Alumnus Keeps Things Running in Antarctica
During a recent Donkey Basketball game in Bardo Gymnasium, 10 donkeys, 20 riders and 200 fans joined to raise $1,244 for the new Student Legacy Fund, the first student-established endowment program on campus. The fund will provide scholarships for student leaders – one of many legacies honored in this issue of One College Avenue.

Students and staff, including Student Government Association President James Riedel, of Quogue, N.Y., took various tacks to gain cooperation from their four-legged teammates during the Donkey Basketball scholarship fund-raiser.
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It Only Takes a ‘Spark’

Alumni Parents’ Interests Inspire Next Generation

by Jennifer A. Cline, writer/editor

LEGACIES – lessons learned in classrooms, on the job and in life – are passed continuously from teacher to student at Pennsylvania College of Technology – as they were at its predecessors, Williamsport Technical Institute and Williamsport Area Community College.

The practice is even truer of families, whose parents pass not only lessons learned, but also dreams and ideals, to the next generation. In some cases, the institution has had the joy of playing a small part as the families’ generations pass through its doors.

Hauser Family

In the 1930s, a mail plane came through western Lycoming County every day – sweeping down to pick up its cargo in Antes Fort and climbing up over Linden – with the hook it used to retrieve the mail hanging behind and a child on the ground watching its ascent. The routine inspired three generations of aviators.

“That just sparked me,” the Rev. Duane Hauser, now 80, said, and, when his mother bought him a pile of lumber, he decided to build a plane.

It had a short, happy life; Duane gave it a test run and managed to get its tail off the ground before he saw a bus coming around the corner and ran it into a bank.

“I was just as happy with that as with any other plane (he’s since owned),” Hauser said. He kept the plane’s broken propeller for decades.

In 1941, Duane, a 10th-grader, entered the aviation program at Williamsport High School – its first full year. The high school’s technical programs had given birth to W.T.I., which was founded the same year and shared facilities. He received airframe training, but because of the expense, he switched programs the following year.

Because of World War II and a bout with malaria, he did not return to flying until 1960.

Duane’s oldest son, Dennis, recalls his father bringing home their first plane while he was in elementary school. They cleaned and rebuilt it with the help of the boys club Duane had started at the church he pastored.

As he grew, Dennis continued to watch his father’s love and energy for aviation. Duane opened Hauser Airfield in Lyndenville, N.Y., kept up his mechanical skills and helped all four of his children learn to fly. There, he also installed a loudspeaker system onto his plane, naming it “The Pulpit in the Sky,” and used it to circle over campgrounds along Lake Ontario, inviting people to church.

“One summer, my church was usually packed,” Duane said, joking that people wanted to see the “nut” who had been flying above.
“Dennis grew up in that, from the time I was in Lancaster County and New York state,” Duane said.

Dennis enrolled in W.A.C.C.’s aviation program and studied each day in the hangar his father had helped to build in high school. He earned his private pilot’s license at the King Air operation, also housed at Williamsport Airport.

After earning his aviation maintenance certificate from W.A.C.C. in 1970, Dennis earned his jet-engine certification, and, within a few years, earned his commercial pilot’s license and inspector’s authorization.

“I went to work for Hershey Foods in 1986 as a maintenance technician and have enjoyed it ever since,” he said.

Dennis’ now-grown children, Nathan and Ryan, can remember riding with their grandfather and father in their airplanes. Both have since earned private pilot’s licenses. Nathan – “sparked” in high school when he decided to rebuild a miniature, lawnmower engine-powered Cessna his grandfather had built for his father – is working on his commercial rating and is refurbishing several planes. Ryan was a design engineer on airliners and military aircraft for several years at Hamilton Sundstrand and is part of a flying club.

“My father was proud as punch when his sons graduated from the college, and I was proud as punch when my sons graduated,” Gary said.

“I always wanted to do what my dad did,” Lee said. “Now I’m doing what he does, but at a different level, and I’m making my own path at the same time.”

Lee said that, although their educations allowed the third generation to “hit the ground running” in the business, he is not yet the electrician his father is.

Still, he has taken a lead in the company’s work with solar energy, and Jay takes the lead on other jobs. Paul, who turned 86 this year, has retired but is active in the company.

Lee and Gary remain involved with the college, both serving on the Electrical Technology Advisory Committee. Gary has been a committee member since its inception, and, once every two years, he and Lee spend a day speaking to current electrical students about what to expect in the workplace.

“I enjoy that very much,” Gary said. “It’s fun to go back and see how things have changed. … The college has just been changing in leaps and bounds, and the thing is, it’s all for the good. As a family, we feel proud that we went to the college. … We feel that the college helped create our company and has sustained our company for 52 years.”

Barbara A. Danko, director of alumni relations, contributed to this story.
Chad L. Karstetter and Enrique E. Castillo

are pleased with the legacies they established while enrolled at Pennsylvania College of Technology. But both young coaches take special pride in helping the next generation of student-athletes leave a lasting mark at their alma mater.

Just a few years removed from juggling schoolwork and their own athletic prowess, Karstetter, 29, and Castillo, 27, have established themselves as leaders for their respective successful Wildcat teams. Karstetter's archery program consistently produces All-Americans, and Castillo's men’s soccer squad captured a conference championship in his first year as head coach.

“It’s a great opportunity to have former players and alums come back here and coach our teams,” said Mike J. Stanzione, Penn College’s director of athletics. “Obviously, Chad and Enrique have the coaching skills, but they also know what the kids go through here.

“Academics come first. We have lots of classes and labs after 4 p.m. that can cut into practice time. They know that, and can adapt to it, because they have gone through it themselves.”

A three-time All-American and a key member of two national champion archery teams, Karstetter leans on that firsthand knowledge when dealing with today’s archers.

“I’ve been under the pressures that they face,” said Karstetter, a 1999 forestry graduate who chose Penn College because the forestry major matched his love of the outdoors. “I’ve been there and done that. I can relate to their needs easier.”

Initially, team members were a bit skeptical of their new coach, despite his champion pedigree.

“Really, nobody knew who I was other than seeing my picture in the Field House,” said Karstetter, who captured two national titles in the International Bowhunting Organization’s youth division before becoming one of the country’s top collegiate archers. “I don’t think they took me seriously. Here was a 22-year-old guy telling them different things than they learned from their fathers or grandfathers.

When they started to see some results, then they started to take me seriously.”

The results were almost immediate. Karstetter’s first team in 2001 produced three All-Americans, a designation given to archers when their combined score from the indoor and outdoor nationals places them in the top 10 percent of the country. Since then, Penn College archers have claimed 10 more All-American honors and a national outdoor individual championship while competing against Division I powers.

“Chad’s ability to improve archers from the time they arrive here to when they are competing in tournaments is amazing,” Stanzione said.

“My top coaching moment to date was having a freshman who had a limited background in archery and watching him eventually win a national championship (Ryan Romberger in 2004),” recalled Karstetter.

Karstetter, a horticulture technician at Penn College, discovered he had a knack for improving inexperienced archers while working in his native Salona at a small archery shop owned by Penn College’s first archery coach, Dan Chappell.
Karstetter, who is currently seeking a landscape/nursery technology degree, is coaching more student-athletes than when he started. In addition to male compound (the bow has a pulley system), the team now has women shooting compound, as well as men competing in recurve (no pulley with the bow).

“We’ve gotten a little better every year,” Karstetter said. “I’m really proud of what we’re doing. Most of the time, I think I’m more excited than the students are when they get awards at big competitions.”

Team success is also foremost for Castillo, a 2005 information technology graduate, who played soccer at the college in 1999 and 2001.

“I love that we become a team,” he emphasized. “I love how we prepare to meet different teams. When you see that on the field, it’s a feeling of ‘Wow.’ It’s something you just can’t describe.”

Raised in Peru, where soccer is the national sport, Castillo has been kicking a ball since he was a toddler. After moving to Clifton, N.J., when he was 12, “futbol” continued to be a big part of Castillo’s life, as he eventually played for one of the top high school programs in the country.

“It’s a passion; it’s a love,” said Castillo, who was attracted to Penn College by its size, beauty and information technology curriculum. “Soccer is a lesson in life. For anything that you want to be in life, it builds you.”

While still enrolled at Penn College, Castillo, a center-midfielder in his two seasons with the Wildcats, decided to impart lessons. He served as an assistant coach at nearby Montoursville Area High School for two seasons before becoming an assistant at Penn College for the 2005 campaign.

“Sometimes, you’ve got to do what you like,” explained Castillo. “I love to coach. I love the chemistry of the team. It’s like family. You do all things together. It’s a chemistry you build and a trust you build with one another.”

Castillo whose fiancée, Kimberly Kremer, was a star on the champion 2001 and 2002 Lady Wildcat soccer teams, owns a property-restoration company in Williamsport. He became head coach in 2006, a season after the Wildcats captured their second consecutive league crown.

“Enrique has vast knowledge of the sport,” Stanzione said. “He has knowledge of the students we have here. His ability to relate to them is second to none.”

A key coaching move by Castillo helped Penn College not only play for the Penn State University Athletic Conference championship but also win it. Trailing 2-1 to Penn State-Harrisburg with about five minutes remaining in the title tilt, Castillo inserted freshman Renny Walker at striker. Walker scored the tying goal with 1:12 left in regulation and then netted the game-winner in overtime.

“There was something about him on the bench,” recalled Castillo. “He was hungry. When he went in, he was like a maniac going to the ball.”

Castillo wants the opportunity to make similar moves on the Wildcat sideline for years to come.

“Being able to coach here is very significant,” he said. “My roots are here. With the relationships I think I’ve built with my players and being from Penn College, hopefully, I’ll be here another 15 or 20 years. This is my second home.”

Karstetter echoed that sentiment.

“I couldn’t see myself coaching anywhere else,” he said. “I want to see the archery program continue to grow. I’m very proud to be here and very proud to coach here.”

And that suits Stanzione just fine.

“Chad and Enrique deserve the respect they get,” Stanzione said. “As long as they can fit it into their schedules, we want them coaching here for a long time.”
Highlights From the Bottom

Alumnus Keeps Things Running in Antarctica

Editor's note: This story was written by Matthew J. Strine, a 2004 graduate of Pennsylvania College of Technology’s electric power generation technology major, in January, not long before the end of his six-month contract working in Antarctica.

When I stepped off the Air Force C-17 on Aug. 20 and the inside of my nose started to freeze, a thousand thoughts went through my head. I can remember thinking how miserably cold 40 below zero was already and wondering what on earth I had gotten myself into. It was barely light out, even though it was noon, and the wind was blowing the snow, making my entire surroundings a white haze.

My first experiences on the seventh continent were a little overwhelming, yet I had trouble containing my excitement, thinking I’d be spending the next six months here. I had learned about this job opportunity more than two years before, and it was satisfying to know I had followed through and made it happen. I assured myself it was the right decision and that the next several months would leave me with memories that I’d surely have for life.

In April 2004, I was only weeks away from graduating with a degree in electric power generation technology from Pennsylvania College of Technology and already had a job lined up. I sat with a friend and fellow EPG student, Joe Duskasky, who had been surfing the Net and had stumbled onto a guy who did power-generation work in Antarctica. I was excited to hear about a job opportunity in a place few ever get to see. Joe shared his e-mail address with me.

A ‘Summer’ Job

I found out they were looking for a diesel mechanic to work in the power plant of the main U.S. science research station, McMurdo. The man explained the type of work and that the normal contracts were six months, running from mid-August to mid-February, during the Antarctic summer. He asked if I was interested, which I certainly was, and if I wanted the job for the coming season. While as promising and exciting as the offer was, I had to accept that now was probably not the best time. After graduation, I had a two-year obligation to Cleveland Brothers Caterpillar in return for financial assistance during school, and it was important to me to honor it. I explained my situation to him and told him I would certainly keep in touch.

Over the next two years I did just that, and in return he sent me pictures and stories from the ice, which only made me more dead-set on going there. My commitment was to end in June 2006, so, in February of that year, I started the process that would lead me to Antarctica. In April, I was offered the job of power-plant mechanic for the 2006-07 austral summer. I would be working for Raytheon Polar Services Co., which is contracted by the National Science Foundation to support scientific research.

Bundling Up, Settling In

I left York on Aug. 14 and headed to Denver for orientation and training. From Denver, we headed for Christchurch, New Zealand, for a two-day stay before the final leg of the journey. There, we all reported to the Antarctic Operations Center to get our extreme cold weather clothing, or ECW. After getting more warm clothes than I thought could ever fit on one person, we were free until the next morning, when our C-17 flight would leave.
I flew from Christchurch to McMurdo on Aug. 20. Down on the ice, it was the tail end of winter, which meant only about four hours of twilight a day. We wouldn’t see the sun itself for another few weeks.

I spent the next few weeks getting to know the power plant and followed the winter-over mechanic around, learning all I could. We run six Caterpillar D399 generator sets, which were made in 1978. Each engine has more than 100,000 hours on it, so they’re getting tired but still run strong due to good maintenance. A new power plant is being built with Caterpillar 3516Bs, but it won’t be operational for another year. Our tasking for this season included a major overhaul of one of the engines, which would probably be the last before the plant was decommissioned.

The rest of August and all of September were spent settling into life on the ice. We work six days a week, 10 hours a day, which limits free time a bit. There were only about 500 people on station at this time, so it felt like a cozy little community. Every day, it gradually got more and more light out, but the temperatures still were well below zero. Most of my time was spent in the nice, warm power plant, but I routinely worked on generators at the runway and in other parts of town. I got to attend “Happy Camper” school, an overnight survival course to prepare you for having to spend an unexpected night out.

Standing at the complete bottom of the earth had to be one of the biggest highlights from my time here.

Penguins and Pin-Setters

During the first two months here, friends back home continually asked two things: Had I seen any penguins yet, and what was there to do when I wasn’t working? The first question was always the same answer: “No.” There were penguins around, but they were miles from station at that time of the year. I could answer the second question a little better, since there were a few things to do here other than work.

There are two bars on station – a smoking bar and a nonsmoking bar – as well as a coffeehouse where wine is served. A recreation department plans parties and outings. A series of hiking trails snakes around the area, some offering fabulous views. There is a gym and equipment to work out on, as well as a two-lane bowling alley. The bowling alley was built in...
1961 by the Navy and features old-style pin-setting machines. A person is needed for each lane to pick up the fallen pins and lay them in the rack. For a few dollars an hour, you can join the ranks of years of pinsetters who’ve made bowling at the world’s southernmost bowling alley possible.

There are also trips out of town to the historic huts built in the early 1900s by explorers like Robert Falcon Scott, the second man to reach the South Pole. These huts were neat to visit since they were very close to what they had looked like in their day, as the low humidity and cold preserve them.

It didn’t take long to see how important tradespeople are to making a facility like this run. I was always appreciative of the work that the janitors and dishwashers did and was surprised to find out that they are some of the most competitive jobs. These jobs require the least amount of skill, which means the highest number of people apply for them. That’s not to say the skilled jobs aren’t ever competitive, but I’ve heard numerous times that skilled workers are always the hardest to get. Knowing this, I am happy having the skills and experience I possess, as they have helped me land a great job in one of the most incredible places in the world.

Our power plant is staffed by four operators, an electrician and a mechanic. As the mechanic, I’m responsible for keeping the six generators here running, as well as looking after the seven standby generators around town. Most all the generators predate me, so there was a bit of a learning curve to pick the quirks of the old iron.

**A Dearth of Darkness**

When October came, it was the official start to summer, and with it came an increased tempo around town. By mid-October, 700 more people had arrived. The sun was shining 24 hours a day by this time, which took some getting used to. For the first few weeks of continual daylight, sleeping was a chore every night. My body had always associated darkness with sleep, and, without the change from light to dark, it wanted to stay up all the time. I gradually got used to this, but still couldn’t wait to see the night sky again.

The changes that brought summer weren’t all bad, especially the
higher temperatures and wildlife. We had days that got into the upper 40s, which is a night-and-day difference after feeling 40 below zero for weeks. In November, skuas began arriving and making their presence known around town. Skuas are seabirds that are bigger than gulls and loads more daring. It was common knowledge not to walk around outside with food from the galley, since the skuas felt no guilt at knocking your sandwich out of your hand and flying off with it. The warmer temperatures began to thaw the annual sea ice in places, which brought seals and penguins closer to station. It was common to see Weddell seals lounging out on the ice in the same position for what seemed like days. Groups of Adelie penguins also came to visit and were a treat to watch. The Adelies are small penguins that waddle around with their wings out for balance, looking like toddlers when they move. Their mobility and curiosity mean they sometimes go where they shouldn’t, like on the roads in town, where they must dodge heavy equipment.

One of my goals when I got here was to try, somehow, to get to the South Pole. The United States runs a station there and regularly flies LC-130 Hercules aircraft in the summer to refuel and resupply the station. The more I asked about it, the more apparent it became that getting to the Pole, unless for official business, was tough to do. One day, out of the blue, we got a call saying the power plant at the Pole was having serious issues and needed parts and extra help. A day later, I was on a flight south to help get the plant back in working order.

A ‘Hero’ Takes His Pole Position

The Pole is about 800 miles from McMurdo and sits just over 9,000 feet above sea level. Changes in barometric pressure make it feel like it is over 10,000 feet. I spent the first few days at the Pole getting acclimated, as serious medical conditions can arise if you’re not mindful. Easy tasks like tying my boots left me gasping for breath until my lungs got used to the thin air. The Pole rarely gets above zero degrees, and, when I was there in the middle of summer, the highs only got into the minus-30 range.

We got the power plant squared away, and I was able to get my “hero” shot at the geographical South Pole. The South Pole sits on an ice sheet a few miles thick that moves about 10 meters per year, so, every New Year’s Day, the marker is moved to the new Pole. Standing at the complete bottom of the earth had to be one of the biggest highlights from my time here.

The end of the austral summer is near, and the station is again buzzing with activity in preparation for winter. Two icebreakers, the Swedish Oden and the Coast Guard Polar Sea, made a 14-mile long channel in the sea ice to allow the resupply ship and fuel tanker to dock and unload their cargo. After they drop the next year’s worth of supplies and fuel, they leave with all the waste generated here for processing back in the states. Scientists and contract employees will begin redeploying in February, leaving only the winter-over folks, who will stay the long, dark winter until next August. Fewer than 200 people stay at McMurdo for the winter, and only about 60 stay at the South Pole, who won’t get to leave until November. There is no way out during the dead of winter, and it is said to be easier to get someone off the space station than out of the South Pole in the middle of winter.

With my contract nearly up, I’m planning my travels through New Zealand and Australia, ending up back in Pennsylvania sometime in early April. My time down here has been truly phenomenal, and I will certainly remember it for years. I have my education and skills to thank for much of what I got to accomplish and see, and, if it had not been for them, I may never have gotten to stand at the bottom of the earth.

All photos courtesy of Matthew J. Strine

The Swedish icebreaker Oden was one of two that cleared a channel for supply ships.

The top of Observation Hill. Behind Strine is active volcano Mt. Erebus.
From campus haunts to Greek life to football rivalries, college traditions come in all shapes, sizes and team colors. At Pennsylvania College of Technology, one custom stands tall: responsiveness to the community. Whether at a nonprofit agency down the street or at a church mission a world away, Penn College faculty, staff and students have taken a reputation for benevolence and hands-on excellence beyond campus borders.

In some cases, well beyond.

Deep inside the rural Salceda area of the Dominican Republic – a lush land of coffee, sugar cane and tobacco – Penn College lives on in hand-dug footers, in the sturdy skeleton of a youth center, in the paint on picnic tables and dormitory walls: all labors of love for three students, a masonry instructor and his son who traveled there over the holiday break.

“We sleep under mosquito nets,” said Glenn R. Luse, instructor of building construction technology, quickly drawing a distinction between the group’s accommodations and those of a typical winter destination. Travel is via a cramped older-model bus; there is no drinkable water and only three hours of electricity each day, and a typical lunch consists of plantains and Spam.

Nicklaus H. Kelley, a masonry student from Purcellville, Va., painstakingly finds and fits the right stones for the job at the offices of Tech Serve International, a nonprofit volunteer agency near Montoursville.
Still, he wouldn’t be anywhere else. In fact, it was a repeat trip for Luse, who was lured to the Dominican Republic after hearing of similar annual missions by Marc E. Bridgens, assistant dean of construction and design technologies, who returned with several other students in March.

“The first thing I do is take my watch off; this is just like going back in time,” Luse said. Indeed, there is a pace to the Dominican workday that many lunch-skipping, multi-tasking, vacation-deprived Americans would find leisurely. “They believe that, ‘Whatever God allows us to get done today, that’s what we’ll get done,’” he said. “They live their lives every day with such a passion. It is truly inspiring, and not once did I feel sorry for those people, because they had all that they needed.”

A traveling companion experienced a similar epiphany when reflecting on his experience.

“I see how well we really have life up here in the U.S.A. Most of the people that live down in the Dominican do not even have enough money to support their families because there are not as many good jobs down there,” said Derek K. Hartzfeld, a carpentry student from Reynoldsville. “We are so fortunate.”

Hartzfeld and McCracken were joined by Jacob D. Carlson, a carpentry student from West Chester; and Luse’s son, Ethan J., a former Penn College student. Each personally raised the $850 needed for the trip, which covered air travel, housing and a contribution toward materials. They also took along 17 50-pound parcels of gifts to share with the youngsters in their adoptive village: dolls, crayons, books, and — a truly American export — baseballs and gloves.

In addition to navigating around cultural differences, the crew also had to refine the techniques they learned in class.

Because the youth center is in an earthquake zone, Luse said, students spent four days weaving rebar into an interlocking grid of reinforcement for the concrete floor that would follow.

Whether out of the country or helping back home, Luse has the same win-win philosophy about student projects. “It’s good for everyone,” he said. “We do work that would be unaffordable otherwise, and the students get the most out of it. I’m glad we extend their learning into the community.”

Penn College has left its unique stamp on a variety of civic projects. Little League fields and soccer complexes across Lycoming County have benefited from their skills, as have crews of volunteer students frequently lend a hand in the community. Clockwise, from top left, students rake and bag leaves at the WilliamsportYWCA during “ Civility Saturday;” Penn College Construction Association members build and install flower boxes at Valley View Nursing Center during the United Way’s “ Day of Caring;” student members of the Horticulture Technicians Association join the Department of Transportation to plant 2,000 daffodil bulbs along the Interstate 180/ Maynard Street interchange; and a student prepares wood for a flower box at Valley View.

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churches, Habitat for Humanity sites, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation facility in Montoursville (where students built a money-saving truck-wash bay), the YWCA – a seemingly endless market for community service.

“I get calls every day,” Bridgens said. “We try to spread it around and help as many as possible.”

The college works only with nonprofits, so as not to compete with area contractors, and, if a job doesn’t fit parameters for the school’s involvement, it might be referred to student organizations looking to fulfill their community-service requirements.

“The jobs are acquired when nonprofit organizations contact our school office with requests for work to be done,” explained Harry W. Hintz Jr., instructor of construction technology. “The office presents projects to the off-campus projects committee, which evaluates the job content, appropriateness of work and the time frame, according to the different classes involved.”

Hintz was among faculty members aiding the recent renovation of a local house for residential use by eligible clients of the Center for Independent Living and the Children’s Development Center. The wide-ranging makeover has incorporated heating, ventilation and air conditioning; electrical; remodeling; and Practical Construction classes, and involved Hintz, Joseph M. Younes, instructor of electrical technology/occupations; and Dale J. Kissinger, assistant professor of HVAC technology/plumbing and heating.

College crews also will be working on shower facilities and locker rooms at the Hughesville High School football field and helping to build a new batting cage at Bowman Field, home to Williamsport’s professional minor-league baseball team, among a host of pending requests.

It’s not only construction students who carry the day. Penn College’s lasting community presence can be seen each spring in the daffodils planted along Interstate 180 by horticulture students, in the too-pretty-to-eat chocolate houses fashioned by culinary students in a Habitat for Humanity fund-raiser and in site clearance for a Muncy historical trail, to name just a few.

They do it for the experience, for the sense of accomplishment and for the practical extension of their education.

Walk through the Carl Building Technologies Center on Pennsylvania College of Technology’s main campus, and you’ll instantly hear the sounds of busy hands: a rhythmic repertoire of hammers hammering, trowels troweling, staple guns stapling and power tools empowering students. It’s the noise of those learning marketable skills in Penn College’s hands-on laboratories.

Where to find peace and quiet in the midst of such cacophony?

Solitude lies just east of the building in the Remembrance Garden, an oasis for hushed contemplation – and no less a monument to students’ industriousness.

The area was designed by architecture technology students and constructed during a series of concrete classes that combined students from the building construction technology, masonry and construction carpentry majors. General Services’ horticulture and grounds staff landscaped the area.

The garden’s seating serves as an area of respite, reflection and remembrance. Starting this spring, memorial bricks will be placed there to honor faculty, staff and students who died while employed or attending Penn College.

The garden’s origins lay with Tom F. Gregory, dean of construction and design technologies, and Marc E. Bridgens, assistant dean, who were looking three years ago for a more visible use for the outdoor laboratory space that formerly occupied the site.

The result, officially opened for Visitation Day in October, both showcases student talent and enhances the campus landscape.

“Any time you can have a project stay, there’s pride by the students,” Bridgens said, noting that the decorative concrete class – like others across campus – generally had to destroy its creations at the end of every session. “To know that this project is in memory of others, it’ll be special for someone else, too.”

By no means, though, is it the first tangible proof of what construction students learn while enrolled at “Pennsylvania’s premier technical college.”

Their skills are evident throughout, including the Victorian House and Field House, pavilions outside the college’s residence halls, a natural-stone sculpture and an outdoor fireplace at the Schneebeli Earth Science Center, pipes for the blue-and-white school banners that line the main campus entrance, a barbecue grill outside the Susquehanna Room, a playhouse at the Children’s Learning Center, glass-and-wood display cases in the Madigan Library and elsewhere, and a demonstration kitchen for the School of Hospitality.

“A life that touches the hearts of others goes on forever,” reads the engraving on the decorative bench in the Remembrance Garden. The list and legacies of student-built projects go on and on, as integral as any part of the teaching-learning equation.
Terry A. Girdon, professor of business administration, was named chairman of the International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education’s Board of Commissioners during the organization’s annual conference in Paris in September. The board is responsible for setting accreditation expectations and reviewing self-study and site-visit reports. Following the conference, Girdon briefly remained in Paris to conduct accreditation site visits to the American Business School and the Paris Graduate School of Management.

Laura M. Dickinson, associate professor of English-composition, presented “‘We’re All Spoken For’: Reading the Series Finale of ‘Sex and the City’” at the Mid-Atlantic Popular/American Culture Association Conference, held Oct. 27-29 in Baltimore. The paper examined television’s ability to challenge the status quo about representations of marriage.

David L. Evans, professor of biology, was appointed public relations officer for the Human Anatomy and Physiology Society, the major professional society for teachers of anatomy and physiology in higher education.

Jeremiah C. Gee, assessment coordinator, was named a peer reviewer for the National Association for the Education of Young Children. He reviews assessment plans and self-studies from institutions seeking NAEYC accreditation and is part of a team of site visitors to the institutions. NAEYC offers accreditation for early-childhood education providers and degree programs that prepare students to become early-childhood educators. In December, a research paper by Gee was published in The Journal of Correctional Education. Titled “Education in Rural County Jails: Need Versus Opportunity,” Gee’s research assessed the self-reported needs of inmate-students and compared those needs to the educational and rehabilitative program opportunities available at a nearby rural county correctional facility.

“The Fifth Daughter,” a short story by Charles F. Kemnitz, associate professor of technical communication and literature, was selected for inclusion in the anthology publication “Best Stories of the Southwest 2007,” edited by D. Seth Horton. The story, based on research funded by the National Endowment for the Arts Literature Fellowship in Creative Nonfiction, which Kemnitz earned in 2004, was originally published in the Winter 2005 issue of South Dakota Review, published by the University of South Dakota.

Mark D. Noe, professor of English-composition, published a memoir essay in Spittball: The Literary Baseball Magazine. His essay, titled “Pilgrimage,” is grounded in “Shoeless Joe” by W.P. Kinsella, a book that became the movie “Field of Dreams.” The essay was published in the magazine’s “The Memory Game” section. Noe read an earlier version of the essay, a memorial to his father, at the Sport Literature Association’s conference hosted at Penn College in 2004.

Richard Sahn, instructor of sociology/psychology, presented a paper at the annual meeting of the Association for Humanist Sociology in St. Louis on Nov. 3. The paper was titled: “Vicarious Identification in the Transvestite, the Sports Fan, and Super-Patriot.”

Henriette K. Evans, Act 101 academic and career specialist and the Northeast Regional representative to the Pennsylvania Association of Developmental Educators’ Board of Directors, coordinated the organization’s Fall 2006 Workshop Oct. 20 at Marywood University. Twenty-eight participants from universities and colleges across Pennsylvania attended the full-day workshop, “Disability Services, Higher Education and You.”
Fund-Raisers and Drives Benefit Charities

Four trips were required to transport presents donated by Pennsylvania College of Technology students and employees to more than 150 children, ages 1 month to 17 years old. Children and Youth Services annually compiles a list of children from underprivileged families in Lycoming and Clinton counties who would appreciate holiday gifts from the college.

A canned-food drive conducted by the Student Government Association collected 2,590 items, which literally weighed in at 1 ton (2,104 pounds, to be exact) – nearly triple previous collections. The food was donated to the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank, which covers 12 area counties.

Students in the Physician Assistant Club raised $1,700 for a children’s charity during a two-week fund-raiser. The money was raised through a T-shirt sale and donated to the Cancer Recovery Foundation, Children’s Project, a Harrisburg-based nonprofit organization that hosts hospital parties for children who make frequent overnight hospital stays. The club was honored by the Pennsylvania Society of Physician Assistants for its efforts.

Penn College’s Horticulture Club donated $425 to the American Cancer Society’s “Relay for Life” effort. The student organization sold individual flowers and contributed $5 from each floral arrangement sold during a breast-cancer awareness observance.

Welding Student Advances in National Competition

A freshman in Pennsylvania College of Technology’s welding and fabrication engineering technology major tied for third place in the American Welding Society’s Weld-Off in Atlanta, advancing to the next round of national competition.

Westley A. Smith, Mifflinburg, was among 24 students nationwide who were chosen to compete for an invitation to the Weld-Off. After completing several welding projects, which he sent to judges in the welding industry, he was one of six students to earn a Weld-Off invitation and a $1,000 scholarship.

Smith and the other three top finishers from the Weld-Off are competing for one of two spots in the U.S. Open Weld Trials, to be held at the SkillsUSA Championships in Kansas City, Mo., in June. To earn their spot, each contestant again completes several specialized welding projects and sends them to welding-industry judges.

The winner of the U.S. Open Weld Trials will be awarded a four-year, $40,000 scholarship, sponsored by the American Welding Society Foundation and Miller Electric Manufacturing Co., and will represent the United States in the World Skills Competition, scheduled in Japan in November.
Alumni Return to Classrooms as Faculty Members

Among the newest faculty members at Pennsylvania College of Technology are a half-dozen alumni who returned to the classroom during the Fall 2006 semester to share much of what they learned on the other side of the lectern.

According to the Alumni Relations Office, nearly 120 of the approximately 500 Penn College faculty members are graduates of the college or its predecessors – including about 45 in part-time teaching positions.

Alumni joined the full-time faculty in Fall 2006 to teach in the following majors: Carl J. Bower, horticulture; Michael R. Bierly, collision repair; James N. Colton, welding; Dustin Moore, forestry; Christopher S. Weaver, diesel equipment technology; and Claude T. Witts, diesel equipment technology.

A junior in Pennsylvania College of Technology’s four-year aviation maintenance technology major was the first college student in the commonwealth to be certified as an Aircraft Electronics Technician.

Marc D. Martin, of Palmyra, achieved certification through the National Center for Aircraft Technician Training. According to NCATT, Martin was one of just 125 technicians nationwide and only the third to be certified in Pennsylvania.

Cookbook Shares Recipes, Tips From ‘You’re the Chef’ TV Series

Pennsylvania College of Technology’s “You’re the Chef” released a cookbook of more than 120 recipes from the award-winning public television cooking show.

The book is filled with recipes for a variety of entrées, appetizers and desserts, and cooking tips from the series, produced for seven seasons by Penn College and WVIA Public Broadcasting.

School of Hospitality students helped to organize and re-edit recipes for the book, and the student group Gamma Epsilon Tau – a professional fraternity representing the graphic communications industry – published the book with assistance from the College Information and Community Relations Office.

The cookbook is dedicated to William C. Butler, who served as dean of the School of Hospitality from 1994 until his death in 2002. The books are available at The College Store in the Bush Campus Center, as well as through the store’s Web site, www.penncollegebooks.com. The price is $28, and proceeds benefit the Madigan Library.

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Members received a lapel pin or stick pin signifying their membership and their support of Penn College. The pin design was patterned after the pillars at the college’s Maynard Street entrance.

During her remarks at the Oct. 22 event, Gilmour thanked the members of The Pillar Society for their long-term assistance in fulfilling Penn College’s mission of offering an excellent technology-based education that is affordable to students.

In particular, Gilmour gave credit to Dr. Clarence M. “Neil” Burgher, who suggested the creation of Penn College’s Charitable Gift Annuity program and was its original donor. Burgher noted that his affiliation with Penn College began in 1998 with a search for places to dine in the Williamsport area, leading him to the college’s Le Jeune Chef Restaurant.

“Since that time, my affection for the entire college has only grown,” said Burgher, who also suggested the design of the lapel pins and stick pins for members of the Pillar Society. “I’m proud to know that the long-term arrangements I’ve made with Penn College will ultimately help students achieve their goals.”

One of the other supporters recognized in the initial group of Pillar Society members was Charlene M. Pulizzi, president of Labels by Pulizzi Inc., of Williamsport. Pulizzi has been a member of the Penn College Foundation Board of Directors since 1986.

“Penn College is a significant asset in our community and a strong contributor to our local economic development efforts,” said Pulizzi. “I’ve hired several Penn College graduates, and I’m pleased to include Penn College in my long-term giving plans.”

Individuals who have included Penn College or the Penn College Foundation in long-term giving plans, or who are interested in becoming a member of the Pillar Society, can contact the Institutional Advancement Office at (570) 320-8000 or giving@pct.edu for more information.
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**‘67**

Gerald L. Slenker, architectural technology, is designer/project manager for LSC Design Inc. He is a member of the Engineering Society of York, where he resides.

John D. Wisehaupt II, drafting and mechanical design, is facilities coordinator for The Pennsylvania State University. For Wisehaupt, who resides in Bellefonte, this is his second career. After 35 years of service, he retired from Corning Inc.

**‘70**

Charles H. Johnson II, mechanical drafting, is pursuing a degree in American studies from Mercer University. He resides in Pueblo West, Colo., and is a purchasing agent for Vendola Mechanical Services.

Robert Charles Thompson, electronics, received a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Penn State in 1976. He lives in Elkland and is retired from Corning Inc.

**‘71**

John D. Houp, automotive technology, is regional product support manager for MTU-Detroit Diesel and lives in Reading. His job requires technical support of heavy-duty diesel engines in the off-highway market. Houp spent 15 years with the Penske Racing Team, building engines for NASCAR and Indy cars.

Robert C. Inschweiler, electronics technology, received a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Penn State. He is a manufacturing engineering manager for Hershey Co. He lives in Harrisburg and serves as curriculum adviser panel member for Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology and Harrisburg Area Community College. He also is a part-time professor in the electrical technology department at HACC’s Community Center for Technology and Arts.

**‘73**

Keith A. Fishel, architectural technology, is vice president of estimating for Wagman Construction Inc. and lives in Codorus.

Thomas R. Himes, architectural technology, is employed by Robert T. Scheeren AIA Architects and lives in Home.

Randy Knepp, forestry, lives in Martinsburg and is district maintenance manager for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Kenneth R. Poorman, industrial technology, a Navy veteran from Castanea, retired from Verizon, retired from Harleysville Insurance in 2004, and develops Web sites for small businesses in Jefferson.

**‘74**

Mary A. (Jones) Miller, licensed practical nursing, resides in Williamsport and is employed by the Jersey Shore Area School District.

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Fueled by Creative Energy

Jacob Metzger, who in 2005 earned a bachelor’s degree in graphic design from Pennsylvania College of Technology, is exercising his creativity as a graphic designer for Altoona-based Sheetz Inc., one of the top convenience retailers in the nation.

Metzger and his department create and maintain the Sheetz brand identity. He designs a variety of materials used to market the company’s products and services, from signage, gift cards and coupons to gasoline tanker graphics. He was recognized by General Motors for the graphics package he developed to launch Sheetz’s sale of E85 fuel.

To learn more about Metzger and other alumni, or to find out the latest news about alumni activities and events, visit www.pct.edu/alumni or contact the Alumni Relations Office at 1-877-PCT-ALUM (toll-free) or alumni@pct.edu.

'75

Michael T. Fetzer, forest technology, is general manager for Greif Manufacturing, a manufacturer of corrugated paper products for the door and shipping industries. Currently, the company’s Macon, Ga., plant is responsible for $10 million in sales and has 35 employees. Fetzer resides in Gray, Ga.

Frank J. Sullivan, architectural technology, earned a master’s degree in architecture from Catholic University of America. Sullivan joined the military and has been deployed to or visited more than 40 countries, many in Central and South America. In 2002, he was commander of more than 300 Air Force engineers deployed to Afghanistan. From July 2005 to July 2006, he was deployed to Iraq, where he was the commander of more than 20,000 Air Force personnel. He now works at Fort Indiantown Gap and resides in Annville. He was recently promoted to brigadier general.

'76

Tobin “Toby” Lovelace, graphic arts, lives in Glenville and is prepress leadman for Sheridan Press.

'77

Kenneth R. Robenolt, accounting, is a sales tax associate for Dryden Advisory Group LLC and resides in Harrisburg.

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Debra A. Holley-Reynolds, licensed practical nurse, is an occupational medicine nurse for Guthrie Clinic Ltd. She resides in Elmira, N.Y., and is pursuing an associate degree in health-care management from Ashworth College.

'79

David Nocket, automotive mechanics, received a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Penn State in 1990. He is a plant engineer at Reliant Energy and lives in Shawville.

'80

Randall L. Gustafson, electrical construction, resides in Bloomsburg and is a procurement engineer for PPL Corp.

Willard D. Stroup, business management, is local advertising sales manager for Tribune Media Services and lives in Berwick.

Tammy R. (Bennett) Vanderpool, advertising art, graduated from Edinboro University in 1982 with a bachelor’s degree in communication graphics. She is classified manager for Times-Shamrock Newspapers and resides in Towanda.

Clinton J. Wenmick, electronics technology, received a bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Capitol College in 1994. He resides in Boonsboro, Md., and is employed as an electronics technician.

Perry James Carnovale, construction carpentry, is a waste treatment operator and resides in Kersey.

Larry G. Steele Jr., journalism, received a bachelor’s degree in secondary education/English from Lock Haven University in 1984 and a master’s degree in student personnel services from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He lives in Mount Union and is a seventh-grade English teacher, head varsity wrestling coach and assistant varsity baseball coach.

'81

Douglas A. Steiger, architectural technology, received a bachelor’s degree in architecture from the University of Maryland in 1987. He lives in Howard and is a draftsman for Haven Homes Inc.

Jeffrey D. Girton, electronics technology, received his bachelor’s degree in electrical engineering from Alfred University/Suffield University in 2005. Girton, a certified biomedical electronics technician, is a clean room/precision environments engineering supervisor for Corning Inc. He resides in Harrodsburg, Ky.

'82

Lori Dawn (Moyer) Savoy, advertising art, earned a bachelor’s degree in accounting from College Misericordia in 2004. She is a contact representative for the Social Security Administration and is franchise owner and operator for Liberty Tax Service, with offices in Wilkes-Barre, Kingston and Plains. Savoy resides in Wilkes-Barre and is pursuing her master’s degree in organizational management at College Misericordia.

Lori Spangler, clerical studies, is chief of paralegal and secretarial support staff at the Office of the Public Defender in Orange County, Fla. Spangler, who resides in Orlando, Fla., had an article published in Legal Assistant magazine in 1997, was awarded an Outstanding Service Award from the Orange County Bar Association for her work with the 2004 Law Week Committee, and was awarded 2005 Outstanding Law Day Activity Award from the American Bar Association.

'83

Christopher S. Bolt, computer science, is AVP/senior systems analyst for Citizens & Northern Bank and resides in Millerton.

'84

John A. Walls, electronics, is president/CEO for Calyx Metrology Laboratory Inc. Calyx Metrology is the only comprehensive, state-of-the-art calibration facility in central Pennsylvania and has an international reputation as a world-class calibration provider of biomedical test equipment. Walls resides in Boalsburg.

Robin McKinney, printing/graphic arts, is finishing department supervisor at Russellville Printing Co. He lives in Russellville, Ark., and is involved in numerous charities.

Kent A. Van Horn, civil engineering (forest technology, ’82), earned a bachelor’s degree in civil engineering and surveying engineering technology from New Jersey Institute of Technology. He is an instrument operator/party chief for Van Cleef Engineering. Van Horn, who resides in Bethlehem, is a 26-year member of Pennsylvania Lumberjack Association.

John A. Walls
‘85

Donna Barnett Blanteno, journalism, received her bachelor’s degree in business management from Penn State in 1998. She is outbound shift manager for QVC Inc. and resides in Enola. She received an award for Exceptional Leadership from employees and peers at QVC.

Steven L. Fetterman, electronics, lives in Nanticoke and is a process safety engineer.

Lynn Kromer, heating, ventilation and air conditioning (service and operation of heavy equipment, ’75), is director of buildings and grounds for the South Williamsport Area School District. Kromer, who resides in Williamsport, serves on the Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials’ state facilities committee.

Alan Laustsen, graphic arts, is lead pressman for VCT QualTeq and resides in Frenchtown, N.J.

‘86

Joseph Carbaugh, building construction technology, is chief of military personnel systems for the U.S. Department of Defense and resides in Cheyenne, Wyo.

Lene Marie Persan, human services, received her bachelor’s degree in elementary education from Bloomsburg University in 1988. She is a K-6 substitute teacher for the Williamsport Area School District and resides in Linden.

Carson A. Riland, electronics technology, received a bachelor’s degree in health physics from Bloomsburg University in 1992 and both a master’s degree in health physics (1993) and a doctorate in nuclear engineering (1993) from Texas A&M University. A certified physicist and a certified safety professional, he has responded to emergency radiological response events around the world. Riland is department manager for Bechtel Nevada and lives in Las Vegas.

William G. Wilmoth, service and operation of heavy equipment, is a foreman for Lane Construction Corp. and resides in Apopka, Fla.

‘88

William Art Markish II, automotive mechanics, is an industrial technician for El DuPont and resides in Wyalusing.

Michelle Rosini Tansley, advertising art, is a prepress coordinator for Data Papers Inc. and resides in Muncy. During the past 15 years, she has been awarded the company’s Quality Achievement Award five times.

Kelly L. (Green) Wolfinger, food and hospitality management, received a bachelor’s degree in food and hospitality from Mansfield University in 1991. She is co-owner/manager of Fox’s Pizza Den and resides in Coudersport.

‘89

Jason Bower, welding technology, is a lieutenant with the Pentagon Police Department and resides in Springfield, Va.

Anthony Good, fiber optics/telecommunications, is vice president of information technology for Conterra Ultra Broadband and resides in Lehighton.

Michael L. Richardson, HVAC technology, is a project manager for McClure Co. and resides in Millington.

Michael Simmons, automotive service technician, is a technician for Clarks Summit Chevrolet and lives in Tunkhannock.

Mark S. Williams, aviation technology, resides in Columbus, Ga.

Chad D. Havely, automotive service management, resides in York and is an automotive instructor for Advance Skill Learning Center.

‘93

Michelle M. Cook, practical nursing, resides in Saratoga, Wyo., where she is a licensed practical nurse at Valley View Rehabilitation & Care Center.

Robert Kaler IV, diesel technology, is owner/president of Kaler Motor Co. and resides in Hatfield.

‘96

Rebecca Rae Hoover, floral design/interior plantscape, is a legal assistant for the law offices of Andrew Phillips. She resides in Scranton.

‘97

Brent D. Hamm, plastics and polymer engineering technology, resides in Montoursville and is a product development engineer at C/S Group R&D Center in Milton.

D. Patrick Herring, aviation maintenance technology, received a bachelor’s degree in professional aeronautics from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University in 2006. He is a senior aircraft inspector for Eastman Kodak Co. Aviation Services. Herring, who resides in Spencerport, N.Y., has won the FAA Diamond Award for three years.

Joshua T. Nyemese, auto body technology, received a bachelor’s degree in workforce education from Penn State in 2002. He resides in Emmaus and is an auto body/collision technician for East Coast Fleet Services.

Richard Symonies, physician assistant studies, is employed by Pinnacle Health System as a physician assistant and resides in Middletown.

‘00

Vanessa Ann Fiscus, forest technology, lives in Kane and is a forest technician for the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Bureau of Forestry.

Michelle Kavin, physician assistant, is a certified physician assistant at Hershey Medical Center and lives in Hummelstown.

Thomas M. Van Horn, graphic design, resides in St. Petersburg, Fla. He is a usability expert/interface architect at PricewaterhouseCoopers.

‘01

Damir Mika, aviation electronics, received his bachelor’s degree in aeronautics (majoring in aviation systems management) from the University of North Dakota. After his graduation, he returned to his hometown in Croatia, serving as an air force flight line officer. He then became company commander, was transferred to logistic command and currently works as an officer for movement and air transportation.

Gregory Shine, automotive technology management, is a service adviser for Baierl Acura and resides in Allison Park.

Alumni enjoyed meeting and greeting one another over hors d’oeuvres at the first Alumni Reception, held at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in January. Sen. Jake Corman ’90 (below), shared his thoughts on issues under consideration in the state Legislature with his fellow alumni.

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Kevin B. George, physician assistant, is a physician assistant in orthopedic surgery at Geisinger Medical Center. She lives in Paxinos.

Richard Boyer, graphic design, is an ad designer for Merion Publications Inc. and resides in Philadelphia. His advertisements appear in Advance Magazine, a popular free publication in the health field.

Paul E. Pomplio, computer-aided product design, is a mechanical design engineer for Aerotek Inc. and resides in Cornwall, N.Y.

Kimberly M. (Fuhrer) Schloneger, hospitality management, is a personal care aide at Country Terrace and resides in Wellsboro.

Michael Steven Yaros, surveying technology, is a surveyor for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and lives in Monongahela.

Samuel N. Bressi, data communications and networking—internetworking application development, is an information technology specialist for the U.S. Department of Justice – FBI. Bressi, who resides in Falls Church, Va., has also worked for the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and the U.S. Department of Defense.

David Buss, computer information systems—networking and technical support and computer-aided drafting technology, is an information technology specialist for Ann’s House of Nuts and lives in Westminster, Md.

Daniel K. Cassidy Jr., welding and fabrication engineering technology, is responsible for robotic welding projects within the Manitowoc Crane Group, including performing capital expenditure analysis for major purchases and evaluating robotic vendors with Six Sigma matrices. He resides in South Williamsport.

Christopher M. Hart, building construction technology, is employed at Angels Construction and resides in Nescopek.

Kristi E. Gruber, physician assistant, is employed as a physician assistant at the Hershey Medical Center. She resides in Harrisburg and is pursuing a master’s degree in homeland security at Penn State College of Medicine.

Andrew John Leer, computer information technology—internetworking application development, is an assistant software engineer for Concurrant Technologies and resides in Windber.

JoAnne Saber, legal assistant/paralegal studies, is a toxic tort litigation paralegal for Dickie, McCamey & Chilcote and resides in Pittsburgh.

Megan Warcomski, physician assistant, is employed by Pinnacle Health Systems as a certified physician assistant. She lives in Harrisburg.

Nathan Eugene Weaver, plastics and polymer engineering technology, is a process engineer at Poly Processing Co. and resides in Berkeley Springs, W.Va.

Renee (Shawver) Reed, culinary arts technology, is a chef/cook at The Village at Penn State. She and her husband, Jay (computer automation maintenance, ’97) reside in State College.

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1. Alumni Citizenship/Humanitarian Award
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