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The "Cultivating Excellence" Capital Campaign

The "Cultivating Excellence" Capital Campaign for the Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies came to a close on February 28, 1998, when Mrs. Charles F. Lowrey reported to the Board of Trustees that the campaign goal of \$6,650,000 had been reached and surpassed.

In October of 1996, Mrs. Aliki Perrotis cut the inaugural ribbon and opened the doors to the College. Her endowment gift honoring her late husband, Dimitris, provided the funds needed to launch the Trustees' vision of a college-level program at the American Farm School.

The "Cultivating Excellence" Capital Campaign goal of funding facilities and equipment for the new Dimitris Perrotis College was accomplished by committed volunteers led by Mr. Pavlos J. Condellis in Greece and by Mrs. Charles F. Lowrey in the U.S.

The campaign's end was celebrated by Trustees, friends and supporters at the New York City home of Susan Witter, during which a celebratory poem written by Bruce Lansdale that reflected on the steadfast spirit of the American Farm School was read aloud. A paean composed by Charlotte Draper and a song with lyrics written by Trustees and staff were sung in praise of the outstanding leadership of the campaign.



Mrs. Aliki Perrotis and George Draper view the portrait of Dimitris Perrotis during the October 7, 1996 inauguration ceremonies for the new College.



"Cultivating Excellence" Capital Campaign Committee Members (left to right): Trustee George Legakis, Lydia Legakis, Charlotte Draper, George Draper, Trustee Eve Labouisse, Bruce Lansdale, Loretta Constantinides, Mrs. Charles F. Lowrey (Campaign Co-Chairman) and Charles L. Thomas, Jr. (Chairman of the Board of Trustees).

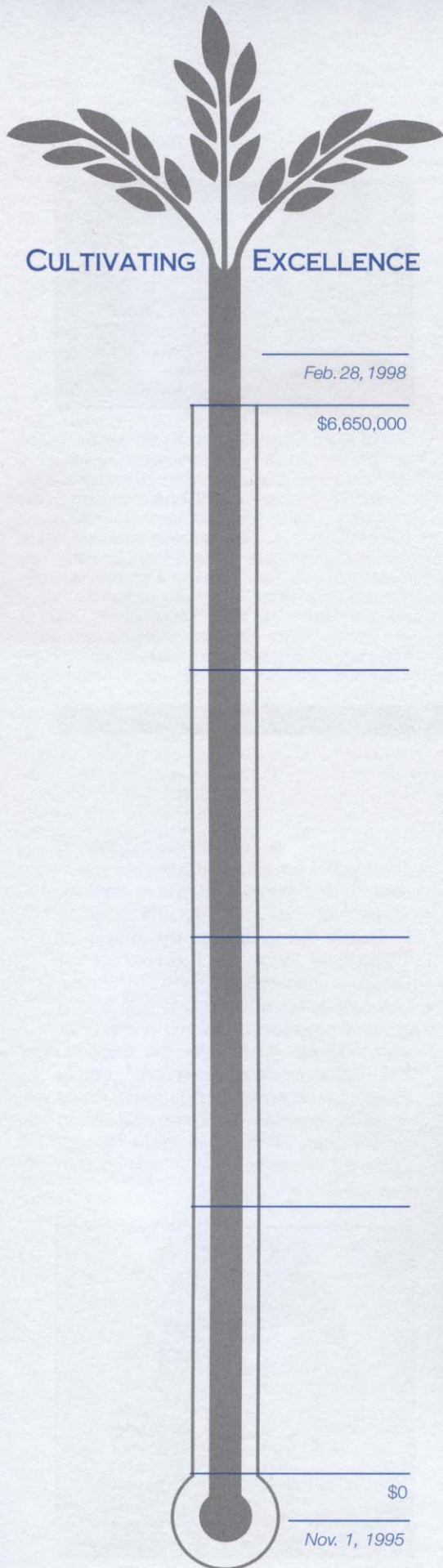


Capital Campaign Coordinator Jenny Peterson (a Greek Summer 1990 alumna and Greek Summer 1995 Counselor) joins the celebration.



Trustees and staff celebrate the campaign's success (left to right): Trustee T. Jewett, Yolanta Kosmaczewska, Trustee George Legakis, Trustee Jenny Fenton, Trustee Fellow George Post.

Cover: Automated Weather Station purchased through the "Cultivating Excellence" Capital Campaign. Dimitris Perrotis College students Christos Panousis, Filitsa Gerampidi, and Dimitra Gaki discuss weather data with Assistant Professor of Soil Science and Plant Production Dr. Athanasios Gertsis (left and center) while student Maria Misirli reviews data tabulations with Agricultural Business instructor Costas Rotsios (right).



Faith Leapers

With brave hopes and some real courage the "Post-Secondary Initiative" of the American Farm School was conceived, then adopted by the Board of Trustees at its November 1995 meeting. As one Trustee put it, "there must be a group of 'Faith Leapers' to get this one off the ground."

The Farm School was exploring uncharted waters by starting a private college for agricultural studies. Very soon it became apparent that Faith Leapers aplenty were part of the School's family in both Greece and the United States. Hugh Cullman, followed rapidly by Mrs. Henry R. Labouisse, Paul Condellis and George David with the Laventis Foundation, joined the effort. U.S.A.I.D. and the E.U. both helped to make equipment and buildings happen. Then the greatest leap of all galvanized workers on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean. Aiki Perrotis stepped forward to memorialize her beloved husband, Dimitris, long-time friend of the Farm School and now guardian spirit of the College. The Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies became a reality, safely endowed and looking proudly towards the future. Committee members in Greece and the U.S., Trustees and friends kept working for two more years to ensure our students would have computer technology, a library, laboratory equipment and classrooms, all of the highest quality.



Capital Campaign Co-Chairmen Mrs. Charles F. Lowrey and Mr. Pavlos J. Condellis

The College is a reality. Faculty and students are working hard and make up a vital new dimension of the American Farm School. There will be more needs to come as the program grows and expands, but for the moment the College stands commandingly "on the shoulders of past giants" and peers excitedly towards the next century.

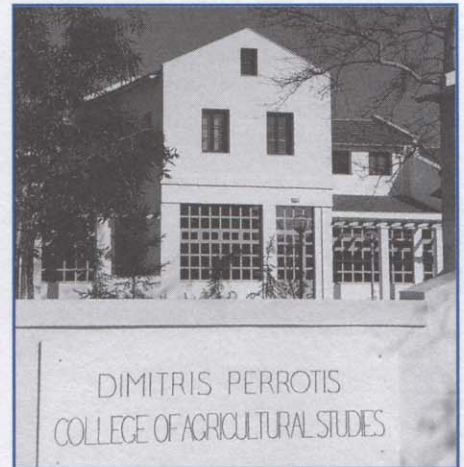
*Mrs. Charles F. Lowrey
Capital Campaign Co-Chairman*

We here in Greece who are able to watch proudly from close by, the new steps of the Farm School towards higher and wider education, would like to express our sincere and deeply felt thanks to all our donors.

A new idea, a new project: the College, encompassing also a broader region beyond the Greek borders, beckons the Farm School to look to the future with renewed confidence, while it looks back with a deep sense of achievement.

Thank you all for making this new idea possible, and for allowing us to let others share in the good fortune of quality education for rural youth.

*Mr. Pavlos J. Condellis
Capital Campaign Co-Chairman*



The Dimitris Perrotis College of Agricultural Studies buildings located in the Farm School's Sherrill Quadrangle.

Welcoming Ambassador Burns



Incoming Ambassador to Greece Nicholas Burns and his wife, Libby, were honored at a November 1997 reception in the Washington D.C. home of Trustee Fellow Sperry Lea and wife, Anna. Pictured left to right are Senator Paul Sarbanes of Maryland, George Draper and Ambassador Burns.



Ambassador Burns during a January 1998 visit to the Farm School is connected via live tele-conferencing from the AFS Information Center on campus to the AFS booth at the International Agricultural Fair "Agrotica." Tassos Pougouras, head of the Information Center and Library (left), and George Draper (center) look on. During his visit Ambassador Burns commented: "I am most impressed with the talent of the faculty and students and with [the Farm School's] contribution to excellence in agricultural education in northern Greece."

New Trustees

Three distinguished business and community leaders have joined the Board of Trustees as of November 1997. Yiannis S. Boutaris, currently of the John Boutaris and Son Wineries S.A., is one of the creators of Greece's modern wine industry. He is a major supporter of agrotourism in Greece and of environmental initiatives such as the Worldwide Fund for Nature and "Arktouros" which protects the Brown Bear and other native Greek fauna. He is also a program advisor to the Y.M.C.A. of Thessaloniki and is one of the founders of the Macedonian Museum of Modern Art. He is married with two sons and one daughter.



Yiannis S. Boutari



Dimitris S. Constandinou

Dimitris S. Constandinou is a native of Thessaloniki and chief executive officer of Yalco, S.A., the oldest and largest china and glassware company in Greece. He is married with one son and one daughter. Trustees remember from their 1996 visit to the Constandinou's island home on Hydra the warm hospitality of Dimitris and his wife, Katerina. Dimitri's sister, Poly Constantinou, serves on the Farm School's Thessaloniki Development Committee.

Annie Levis is an important figure in Thessaloniki community affairs, having initiated the first municipal Day Care Centers, worked with the Girl Scouts, and served as a special consultant to the mayor of Thessaloniki. When the Farm School first became coeducational in 1978, Bruce Lansdale asked Mrs. Levis to help start a group to organize cultural events and other extracurricular activities for the students. The "Group for Student Services", twenty years later, continues to play a vital role in students' lives. Mrs. Levis has also served as chairman of the Thessaloniki Development Committee. She is married with one son and one daughter.



Annie Levis

Greetings all! As we approach the 30th year of Greek Summer, we think everyone will find it interesting to read about the varied lives Greek Summer alumni are leading. If you would like to reconnect with people in your GS class, please call or send us an e-mail in the New York Office. We hope you enjoy reading about what people in your past are presently doing. Also, if you know anyone who might like to participate on Greek Summer, let us know. We'd love to send them an application. GS alumni and parents are our best recruiters! Enjoy.

1964

Susie Alexander is a Trustee of the American Farm School. She and her husband Scott live in Jacksonville, FL and sent sons Doug and Tim on Greek Summer. **Suzanne Branch McGinnis** lives in West Bloomfield, Michigan. **Mimi Luce** is getting married and moving from Windham, NH this year. **Christine Quencer** is "trying to keep up with our teenagers, Kevin, 17 and Keith, 16." She was in Alaska during the summer. **Nancy Stewart**, a family practice physician, lives in Ithaca, NY with husband Ray and children Michael, 16, Amy, 14 and Nathan, 11. **Mary Schwartz Willis** and husband Ken live in Denver. She is Associate General Counsel at Tele-Communications, Inc. **Dorie Schwartz** is an Assoc. Prof. of Med. Surg. Nsg. and Pharmacology at Univ. of Illinois, Chicago. She is going to Greece this May for the International Society of Heart Research to present research findings! **Marie H. Burk** is enjoying her life in Los Angeles, California.

1970

Tucker Robbins spends his time "exploring the universe within," and by all means is "enjoying" life!

1971

John Henderson is Sr. V.P. at Alling & Cory, a paper distributor. His wife works in the construction business and they have 3 kids, 16, 14 and 11. **Susan Stanton Benedict** is raising Katie, 9, and Peter, 8, in New York City with her husband, Rod. Katie's Godmother is **Courtney Iglehart D'Alessio**. "Recently became reacquainted with **Claire Robbins Miner**." **Michael Thomas** is living in St. Simon Island, GA. **Sally Carroll Keating** is a Family Nurse Practitioner in Colorectal Neoplasia Clinic, Mayo Medical Center in Rochester. "3 kids, 1 husband. Happy life." **Jane Lester** is a "half-time" pediatrician in Seattle, WA. She is married and raising two daughters, 3 and 10. **Liz Holdenman** has recently been living in Hanoi with her husband and two "beautiful" adopted Vietnamese children.

1972

Bill McCrory runs his own company in California, Bioni Quest, which is an

independent sales and service company selling medical research equipment. He has two kids, Nicole, 6 and Lee, 2. **Dave Hargrave** lives in East Amherst, NY, has been married to Nancy for 18 years and has three daughters, aged 16, 14 and 11. He teaches K-8 physical education, health and math. **Sarah Duffus Massey** is an active mother of three kids, Meg, 12, Jeff, 10 and Chris, 7. She is a part time Childbirth Educator. She passed her five year cancer check, so she is officially cured! **Sarah McGregor** is the National Account Manager for Data Information Services Group in California. **Noeline Hargrave Baruch** lives in Virginia. **Jonathan Clapp** is the Asset Manager for Constellation Realty Management. He has two daughters, 7 and 10, who are eagerly waiting for their opportunity to go on Greek Summer.

1973

Holly Ellison runs her own business in consumer market research and is raising her nine year old daughter. **John Warrington** is selling airplanes in South America, "which takes a long time and is extremely frustrating. He has three boys (6,9,&10) grow up. If Greek Summer thought **Rudy Warren** and I were a handful, wait until our kids arrive." **Jonathan R. Yaeger** has two children, a four-year-old daughter, and a one-year-old son. He is still in the computer business. **Cary M. Blake** has her own art studio and business. She is a metal-smith, painter, and teacher. **David Straut** is working for First Union Capital Markets in the Healthcare Finance Group in Charlotte. "Maureen and our three children are enjoying being 'new Southerners.'" **Sara Castle del Rio** stays at home raising her two children, 8 and 4. She is a Registered Architect and is about to go back to work. **Lenore Washington-Graham** is working in marketing and telecommunications, living in New Jersey.

1974

Lindsey Hoffman moved to Fairfield, CT. Grace Cromwell Hoffman was born June 17, 1997. Daughter Holly is almost 4. **Anne Thomas Schmidt** is living in Florida with husband, Peter, and children Audrey, 9, and Maddy, 6. She and Peter manage a 173 foot motor yacht "that functions as a charter yacht for 12." **Katherine Crowley** lives and works in NYC as a trained psychotherapist. "I run strategy groups for small business owners and also do private counseling." She co-authored a book called *Going Indie* published by Kaplan. **Ed Hardy** was married in August '97 to Christine Elizabeth Burton. They are now living in Budapest, Hungary, where he teaches English at a Hungarian high school. **Lesley Chambers Canfield** had her second child, Max, in 1996, who joins daughter Jessica. Her niece will be on GS '98! **Trina Clickner** is an independent consultant working on hand-held

computers and the Internet. She is amused by her three Basset Hounds and a Border Collie. **Charles Lowrey** is happily "ensconced" in NYC with his wife, Susie Rodriguez, and their two-year-old son, Jamie. He is a managing director at J. P. Morgan. During the summer they reside on Fiddlehead Island. **Timothy Moe** is doing well in New York City! **Peter Custer** is living in Greece and writes only "Married with children. Any questions?"

1975

Margaret Courtenay Landis writes "my children Fred and Mac, 4 year old twins, and Henry, 2, are the joy of my life." She is Director of Investment Operations at Oak Value Capital Management, Inc. She and her husband, Mark, live in Apex, North Carolina. **Jane Thurber** lives in Albuquerque, NM.

1976

Susan Read and her husband had their second child, Sam, in July. She lives in Staunton, VA "working as a small town lawyer and playing Irish music on the side. Thinking now of the days when my kids will hike Mount Olympus." **Andrea Kingsley Rippee** is in real estate development in Oregon. Her son Trevor is now six, and her stepson, Eddie, is fourteen. **Peter Schube** still lives in Los Angeles, where he works for the Jim Henson Company. He is the happy father of two sons, 8 and 5, and the husband of one "perfect" wife! **Christy Cook Bates** is teaching at Shore Country Day School in Beverly, MA. **Michael Lansdale** is raising three kids, 5, 6, & 8, with his wife Sandy, inventing and marketing consumer products. Sandy is marketing "Super Blue Green Algae", a Superfood.

1977

Celeste Argyries lives in Virginia and "married a nice Greek boy from NY three years ago." She has 2 kids, Alex, 14, and Adin, 10. "Still playing and teaching music." **Ned Rimer** is doing well in Cambridge, MA. **Hillary Spizzirri McAtee** is enjoying her life in Connecticut. **Brooke Lea** is an Assistant Professor of Psychology at Bowdoin College, living in Brunswick, Maine with wife, Emily, and one year old son, Jackson. **Caroline Kanis Daifotis** is now at home with her three daughters, ages 1.5, 3 and 4, after having a "satisfying tenure" with an advertisement agency. She is living in New Canaan, CT.

1978

Charlie Blocker joined as a partner in Asian Trade Alliance, Inc. which distributes branded consumer products in Vietnam and Cambodia. He now lives in Goshen, KY, but invites you all to stay in the corporate apartment in Ho Chi Minh City. **Greg Willis** lives in Darien, CT with Lois, his wife, Taylor, 7, and Malcolm, 4. He is Senior Vice-

President Worldwide Distribution for the Food Network. **Jeffrey Lansdale** is in Honduras, introducing youth camps to Honduran culture, managing educational projects for Honduran rural community teachers, and building a house while caring for three daughters with his wife. **Star Pappas Burnett** is a flight attendant for Delta Airlines and stays busy with Kyle, her two year old son.

1979

Christopher Caperton is presently living in Warsaw, Poland working for Dewey Ballantine LLP. In April he became Managing Attorney of Dewey's Prague office. **Craig Smith** is a Corrections Counselor on the Willard Drug Treatment Campus. **Shawen Williams** and Andrew MacKeith welcomed their new baby boy, Arthur Kent MacKeith on January 20, 1998! **Bryan Nash Gill** was a 1997 Artist Grant recipient from the CT. commission on the arts. Presently he is sculpting and drawing. **Eliza Garfield** is "crawling" through grad. school. She is teaching sailing in her spare time and has taken a job in Hawaii for a few months. **Henry Crawford** lives in Hawaii presently, "crunching numbers for pollsters." **Lisa Wilcox** is living in San Francisco. **Cary Brown-Epstein** and her husband bought a farm in VA three years ago. They have eight cats, two dogs, a horse, and two donkeys. Their first baby arrived last August! She is still painting, and shows her work in Virginia, Kentucky, and New York. **Annie Libby** is painting landscapes and portraits in NYC. **Kimon Sargeant** works for the Pew Charitable Trusts in the Religion program. **Tracy Groves** stays at home with "a very active 2 and 1/2 year old, and have another baby due in April." She and her husband live in Omaha. **Tom Claytor** writes from Nepal that he is to meet the Crown Prince, who is a pilot. Tom returned from Everest Base Camp in March. "Rolex has written an article on my expedition which will be published in the April Rolex Journal." Log on to Tom's web page at www.mck.co.za/bushpilot.

1980

Chris Caris is living and working in Los Angeles doing TV and film production. He recently got married in Taos, NM to Louise Mingenbach. **Sid Staunton** is a master of stucco plastering, stained glass, and is a "closet" poet. He will marry Rebecca Bouey in June '98. He also acquired land in Dorset, VT. **Clark Reiner** lives in Los Angeles and works for the entertainment industry. **Jessica Parish** is working as a Nurse Practitioner in San Francisco.

1981

Ted Hampton married Lisa Kassenaar in September. They both work at Bloomberg News in NYC as reporters. Ted covers insurance. **Kate Stockwell** is still working for Vail Resorts. She is planning her wedding for August!

Ashley Bourne Dewey is raising two little girls, Katie, 5 and Allison, 2. **Anne Gabriel Paxton** has two children, 5 and 3. She works at an independent school. **Donald Miller** recently moved to Baltimore in order to join a new ophthalmology practice. **Susie Longfield** had a baby girl, Kate, on January 31, 1997. She and her husband, Chuck, spent their 1991 honeymoon in Greece, "visiting the Farm School, Thoubmia and our road which is still there." She runs a mentoring program at Boston Latin School, and lives in Cambridge, MA. She says that **Karen Hubbard Jones** now lives in London with her husband, Stephen and son Samuel, born in September 1997. **Suzanne Faurot Barton** is "a full time Mom happily up to my elbows in the joys and thrills of raising two boys ages 3 & 5." She volunteers often at the local arboretum. **Dorothy Porter** is working for a non-profit arts group in Paris. **Alexander Marek** is married to Barbara, has a three year old son named Nicholas, and is an actuary working in Enfield, CT.

1982

Jim McKelvey works as a systems engineer in Atlanta for NORTEL. **Hank Harder** writes, "my wife, Natalie, and I had our first child on Dec. 13th '97, Haley Rae Harder." Living in Shelburne, VT, he flies F-16's for the Vermont Air National Guard. **Wendy Crisp Henderson** is Mom to Teddy, 4, and Connor, 10 months. **Gillian Hargrave** is the Director of Volunteer Services at the Humane Society of Rochester, where she is in charge of 450 volunteers. **Lynne Madden McDonough** is working for the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Development. She and her husband, Paul, were expecting their first child on April 5. **Bill Bennington** and wife Allison enjoy living in London. They have a nine month old, Victoria, who plays with **Frances Manthos Ognjanovich's** 1 and 1/2 year old. **Gioia Whittemore Frelinghuysen** visited Frances on her visit to England. **Christopher Aney** is living in Singapore and is doing well. **Richie Jones** is living in Pennsylvania and practicing corporate law in Delaware. **Jodi Breckenridge Hilker** owns a tour operating business for special interest groups to and from Europe and Africa. She and her husband, Monfred, have two children, 6 and 2. **Ethan Hoblitzelle** is studying for a Master's in History at Tufts University and he and his wife have a 6 month old son. **Linda Hamlin Arnold** got married to John Arnold in August of 1997. She works for Exabyte Corporation in charge of International Channel Marketing while living in Boulder, CO.

1983

Lisa Flood is writing in Wyoming, working on a new book on cowgirls. **Anne Herrnstein Priebe** is in San

Diego with her "incredible two year-old son." Her husband died of cancer last April. She works in the investment industry as a portfolio manager for Brandes Investment Partners, an International equity manager. **Nina Colhoun Wilson** is a "stay-at-home Mom with 7 month-old son, Gardner" living in Cambridge, MA. **Maria DeCesare** and her husband have moved back to the NYC area. They are expecting their first baby in June! **Boyce F. Martin III** completed law school and after four years in New York City returned to Kentucky in order to practice corporate law. **Beanis Durfee**, and his wife, recently had their first baby, Ginny! **Michael J. Hutzler** will begin a residence in pathology at Univ. of Massachusetts Medical Center. **Taylor Walker** teaches history at the secondary school level and is living in California. **Joel S. Post** is in London working in European debt capital markets at CSFB. **Robert Garrett** works for Sony and is living in New York City.

1984

Mark Gamble is in graduate school pursuing an M.A. in English. **Willy Walker** works in Washington for a private equity group investing in Latin America. **Malcolm Miller** lives in Greenwich and works in Stamford, CT for Silgon Holdings. He plans on marrying **Tina Crisp** (GS '86) in June '98. **Lynn Zises** is living in NYC. She works at CIC Oppenheimer in the private client division doing strategy and new product development, and will be getting married in September. **Alexandra Tuller** is a graphic designer and paint production consultant, producing books, magazines, newsletters, brochures, and invitations for clients in NYC, DC, and beyond! **Christopher Mirabile** is married and is living outside of Boston. He works as an in-house lawyer for a software company. **P.J. Bowers** is Vice President/Branch Manager of The Bank of New York in NYC. He married Jill in 1994, and their first baby is due in mid May '98! **Charlotte Ross** is a police officer in the narcotics unit at the Pompano Beach Police Dept. She is finishing up her Masters in Criminal Justice. **Kathryn Jennings** "lived and worked for Yachting Publications in the Caribbean for a bit - was in England for a few months with 'Captain Ron'. Am doing some graphic design projects. Will go back to England in April & will return to St. Martin eventually to restore and hopefully-sell a 52' wooden boat." She hopes to chronicle a tales of the characters she has met.

1985

Tia Fuhrmann is living in NYC, pursuing an M.B.A. at NYU's Stern School of Business. **Demer Holleran** is in her sixth year coaching women's squash at the Univ. of Pennsylvania. She is still competing in international squash tournaments. **Baker Mallory** has been living in Cambridge, MA for four years

and attending Harvard Graduate School of Design. He is getting two masters degrees in Landscape Architecture and Architecture. **Rob Crawford** teaches 8th grade English at Derby Academy in Hingham, MA. He is heading to the University of Michigan business school in the Fall. **Minot Maser** is finishing up a graduate degree in psychology. **Holly Brown Aymond** has been in NC for the last six years. She stays home to take care of her eighteen month-old daughter, Margot. **Amelia T. Stachowiak** was married last May, honeymooned in Athens, Mykonos, and Santorini! She works for a Contract Therapist in a children's home, and for a teen pregnancy parenting program in a nearby school district. **Chris Wray** and his wife, Helen, have their hands full with their two kids, Caroline, 3 and Trip, 1. He left private practice to prosecute federal crimes as an Assistant US Attorney in Atlanta. **Edie Courtenay Green** is contracting for a computer software instruction company, and is expecting his first child any day! **Warner L. J. Brown** currently works in private banking for Bank One in Kentucky. He is also a part-time flight instructor. He and his wife, McCall, have two children: Warner, Jr., 3, and Ballard MacMillan, 10 months! **Todd Kearns** and his wife, Kate, had their first child, Asa Patrick, recently. "We are working for Deer Hill Expeditions in Mancos, CO." **Karin Flood** manages a non-profit organization in San Francisco to revitalize the downtown area.

1986

Maude Kebbon works in Administration at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center and studying for her Master's in Therapeutic Recreation at NYU. **Rob Gramlich** writes "I spend a lot of time helping my daughter put her dolls to bed and dress them up. My wife, Merrie, and I are actually looking forward to the total chaos that our second child will surely bring in a couple of months." **Michael Rassweiler** currently owns and operates a fifty-five acre organic farm! **Jessie Toland** is a Business Development Manager for Forrester Research in Cambridge, MA. **Benjamin Townsend** intends to graduate in the fall of 1998 and will be heading for the West Coast. **Alex Andreas** is part owner with John Lee Hooker of "John Lee Hooker's Boom Boom Boom" in San Francisco. **Lydia Hemphill** is teaching art history and photography at Deerfield Academy. **Meg Montgomery** teaches English and coaches field hockey and lacrosse at the Bishops School in La Jolla, CA.

1987

Ben Crawford is heading to the LBJ School in Austin, TX in the fall. He bumped into **Lydia Sanders** at the House of Blues in Cambridge, MA and **Mary Ellen Crain Knickerbocker** (who married Jeff Knickerbocker in May 1997) while in Rochester doing

Greek Summer recruitment. She is entering her 4th year as a child care center director in the Rochester, NY Federal Building. **Crawford Palmer** is playing for Lyon in the first division of the French basketball league. His wife, Sandrine, gave birth to a girl, Manot Elizabeth Jean Palmer, on November 26, 1997. **Hilary Auchincloss** is working in the Promotion/Marketing department at Cosmopolitan magazine and living in New York City. She is in touch with **Pammy Johnson Gammill**, "who had a future GS baby last year," **Sarah Smith**, who is living and working in Cambridge, MA and **Mimi Emery Pratt**, who is working at Beacon Hill Nursing School and expecting twins on May 20th! **Katie Madden** lives in San Francisco and works in corporate communications for Emery Worldwide, a transportation company. **Lulu Shaw** is pursuing a B.F.A. at the New York School of Interior Design. She sees **Ed Staunton** from time to time. **Jim Koutras** is wrapping up his final year of M.B.A. school at UCLA. He still makes time to surf and camp. He is going back to Greece over the summer! **Lucia Brown Thompson** is in her second year at Boston College Law School. She and her husband, Thaddeus, are expecting their first baby in May! **Lydia Sanders** lives in Boston where she is working as a management consultant. **David H. Foehl** is living in a new place. He is working as a monoclonal antibody engineer for Cancer Diagnostics Company! When it is finally time to play, he enjoys biking, traveling, and playing his guitar. **Flip Wood** lives in Ho Chi Minh City where she is the Business Development Manager for Building Products Corporation, an Australian company producing and exporting terra cotta tiles from Vietnam.

1988

Alexandra Fuhrmann works at Braintree, Story and Rose, LLC in Asset Management and "loving it!" **Marshall Farrer** finishes her M.B.A. from Tulane in May and will be moving back to Northern California to work for Fetzer Vineyards. **Elizabeth McLanahan** is enjoying her life in Washington, DC. **Trevor E. Wilde** moved to Los Angeles and is a Production Coordinator on short films, documentaries, and commercials. She is also on the lookout for **Penelope Wood!** **Topher Fearey** is working in NYC.

1989

Frank Fritts is working as a teacher at the Tuxedo Park School near the Tappan Zee Bridge in New York. He teaches 7th, 8th, and 9th grade history. **Liz Verney** works at Nantucket Bank as the Operations Assistant, but is moved to Bethel, ME in April. **Billy Murges** is living in Chicago, but thinking about a way back to Greece. **John Sargent** has been working for the Wall Street Journal for the last year and a half. He

got engaged to Heather Eilea Johnson in November, and is to be married on June 13th! **Peter Sommerfield** works for Met Life in Connecticut. **Charles Koutras** is an officer in the U.S. Navy JAG corps. "I'm a court martial defense attorney at Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL."

1990

Alex Sanger is working in the entertainment industry in Hollywood. **Amy Chamberlain** just returned from South Africa where she worked on a children's literary project. She will be working with a publisher in San Francisco until graduate school next fall. **Catherine Rogers** is an OB/GYN residing at the Univ. of New Mexico. She will complete her internship in June 1999 and plans on taking an extended vacation. **Janet McClelland** is still teaching high school history in San Francisco. **Laurie Baylor** is working as a clinical research nurse at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center. She is researching gastric and esophageal cancer, with the Chairman of Gastrointestinal Oncology. **Lulu Moran** works for a civil engineering firm in a water resources/environmental group. She is also in the Masters program in environmental engineering at San Diego State Univ. She is on the look out for **Christine Cairns**! **Sarah Jessica Barton** is finishing her M.S.W. in DC and working as a therapist with traumatized children. **John Hayes** went to Greece from August to December of 1997 studying classical archaeology and visited his host family. **Jenny Peterson** has been accepted to Union Theological Seminary in NYC and will attend beginning this fall.

1991

Colleen Madden teaches third grade at Wilmington Friends School in Delaware and is coaching girls' track. She coordinates a Sunday School program for ages 1-18 for a local Quaker Meeting House. "I am in touch with **Geoff Redmond** over e-mail." **Margot Matouk** graduated from Stanford in June '97 and is now working in San Francisco. **Julia Hoggson** works at the Center for Documentary Studies at Duke University. "I am a Project Coordinator for Literacy Through Photography, a program teaching children creative writing and photography." **Dimitri Karcazes** is in his second year at University of Chicago Law School. He just bought a townhouse in the city.

1992

Betsy Swingle lives in New York City and works in the Corporate Events Dept. at Robert Fleming, Inc., a British Investment Bank. She takes voice lessons. **Blake Henderson** is a student at Syracuse University. **Alexandria Marcus** is graduating in May with her B.A. in History. She is involved in various activities at Wesleyan Univ.; she is the President and founder of the

school's Hellenic Club! **Margaret Dean** graduated with a BS in Sociology from the College of Charleston, SC in December. She plans on going to grad. school at the Univ. of Charleston in order to pursue a Masters in Arts in Education. **Ellen McGlynn** just graduated from U. C. Berkeley! She has moved back to San Francisco and is working part time for Susie Woodson Interiors. She is planning a trip to Costa Rica! **Ross Blank** graduated from Harvard College in June '97! He is now taking a year off to travel and work in Southeast Asia, India, California, and China! He will start Harvard Medical School in the fall of '98! **Katherine Andrews** will be graduating from NYU's film school in May and hopefully getting a job in documentary film production when she moves to London in July! **Perry Aldige** is graduating from Duke in May and will work at a day camp in Virginia this summer. In August, she is heading for Rome, where she will spend the year teaching in the elementary part of Marymount International School. **Theresa Canavan** is at George Washington University getting a Master's Degree. She is engaged to be married! **Asa Palmer** is finishing up at Dartmouth College this year with a major in History and minor in Studio Art.

1993

Kedron Jarvis is a junior year Anthropology major at the University of Georgia. She works with a youth group at a local Episcopal church, loves to run, cook, and read. **Peter Mustalish** spent last spring in Paris. He graduates from Cornell in May. Currently, he is looking for work in New York City. **Andrew Madden** graduated from Georgetown last Spring and is now working in the San Francisco Bay area. **Tim Alexander** graduates from Colgate University in May, and is anxious about the idea that he has "gotta get a job!" **Mark Teifert** will have finished his associates degree at the end of this semester, and will be attending Arizona State University next year for his degree in Geology. He is the co-owner of a valley night club, and has become a chef in the last five years. **Nicholas Apostal** is excited about his graduation from Boston University in May! **Tatiana Papanicolaou** is finishing her senior year at Harvard and will be working at an advertising agency in NYC after graduation. She may return to Greece this summer to visit relatives. **Sarah Roberts** is graduating from UVM this spring, applying to Americorps in Massachusetts. **Brynly Brown** is majoring in English at the University of Hawaii. She is working at the Legal Aid Society of Hawaii. She runs the Division I Cross Country for UH, and after graduation, she plans on going to Kapi'olani Culinary School! **Kerry Shaw** is a junior at Stanford, majoring in English. "I'm working for a magazine called *Sunset* and learning how to jazz dance."

1994

Courtney Brockman is a junior at California Polytechnic University. She still keeps in contact with her Greek family! **Nick Drakos** is still a student at Univ. of Pennsylvania pursuing a double major in Chemistry and Economics. He is on the varsity wrestling team, and worked in Indonesia last summer. **Jennifer Acker** is a sophomore, majoring in Anthropology at Amherst College. She runs three seasons: cross-country, indoor, and outdoor track. She spent last summer in NYC working on Wall Street. **Chris Bramley** is playing jazz piano in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. **Gianna Irene Franzia** is a junior at Santa Clara University. She studied in Rome during the Fall semester.

1995

Lara Moultime is engulfed in her second year at Western Washington University hoping to major in Environmental Journalism. Her Greek sister, Glykeria, was married and has a baby girl! Lara visited **Peter Apostal** in Chicago this summer. Peter is at Skidmore, where he has a radio show on Saturdays and will be acting in many shows this semester. He is a Hall Counselor and is busy with academics, too. **Megan Connolly** is an East Asian Studies major at Smith College, where she is on the rowing team. She will spend the Fall of 1998 in China. **Stephen Michaels** is a Journalism major at University of Georgia. He is a DJ for WUOG, student run radio station, and will be driving across the country to Los Angeles this summer. **Jeff Gurtman** is a student at Cornell Univ. **Andrew Haug** is deep into his third year in medical school. **Benjamin Kruger** is a freshman at Brown Univ. Over the winter break, he worked at the Manhattan Theatre Club as an assistant playwright! He hopes to visit Greece and Polypetro this summer! **Will Folberth** is a freshman at Duke University. **Yoon Ahn** is in another year studying political science at U.C. Berkeley. Yoon has spent the past year exploring San Francisco, traveling through Australia, and experiencing Mardi Gras in the French Quarter. **Elizabeth Pavlides** is starting her freshman year at Boston University. **Kate Gardiner** is a sophomore at Colby College, playing field hockey, majoring in French and English, looking for a summer job in Boston, Newport, or Nantucket. **Kai Diao** is a junior at Babson College outside Boston, MA. **Damaris Dragonas** is in L.A. going to school for the semester. She has decided to study agriculture and environmental studies.

1996

Stephanie Mendell is a freshman at Colby College. She spent the summer with **Kathrin Opherk**, who came to NYC for five weeks. She also saw **Sarah Bryant** and **Stephen Mullen** this

summer. Sarah writes: "Too much work. But hooray for Vassar. Sleeping much. Taking art and Italian among other strenuous things." **Trish Del Grosso** attends George Washington University. She spent last summer, and plans to spend the summer of '98, living at the beach with some friends. **Marisa Gruber** is going to the University of Cincinnati, working at UPS and taking care of a golden retriever puppy. **Michelle Storkan** is a freshman at Colby College. **Loftin Flowers** is "unhappily enduring my last year of high school, having just completed an incredibly daunting college application process." **Corey Bennett** has a lot of work, playing ice hockey. She got into Harvard early and plans on playing ice hockey there. She is taking an ancient Greek/Italian class and planning a trip to Italy this summer. **Julia Fischer** is a freshman at the University of Richmond and is rowing for the crew team. **Gemina Gianino** teaches 2nd and 3rd grade at the Children's Workshop School in NYC.

1997

Bill Meyer was accepted to Dartmouth College for the fall. He says that **Alston Ramsay** "better come visit." He and his family went out to Colorado to do some skiing in February. **Julie Evangelou** had a wonderful time at the GS '97 reunion in NYC over the Thanksgiving holiday. Over the summer she is going to California for vacation and to visit some colleges. **Wynne Morgan** is enjoying her senior year at St. George's. She went to Spain in March. **Azi Fritz** is attending Miss Hall's School. She is horseback riding a lot and will be spending her summer at Lake Tahoe. **Sarah Sommerfield** has been accepted early to Dartmouth College. She and Greek Summer were featured in a special YM magazine produced by Nordstrom's department store because she is a "teenage hero." **James Eben** is on the Dean's list at Pomfret, coaching and eating Korean barbecue. **Katherine Ahn** continues her studies at University of San Francisco Med School. **Nick Rafferty**, **Tyler Boynton**, **Liv Wilson**, and **Anne Harvey** are finishing up a stressful junior year at St. George's. **Carreye Jane Shaw**, **Wynne Morgan**, and **Valerie Stiassni** are all finishing up senior year and awaiting word from college.

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Update on Information Center and Library

The American Farm School has been providing the up-to-date information required by successful farmers ever since its founding in 1904. The need for timely and accurate information in agriculture is more urgent today than ever before, as the farming population shrinks to only those who are well informed and current enough to remain competitive.

Continuing its time-honored mission to meet rural Greece's demand for information, the Farm School has developed a full-fledged Information Center and Library, equipped to provide information through both conventional (print) as well as electronic means. The Center began operation in 1986, introducing the mail delivery of agricultural information to Farm School graduates and others in remote areas of Greece. In 1991 the Center developed the first computer network of its kind in Greece, which linked geographically dispersed farmers to the Center's data bases located on the Farm School campus.

In 1996, in cooperation with the Union of Young Farmers of the Argolis in the Peloponnese, the Greek Telecommunications Organization, an Italian software firm, and a postgraduate business education institute in France, the Farm School's Information Center and Library created a unique new system of information dissemination. It consists of more than 25 clusters of Web-accessible services for farmers and others in the agriculture and food sector. The system offers a fully searchable data base with information updated daily covering news, legislation, prices, subsidies, agricultural suppliers, importers/exporters



High school Agronomy teacher Costas Lazarides (left) presenting a "tele-teaching" lesson while the College's Dr. Athanasios Gertsis (center) and Tassos Pougouras (right) look on.

and other agriculture and agribusiness-related subjects. It also features articles and press releases and an online agriculture bookstore.

One of the most exciting aspects, according to the Information Center and Library head Tassos Pougouras, is the group of video-based services, available through an Intranet linking separate "nodes" located throughout Greece, using an ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) - based network. The services may also be used by cooperating institutions around the world with ISDN capability who are outside the Intranet by using the Center's dedicated telephone line +30-31-989-230. The services include "tele-teaching," "tele-consulting," and "tele-conferencing." Farmers and others in distant areas can attend live courses presented by

experts in our high school and college programs on the Farm School campus, merely by visiting the nearest of the ISDN nodes our Center has set up all over Greece and "connecting" via the video screen. The "tele-conferencing" feature allows for live meetings on video between two or more points in Greece or abroad. The Center is cooperating with Kent State University and other U.S. and European institutions to maximize our tele-conferencing potential. These facilities and services offer virtually limitless possibilities in the area of information dissemination.

"We are confident that through these services we will help the Greek farmer to move successfully into the 21st century," says Tassos Pougouras. "Visit us when you come to campus. We would love to give you a tour of our facilities."

Dancing Away the Winter Blues! Greenwich Carnavali 1998



Trustee Manita Scocimara (left) greets George and Linda Post at the semi-annual Greek Carnavali party in Greenwich, CT. This year's celebration was in honor of Mr. Post's 40 years of service to the American Farm School as friend and Trustee.



The dance troupe of the Greek Orthodox Church in Stamford, CT, leads 200 guests of all ages in the evening's fun. Proceeds from the evening will benefit the Farm School's scholarship fund. A silent auction of traditional and contemporary Greek art and folklore attracted many lucky buyers.

Innovation in the College Curriculum



Bruce and Tad Lansdale in front of the Dimitris Perotis portrait and surrounded by faculty and student body following their lecture, "Building Tomorrow's Leaders."

One goal of the Dimitris Perotis College curriculum is to innovate – to make sure that new subject matter and fresh teaching perspectives reach the students. In the second-year Agricultural Business specialization course number DPCAS 2574, for example, entre-

preneurship means the real thing! Throughout the spring semester guest lecturers from the business world bring real life examples to the classroom. By interacting with the persons responsible for "success stories" in Greek agribusiness, students gain knowledge and insight into the com-

plex mix of ingredients that can lead a business to an impressive bottom line. To date the lecturers have included Pavlos J. Condellis, Chairman and Managing Director of Paul J. Condellis, S.A., exclusive representatives for the New Holland Company in Greece and Albania; Mr. K. Tzimas, Marketing Director of the Tsantalis wine and spirit company; Mrs. Stella Kovlaka of the Commercial Bank of Greece; and Christos Foliass, President of the National Federation of Hellenic Commerce. Each expert has shared valuable experience and advice with students, many of whom are already planning the first steps of their own business success stories.

Another offering is the Distinguished Lecturer series, in which distinguished guests present lecture topics to the entire student body and faculty. This year the series has included Dr. Antonios Timis, agriculturist and rural development expert; Dr. Manos Iatrides, management and communications consultant; Mr. Dimitris Analogides from the marketing division of Chemical Industries of Northern Greece; Dr. K. Safilos-Rothschild, internationally known rural sociologist; and former Farm School Director Bruce Lansdale and his wife, Tad.

"...To Plant a Hope"

"To Plant a Tree is to Plant a Hope" is a motto familiar to thousands of participants in the Farm School's Memorial Tree Planting Program – as well as to countless visitors to campus who enjoy the lush pines, spruces, eucalyptus and other shade and ornamental trees that define the Farm School landscape.

This January more than 200 friends of the Farm School carried out a tradition begun in 1921 of planting a tree in memory of a loved one, friend or colleague who has passed away. Pines, eucalyptus, flowering Judas and olive trees were planted in a memorial grove on the north side of campus, and the names of those honored were written in the "Book of Remembrance" kept in the School chapel of St. John Chrysostomos. Gifts to the Memorial Tree Planting Program are used to support the Farm School's environmental education programs. If you would like more information about planting a memorial tree, please contact the New York Office.



Charlotte and George Draper (center) with high school students during Memorial Tree Planting Day.

Automated Weather Station

One of the exciting concrete benefits of the "Cultivating Excellence" Capital Campaign is the installation of a fully automated weather station (AWS) to serve the teaching, research and production needs of the Dimitris Perrotis College and the Farm School as a whole. The AWS represents the latest technology in weather data acquisition systems and replaces the existing weather station that required students to visit a minimum of three times per day throughout the year to record the necessary weather information. (See cover photograph with the AWS to the left of the manual weather station contained in the white box.)

The AWS uses sensors and logging devices that record data to be downloaded to a portable computer or via a modem and telephone line direct to the laboratory or classroom. Nine weather variables are recorded by individual sensors every five minutes, and averaged per hour: air temperature; air humidity; total solar radiation; photosynthetically active radiation (PAR);

wind direction; wind speed; soil temperature; soil moisture; and rainfall.

Data will be used by Dr. Athanasios Gertsis, Assistant Professor of Soil Science and Plant Production, and others to predict critical growth stages of field crops. This year College students in an Independent Study project have planted an acre of sweet corn and will use AWS data to calculate "growing degree units," a reliable way to forecast the date the crop will ripen. The same data will be used for scientific research in crop production by Dr. Gertsis. In the high school Practical Programs, students will carry out integrated pest management practices by using data to predict critical temperatures for the emergence of fungus that can threaten the School vineyard.

The new weather station creates the opportunity for one of the College's first publishing initiatives: an annual report of meteorological data to be circulated to the education and research communities as well as to interested agriculturists, agricultural suppliers and farmers.

The Class of '99 "International Set"



The first foreign students to enroll at the Dimitris Perrotis College are (left to right); Violetta Dirmanova from Plovdiv, Bulgaria, Katharina Gugerel from Mainz, Germany, Eiton Mykerezzi and Eftila Tanellari from Korca, Albania, and Monica Ougrinska from Sofia, Bulgaria.

An "IFYE" Cornucopia

Thanksgiving is always a special occasion for giving thanks at the Farm School, and this year students had reason to be extra thankful. Ben Drotar from Denver, Colorado and Angie Gardner from Corvallis, Montana were International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) ambassadors whose six-month stay with Farm School students' families was real cause for celebration.

The IFYE program has brought young Americans to the Farm School for the last several years as part of an exchange program that also sends Farm School students to 4-H families in the U.S. This year Ben and Angie brought an extra special touch with their "Country Dancing" lessons. Girls and boys accustomed to doing the "Syrtó," "Tzamiko" or "Zorba Dance" became polished "urban cowboys" in a sensational precision dance program presented to the entire Farm School community. Though Ben and Angie won't be on campus for future Thanksgiving dance performances, a precious videotape of their Country Dancing workshops will help students carry on the tradition.



Ben Drotar (left, in dark shirt) and Angie Gardner (right, in dark jacket) with Country Dancing team at the Thanksgiving celebration.

From the Archives

Those of you who have visited campus will have seen the busts of John Henry House, founder and first Director of the American Farm School, and of his son and successor, Charles Lucius House. Dr. House was sculpted by Mr. Agop Agopoff in 1934, Charlie House by sculptor and Trustee Nellie Dodd Speers in 1963. The handsome bronzes stand in the garden of James Hall, our original classroom building. What is less well known, perhaps, is that a bust was made of Bruce Lansdale, who was the third Director of the School during the years 1955 to 1990. The sculptor, Mr. Efthymios Kalevras, is well known throughout Greece. At least 18 of his sculptures stand in Thessaloniki, includ-



Bruce Lansdale's bust to be unveiled May 24, 1998.



Dr. John Henry House with sculptor Agop Agopoff, 1934.



Dr. Charles Lucius House, a bronze by Nellie Dodd Speers, 1963.

ing those of the hero of Greek Independence Theodore Kolokotronis located near the White Tower, and of the archaeologist Dr. Manolis Andronicos (excavator of Vergina, including the tomb of King Philip II of Macedonia) near the archaeological museum. Mr. Kalevras also sculpted the bronzes of Joice and Sydney Loch placed in the Farm School weaving room. Mr. Kalevras will unveil his bust of Bruce this May 24 in the rose garden in front of Hastings House, as part of the all-day "Fair Day" event culminating in the secondary school graduation that evening. The rose garden is a memorial to Bruce's mother, Marjorie, with rose bushes donated by George and Elsie White. George served as the Director of Field Services in the American Mission to Greece following World War II, as Deputy to Bruce's father Herbert Lansdale, then Director of Post for the UNRRA (United National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration) program. Elsie was the landscape architect of the Anatolia College campus. Bruce and Tad will be back at the Farm School for the celebration, and we welcome everyone to join us that day to honor him.

Charlotte Whitney Draper

We are accepting applications for Greek Summer 1999.

If you know of any 10th, 11th or 12th graders who are looking for an exciting and challenging cross-cultural experience of community service and fun, contact the New York Office. Early application is advised.




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