just throwing down some carpet scraps and putting up a Farrah Fawcett

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poster here). We also have converted the house computer network to a wireless system; each room has Internet access and cable hook-ups. We have purchased a new freezer in the kitchen, and replaced the shelving in the pantry. Through the efforts of the Dads' Club and individual parents, the men now enjoy air conditioning in the Dining Room and new computer workstations. We continue to struggle with an aging physical plant that puts us at a distinct disadvantage with most of the other fraternities on the Hill in recruiting new members, but the strength of the chapter is, as it always has been, the quality of the men.

I have the rare privilege of being not only an alumnus of Kansas Gamma, and a member of the Alumni Board, but the father of a chapter alum (John '05). I am now completing my fourth year as President of the Kansas Gamma Alumni Board, and I feel a greater sense of satisfaction every day over the work this group is doing, and a growing pride in our continued association with the men of the chapter. I invite each of you to renew your involvement with Kansas Gamma of Sigma Phi Epsilon in whatever way you can.

Kansas Gamma Alumni Board of Directors

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Comings and Goings

ALUMNI NEWS AND NOTES

BOB GRABILL '72 married Jennifer Maranzino on September 1, 2004, in Rome, Italy. Bob is President and CEO of the Chief Executive Network. They reside in Lawrence, KS.

ISOUS STEVE BEARDSLEE '92 and wife Jennifer gave birth to a boy, Samuel Robert, on July 1, 2004. They reside in Kansas City, MO.

KENT ECKLES '92 and wife Julieanne gave birth to a girl, Alexandra Havilland, on July 16, 2004, in Arlington, VA. They have recently relocated to Kansas.

BRANDON STASIELUK '93 and wife Rachael, gave birth to a boy, Connor James, on April 28, 2004. He joins sister Molly, 3. Brandon is lead project engineer at Black & Veatch. They reside in Overland Park, KS.

MICHAEL KONEN '95 and wife Jill gave birth to a girl, Annabelle Eileen, in July 2004. They reside in Olathe, KS.

BRANDON JONES '97 and wife Heather gave birth to a girl, Heather Landon, on March 9, 2004. Brandon is Assistant District Attorney in Lawrence, Kansas. They reside in Ottawa, KS.

BRIAN TAMASI '97 does financial advising with McInnes Group Inc. / FSC Securities in Mission, Kansas. He, and wife Kathleen gave birth to a boy, Anthony James, on September 2, 2005. They reside in Olathe, KS.

IEFF CROUCH 'oo married Ashley Tarman on June 25, 2005 in Prairie Village. Jeff is a chemical engineer, and Ashley is an industrial designer. They reside in Overland Park, KS.

BRANDT BEASLEY '01 announced his engagement to Amy Gifford on July 29, 2005.

BRIAN WASCO '01 is a CPA with Grant Thornton in Kansas City.

ADAM HUTCHISON '02 married Jen Miller on July 2, 2005. They reside in Lawrence, KS.

JASON ALLEN '02 married Kathi Radcliffe on September 2, 2005. They reside in Prairie Village, KS.

MICHAEL DALBOM '04 married Emily Peterson on May 7, 2005. Michael works for Pulte Homes. They reside in Olathe, KS.

Obituaries

GREEVER P. ALLAN '31, one of SigEp's most faithful supporters, died at 94, on Wednesday, September 21, 2005, at his home in Valley Falls, KS. Brother Allan was the Director of International Postal Service in Washington, D.C., from 1948 to 1969. He was a Captain in the USAF during WW II and served as Postal Officer at the Air Transport Command Headquarters in Washington, D.C. He graduated from the University of Kansas, and received a J.D. from the University of Missouri at Kansas City. Mr. Allan served on the Board of Directors and was Vice President of Standard Mutual Life Ins. Co., Lawrence, KS, and was a Consulting Director for State Mutual Ins. Co., Rome, GA. He was a member of the Valley Falls United Methodist Church and served on the Board of Trustees for 14 years. He was President of the Valley Falls Medical Arts Building Corporation, member and past-president of the Valley Falls Rotary Club, a director of the Valley Falls Historical Society, and served on the Valley Falls City Council. He married Lora Fernanda "Nancy" Triggs, on Sept. 4, 1937. She preceded him in death on Dec. 30, 2003. Survivors include three nieces, Martha Rose, Sara Dunne, and Sarah Kepler.

GRAHAM JOHNSON '95 died of a heart attack in June 2005 at the age of 33. He was born with a congenital heart defect, and while he had surgery early in life to correct as best they could, ultimately he died from a heart attack. In remembering Graham, SigEp brothers said the following: "Graham was known for his soft smile and passion for helping others. He really was the total package - a true Renaissance man. He had those 'movie star' looks and great athleticism (he won the KU Hill Tennis Tournament his freshmen year), but his kindness made him a friend to all. It seems you can talk to almost anyone at KU who knew Graham and they all considered him one of their best friends in college. Graham really made a positive impact on their college experience. How can so many people refer to the same guy as one of their best friends in college? Graham was just the type of special person who could do that and he wasn't really even trying. This is just who Graham was. Graham had the gift to make everyone feel special. He had an infectious laugh and he could cheer anyone up with a joke, and make people realize their problems weren't so big. He made the best of everything. He made everyone's SigEp experience so much better. Graham Johnson was all class. We're shocked at his death, and will miss him greatly."

PETE SWENSON '86 passed away on June 14, 2004, at the age of 40. Pete was General Manager at Bag & Baggage in Prairie Village, KS, for many years, working with SigEp Brother TIM **BLEISH '83.** Pete loved sports and competition throughout his life. He was a voracious reader who enjoyed books of all kinds. Pete loved a good joke, and due to his good nature, he often found his name associated with prank calls to radio shows, and letters to the editor, courtesy of his SigEp friends. Pete was a loving and loyal son, brother, uncle, and friend. Throughout his struggles with diabetes, and its complications toward the end of his life, he never lost his gentleness of spirit, or his kind and loving nature. His friends remember his extreme generosity, loyalty, humility, honesty, and good nature. Among his surviving family is SigEp Brother JIM SWENSON '82. Pete is deeply missed.

ALUMNI DONORS

Your contributions make a difference

We thank the following brothers who donated to the 2004/2005 KU SigEp Annual Fund Raising Campaign. Funds raised support undergraduate scholarships, and the ongoing efforts of the Kansas Gamma Alumni Association.

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Good start for Kansas Gamma

BY BRIAN SEGEBRECHT '07, CHAPTER PRESIDENT

At a time when fraternities might seem to be heading in a negative direction and Greeks are often shown in a negative light by the media, things couldn't be farther in the opposite direction here at 1645 Tennessee. To back track a bit and first talk about some exciting things that happened over the summer: the south annex across 17th Street was redone on the inside by several chapter members and looks like a new five-man house on the inside. Also, SigEp got a little ink in the Lawrence Journal World. Three other members and I volunteered our time and coached a 13-14 year-old baseball team this past summer and a reporter from the Lawrence Journal World decided to write a feature article on us and other college students volunteering their time.

We have had a wonderful start to the vear here at Kansas Gamma. The future looks bright. Michael Garcia '07 (VP of Programming) and I couldn't be more pumped for the rest of the year. Our new members are an extraordinary bunch of men. All are involved in the chapter and are putting our name out there with some sorority serenades that are enter-



taining to say the least. Several of the new members are already involved at the intrafraternal level with Junior Greek Council and are attending IFC meetings with me. In addition to the exceptional new members, I couldn't ask for a more proactive executive team to work with. At a time when not treating a new member as an equal can be considered hazing, many fraternities are experiencing difficulties adjusting. SigEp, however, continues to thrive, keeping up with the times through the structured Balanced Man Program that we have put into place.

We're excited about our efforts to connect with our alumni, through kusigep.com, through the Gammaramma, and, new this year, a tailgate tent on the

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New Kansas Gamma Brothers

hill before every KU football game. Every member of the chapter personally donated \$20 to buy the new white tent, and to pay for food and beverages, in hopes of creating an opportunity to strengthen relations between undergraduates and alums.

The house needs its patches every now and then, but hey, the place has character, and you all know it isn't about the structure. Brotherly Love continues to be the lifeblood of SigEp, and keeps it thriving. My enthusiasm for the upcoming year couldn't be more sincere. I hope to see some alumni at the SigEp Tailgate Tent, and, for sure, a huge crowd at the extra big tent we'll have for Homecoming.

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New Members Serenade THE SORORITIES

KS Gamma welcomes 27 new brothers

ALEX DACK HT: Overland Park, KS M: Pre-Med

BRAD CARDONELL HT: Tribune, KS M: Business

MICHAEL CORSON HT: Overland Park, KS M: Pre-Law

JAMIE CRAWFORD HT: Overland Park, KS M: Physical Therapy

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ANDREW ERWIN HT: Naperville, IL M: Business

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Suzanne Tomlinson: Mom Tom makes her mark at SigEp

Suzanne Tomlinson, or "Mom Tom" as she is affectionately known, has been the house director at Kansas Gamma for the past two years. She grew up in Wichita, Kansas, and is a graduate of Wichita State University, with a degree in Secondary Education. Suzanne taught high school language arts in Topeka before taking time off to marry and raise a family. She has two children, both born and raised in Topeka, and both KU graduates who were a part of the Greek system as students. After her children were older she resumed her teaching career for another 12 years.

Suzanne then switched careers and has been a house director on the KU campus for 11 years, working with two sororities, Kappa Alpha Theta and Kappa Delta, and two fraternities, Chi Omega and now SigEp. "A good friend asked me if I had ever thought about being a "house mom," which was a completely new job idea for me. I had taught in high school for many years so I knew I liked being around that age group and would enjoy college-age people with lots of good energy," Suzanne remembers. "So many people helped me learn-other house moms, service people, board members. And I just enjoyed the job." Reflecting on her experiences with both sororities and fraternities, Mom Tom confesses, "I love working with guys more than girls, less picky, but more messy." An aspect of her job as a house director that she particularly enjoys is working with the 30 other house directors at KU. They meet regularly to compare notes and discuss challenges and solutions.

Mom Tom stays very busy outside the chapter house. She is a flower and vegetable gardener, often sharing her homegrown tomatoes with the chapter. She enjoys attending KU theater performances, Rock Chalk, and movies, and she is an avid bridge player, belonging to several bridge groups. She also enjoys athletics, especially football and basketball. In addition to her Kansas Gamma responsibilities and her many hobbies and interests. Mom Tom also serves as Manager of the Discovery Shop for the American Cancer Society.

As for SigEp, Mom Tom recalls, "Two close friends who are 'fraternity moms' encouraged me to interview for the SigEp job when it became available. They said that I would enjoy the guys so much and they were right. They are very friendly and open and proud of their SigEp traditions here at KU. Also, their parents are very supportive of this chapter as well as generous."

40 GOOD MEN

The men of Kansas Gamma are in the midst of their most ambitious recruiting campaign in years. We can use all your help and recommendations! The goal this year is to recruit 40+ good men. We're looking for well-rounded guys, good students, good grades, good athletes...Balanced Men!

If you know of a high school senior who plans to attend KU and who fits the SigEp profile, PLEASE contact a member of our recruitment team:

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Thanks! We look forward to hearing from you!

"Мом Том'

"LOST" BROTHERS

We do not have address information for the following brothers! If you are able to provide address information please email us at database@kusigep.com,

or write us at KGAA, PO Box 7050, Overland Park, KS 66207.

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Thomas Faucett
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Jack McDermott

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Robert Hill
Homer McKelney
Wilbur Meyer
Truman Coldsnow
John Douglas
Roger Kruse
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Hugh Hays
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James Corbin
Robert Westlake
Edwin Summers

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William Timothy Robert Buchanan Charles Kilmer Donald Henderson John Miller Kenneth Hart Charles Carson

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Billy Adams
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James Berry
Max Haley
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Robert McNeive
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College in Gunnison, Colorado, where he was named executive director of the school's foundation.

"I would never have left Gunnison for any other place but KU," Corbett says. "Four years in Gunnison were a wonderful four years, and I was so fortunate to be able to do that, but professionally speaking, KU was the right place for me."

When he heard KU Endowment was looking for a vice president for development, Corbett again called his professional mentor, Seuferling, and asked whether he would be a good fit. Although it might appear to be a temporary step down, going from being No. 1 to heading a departmental staff of four, Corbett understood that the KU job would offer opportunities he and his family needed.

Seuferling hired Corbett, and together they helped guide KU First, a capital campaign that ended a year ago with more than \$653 million raised for KU.

Both Seuferling and Corbett say they neither trumpeted nor hid their Kansas Gamma Sigma Phi Epsilon ties while working together over the years at the KU Endowment Association. "It really wasn't something we wore on our sleeves, or tried to draw attention to," Seuferling says. "Then again, it wasn't a problem, either. It was just something that went unsaid."

In his unwavering praise for his fraternal and professional mentor, Corbett explains that even Seuferling's ability to deal with this potential conflict, a potential sore point for other staff members, was a learning opportunity.

"There was never, ever an uncomfortable moment, and that's to his credit," Corbett says. "Dale has a unique ability to focus only on the issues that need to be focused on. I always looked at it as probably he expected more out of me because of that [SigEp] relationship, but that was the only way it might have affected how we worked together."

Now that they lead the associations whose missions mirror each other, Seuferling and Corbett meet for breakfast every two weeks. Though they might share the occasional laugh at memories of the old days in the Ep Lodge, they try to stay focused on the business at hand: making KU greater than it ever was.

"Everything we take for granted that is great about the University of Kansas has to do with private support from alumni of the University," Corbett says. "Advancement can be seen as giving alumni, donors, and friends of the University opportunities to be engaged with the life of the University. The Alumni Association's role in that is to include as many people as possible. From that group, we get people who are very helpful with recruiting students, lobbying the legislature, and also we get people who become the types of donors that transform the University into what it is today.

"It's all about maintaining the relationships with alumni and friends who are interested in seeing KU succeed. Alumni does that through communications, events and, programming; Endowment does that through philanthropy. So we have to work hand in hand."

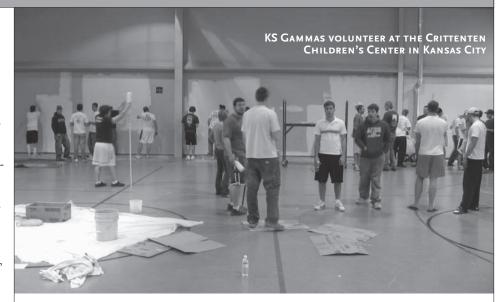
Seuferling, 50, and his wife, Marianne, have two daughters and live in Lawrence. He grew up on a farm near Louisburg and pledged SigEp during his junior year. He worked at WIBW in Topeka after graduating in 1977 and joined KU Endowment in 1981. He became an active alumni volunteer for Kansas Gamma in 1978, serving about 12 years as chapter adviser and continuing his service to this day on the alumni board of directors.

"I've been doing this so long because I enjoy the direct involvement in having an impact on a defined group of college students," Seuferling says. "You can see the results very directly; you can see the contribution you might be able to make to what they can achieve. Of course that's very satisfying."

Corbett, 39, grew up in Norman, Okla., and joined Kansas Gamma during the spring of his freshman year. He says he was heavily recruited by SigEp **Robert Cochran '86**, an engineering graduate, Oklahoman, and high school runner (who competed against Corbett in Oklahoma track and cross-country championships). Corbett and his wife, Jill, have two sons and live in Lawrence.

The telephone volunteer work that helped Corbett discover his career is now organized as paid positions. Undergraduates interested in learning more about the positions should contact the Endowment Association at (785) 832-7400. The Alumni Association also has a number of opportunities available for student employment and participation; for more information, stop by the Adams Alumni Center or call (785) 864-4760.

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Kansas Gamma excels in all categories

BY MARK ALLEN, CHAPTER COUNSELOR

Boy, the last four years have seen positive changes for the Kansas Gamma Chapter of SigEp! Let me recap for you some of those changes.

Leadership positions – currently we have about 25% of all the Intra-Fraternity Council offices filled. Our members have won the Outstanding Greek Senior Award twice in the last three years. All our new members attend EDGE, the new member leadership camp, in the fall semester.

Community service – the chapter has built a relationship with Crittenten Children's Center (in Kansas City) to perform all-house community service projects for them twice a year. In addition, each member also does community service on his own. This adds up to over 2,000 community service hours per year.

Academics – study hours and our Raise All Grades programs have been responsible for better placement of our brothers in their schools of choice. Scholarship – we have the number one academic scholarship program on

campus.

Athletics – we have finished first, second, or third in overall KU intramural athletic programs in each of the last four years. Twenty-five of our members have participated on state championship athletic teams at the high school level.

Philanthropy – the Ali Kemp Foundation, our principal philanthropy, continues to provide self-defense courses for women, due in large part to our all-house efforts to raise money in support of that cause.

Speaker series – the KU SigEp Leadership Series continues to expand, including speakers such as the Governor, a U.S. Congressman, the Chancellor, and the Deans of several academic schools.

Rock Chalk – our undergraduates have won 10 major Rock Chalk awards in the last five years of competition. Once again this year, we will be participating in this United Way benefit fundraising mechanism.

The 2005-06 school year is off to another exciting start. We have a bright and enthusiastic group of new members, all of whom are ready to contribute to the forward momentum of the chapter. I see many of them contributing as campus and Greek community leaders.

Stop by the chapter facility anytime! Let your brothers welcome you home!

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Dec 19 • PEPPERDINE	
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Jan 7 • KENTUCKY	
Jan 11 • Colorado	
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