

## Cadet Ball Set For February; George Brown Named Chairman



Pictured above, left to right, are James Cronin, '59, president of the Cadet Officers' Honor Club, and George Brown, '59, chairman of the annual Military Ball.

The eighth annual Military Ball will inaugurate the activities of Homecoming Weekend on Friday, Feb. 6, announced James Cronin, president of the Cadet Officers' Honor Society.

Tony Abbott's orchestra will provide music for the Ball. Tickets are \$4.

This dance is open to all PC students. It will be the only activity open to the entire student body on Friday

evening of Homecoming Weekend.

Cronin has named George E. Brown as general chairman of the ball.

Chairmen of other committees are Frederick Mullen, George Foley, John Kelleher, John Gulla, Kenneth Clements, Thomas Quinn, Basil Cronin, James Sullivan, Francis Honan, Harry Lyttle, and Leo Marcotte.

## ROTC Seniors Receive Army Commissions

Commissions as officers in the Regular Army have been offered to nine military science students, Col. Norman P. Barnett, professor of military science and tactics announced recently.

The men selected for these special commissions received the distinction as a result of their academic achievement, military leadership, and outstanding character. The nine seniors will receive the commissions next June upon completion of their college curriculum.

Arthur G. Boucher, Fairhaven, Mass., and Harry D. Lyttle Jr., Middlebury, Conn., will receive commissions as Infantry officers.

George R. Brown Jr., Providence; Richard B. LaFrance, Johnston, R. I.; and Wayne A. Tritak, New Haven, Conn., will all spend two years in the Infantry and then be transferred to the Finance Corps, the Quartermaster Corps, and the Transportation Corps, respectively.

Francis E. Honan, Providence, will join the Signal Corps. Dean B. Johnson, Providence, Leo R. Marcotte, Pawtucket, and Clermont P. Pare, Pawtucket, will be assigned to Artillery.

## Dorm Weekend To Feature Dance, Jazz, Hockey Game

With two days remaining before the start of Dorm Weekend festivities on Friday, co-chairmen Bill Mosher and Dave Ellis have expressed confidence that the three-day affair will be highly successful.

According to Mosher, preparations thus far have come along excellently "because of an experienced, hard-working staff."

The organized events of the Weekend will begin with a dinner-dance starting at 7 o'clock Friday evening in Aquinas Hall.

Fin Stevens and his orchestra will play for ballroom dancing in Aquinas Lounge from 8:00 to 1:00, while another of Stevens' groups will provide jazz and Dixieland in the lounge of Stephen Hall.

### Jazz Featured

Saturday afternoon's activities in Stephen Lounge will feature beer, pretzels, and jazz by Bill Weston. This phase of the Weekend's affairs will be held from 2:00 to 5:00. In the evening Weekend guests and their escorts will attend the PC-Boston University hockey game at the R. I. Auditorium.

Rev. Thomas R. Peterson,

O.P., a member of the Philosophy Department, will be the guest speaker at the Communion Breakfast following 10 o'clock Mass in Aquinas Chapel. Open house in the dorms from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. will conclude the Weekend events.

Carolann Club president Bill Clifford and the other club officers have extended their thanks to the co-chairmen and others who "have given of their time and energy to make the Weekend, the success it promises to be." Club members are reminded that there are still a few tickets left.

## Good Response

## AED Will Sponsor Two More Movies In Albertus

Two more color films from Bell Laboratories will be presented by Alpha Epsilon Delta, Jan. 13, in Albertus Magnus Auditorium.

"Our Mr. Sun" explains solar exploration, scientific objectives, research achievements, and their importance to modern life.

The second feature, "The Solar Battery," shows the sun as a basic source of power, how it makes possible the growth of flowers, trees, and crops which sustain life itself. It illustrates how a solar battery is made and how it works, and features the progress of man toward his dream of some day converting the sun's rays directly into usable power.

### Result of Interest

This year's program of films arranged by the Rhode Island Alpha Chapter of the Alpha Epsilon Delta is a direct result

of the interest shown in films presented in the past by the student body. At one time, films of this nature were attended only by members of the campus society, but as word of the general appeal of the films spread, more and more members of the student body also attended.

This year, the club decided to aim their program at the student body in general by presenting films on medical and dental topics that would appeal to the non-professional public.

In all, twenty movies have been selected by the club for presentation.

## Final Exams Begin Jan. 26; No Pre-Semester Recess

Classes for the first semester will end Friday, January 23, according to the official College calendar published in the Providence College Bulletin. Final examinations for the semester will begin Monday, January 26, and will continue until Saturday, January 31, inclusive. Classes for the second semester will commence the following Monday, February 2. The examination schedule, listing the time, date and place for each exam, as released by the office of the Dean of Studies, will be printed in the January 21 edition of the Cowl.

(See Editorial, Page 2)

A departure from traditional procedure is scheduled this year with the omission of the customary short recess after examinations, prior to the initiation of classes for the second semester. Explanation for this omission was not immediately available because Rev. Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., Dean of Studies, is attending an education conference in Kansas City, Missouri.

## Back At Desk



Back at his desk after a recuperation period from a recent operation is Dean of Discipline, Rev. Anthony A. Jurgelaitis, O.P. Father is also a professor of Spanish. Rev. Dennis C. Kane, O.P., of the Philosophy Department, assumed Father Jurgelaitis' duties during his illness.

Father Lennon draws up the calendar which is presented first to the President of the College, and then to the Administration, for approval.

One reliable source explained that the omission of the post-examination recess is due probably to the necessity for completing sixteen full weeks of classes for each semester, in accordance with state and national academic requirements.

## Series In Re-Run

"The Philosophy of Communism" series recently completed over WJAR-TV in Providence by Rev. John P. Reid, O.P., of the Philosophy Department, will be re-run over WJAR each morning at 6:30 for three weeks. It has been announced. The kinescopes began Monday, January 5.

## Father Gardner Leads Retreat This Weekend; 3 Others Scheduled

Rev. Thomas H. McBrien, O.P., College Chaplain, has announced that Rev. Royal J. Gardner, O.P., will conduct the closed weekend retreat to be held at the Dominic Savio Retreat House at Peace Dale, R. I., on January 9, 10, and 11.

About forty PC men will attend this spiritual exercise. There is a fee of \$1.00 for the bus ride to Peace Dale and \$10.00 for the retreat, room, and meals.

Father Gardner joins the Rev. Declan C. Kane, O.P., and the Rev. Charles Quirk, O.P., who have previously given these closed retreats.

Father McBrien announced that a future retreat will be conducted by the Rev. Thomas R. Peterson, O.P. The chaplain reminded all Catholic students at the College that they must make a retreat sometime during the scholastic year, either one of the closed retreats at Peace Dale or the annual retreat to be held on campus at the end of Lent.

### IN MEMORIAM

The Faculty and student body extend Sincerest Sympathy to Joseph Bateau, of the Class of 1962, on the recent death of his mother.

## Officials To Return Friday From Meetings

Very Rev. Robert J. Slavin, O.P., President of Providence College is attending the convention of the American Association of Colleges in Kansas City, Missouri, this week. Father Slavin is a member of the executive board of the Association.

Also in Kansas City is Rev. Joseph L. Lennon, O.P., Dean of Studies, who is attending a meeting of the American Association of Deans. He is also representing the College at the AAC convention.

Fathers Slavin and Lennon will return to the College Friday.

## Receives Award



FIRST WINNERS: Providence basketball captain Jim Swartz accepts the trophy symbolic of the championship of the first Providence College Holiday Tournament. Presenting the trophy is Athletic Director Rev. Aloysius Begley, O.P., while Coach Joe Mullany looks on.

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# THE COWL

## Editorials

### Give Us A Break . . .

Exam week at any college is hardly a tranquil, pleasant experience.

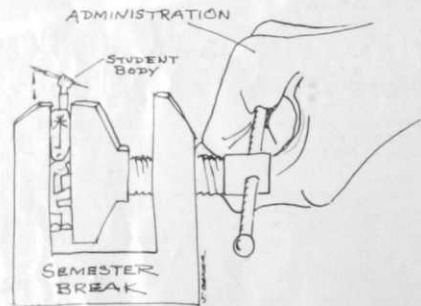
Lights dot the dormitory windows into the bleakest hours of the night as the butts of cigarette after cigarette are nervously mashed into heaping ashtrays; black coffee leaves the bitter taste of tension in one's mouth and the shelves of local drugstores are soon bereft of any caffeine preparation that promises to prolong the brief and fleeting hours of wakefulness, those last few moments needed to commit some elusive, all-important fact to a faltering memory.

We would like to respectfully submit for the Administration's consideration the suggestion that the complete omission of any semester break may prove an illustration of the law of diminishing returns. The maxim that "You can't get blood out of a stone" is quite appropos in the case of a student who, drained of his vitality, is compelled to return to his academic chores with but a single day's respite. It was no doubt the recognition of this fact that was one of the strong motivations for the original establishment of semester breaks by college authorities the nation over.

Investigation would probably bear out the contention that the average college student literally needs a brief rest to recuperate from the cumulative strain which accompanies a series of examinations. May we make so bold as to suggest that a short respite might be well appreciated by faculty members as well, with exams to correct and grades to turn in prior to beginning the second semester?

The increased length of the current school year makes it appear well within the realm of practicality that consideration be given to the restoration of at least a single day to the recently abolished semester break.

The value of such an action in terms of increased attentiveness and efficiency on the part of the student body would very likely more than counterbalance the loss of class hours involved.



## Regional Clubs . . .

During the Christmas holidays, many of the regional clubs of the College held social activities, not all of which were even financially successful. This brings to mind the question of the purpose and value of regional clubs in general.

Up to now, the motive of most of the clubs seems to have been "What can we do for our own amusement?" As a result, the regional clubs have confined themselves largely to social activities, with a few notable and praiseworthy exceptions. In view of the fact that even as social institutions the regional clubs seem to be striving for their very existence, it might be advisable to review the aims and achievements of our area organizations.

We suggest that our regional clubs proceed along the lines of "What can the fellows from our town do for Providence College? Or what can we do for the town? Or our Faith? Or society?" In place of social activities, then, we might see discussion groups, Catholic work shops, publication of the Catholic viewpoint through approved pamphlets or newspaper letters, visits to area high schools in behalf of PC, and so on.

In this regard, it may be noted that many students who are reluctant to spend time with a social group will not hesitate to support activities which they consider more worthwhile. Of course, the opposite is also true, but we do not feel that this is an insurmountable obstacle.

We recommend that our regional clubs take a new approach, and revise their ideals and aims. We believe that this move would add a needed stimulus to each club, and at the same time prove most beneficial to the College.

## Somebody Turn The Lights On, Please—Thanks!

Recently a group of friends were discussing a mutual friend's decision to join a religious order. The point at issue was, who had he chosen that particular order? One of the friends was silent until all had given their view and then he spoke.

Differed orders attract different people. It is quite possible to get a fairly clear notion of the personality of the man simply by knowing what order he belongs to. Let me illustrate this with a story.

It chanced that a Cistercian monk, a Franciscan Friar, a Jesuit, and a Dominican were in the same room quietly saying their office. Suddenly the lights went out. The Cistercian was a man of prayers. So familiar with the office was he that he did not notice the light failure but kept pacing back and forth peacefully among his orations.

The Franciscan, of course, was a man of simple faith. He knew that he was bound to say the office but could not without light. Knowing that God would come to his aid, he fell on to his knees and humbly arrived at a definition of light. Is it a substance or an accident? Is it a substance it is corporeal or non-corporeal . . . ? And he pondered on.

When the lights went out the Dominican paused to ponder the problem. First, he said we must arrive at a definition of light. Is it a substance or an accident? Is it a substance it is corporeal or non-corporeal . . . ? And he pondered on.

Suddenly, while the Cistercian prayed unconcerned at the difficulty and the Franciscan, full of faith, called upon God to solve the difficulty, and the Dominican pondered the difficulty, the lights came on once more. The Jesuit had gone down and changed the fuse.

## Ode To An Editor

The following is reprinted without permission from the NEWS of Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 14, 1958. It was originally plagiarized (according to the NEWS editor) by Bob Frommeyer, Associate News Editor. It is touching.

Getting out the paper is no picnic,  
If we print jokes, people say we are too silly,  
If we don't they say we are too serious.

If we stick close to the office all day,  
If we go out and try to hustle, (material)

We ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions,  
We don't appreciate genius;

And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

If we edit the other fellow's write-up, we're too critical;

If we don't, we're asleep.

If we clip things from other papers,

We're too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't we're stuck on our own staff.

Now, like as not, some guy will say  
We swiped this from some other paper.  
"Well, we did."

## Man of Distinction Blazer Debut On Campus; Additional Fittings Planned

A new sight around the PC campus is the recently designed Providence College blazer.

The most prominent feature of the precedent-setting blazer is the shield designed by senior Jim Baker of Newport, Baker, when queried concerning his opinion of the jacket said, "I liked the way it turned out. I think the embroidery of the shield was well-done and the effect of both the shield and jacket is pleasing."

Kevin McMahon, chairman of the blazer committee, substantiated Baker's statement by saying, "Everyone I've talked to has liked both the jacket and the crest. The response has been such that I am in the process of arranging for another fitting which will be announced shortly."

According to Jim Geary, who was chairman of the blazer shield contest, "There was apprehension felt by some members of the student body when the black and white drawing of the crest was printed in the Cowl. All those to whom I've spoken recently, however, have been quite well pleased with the shield as it finally appeared on the blazer."

## Aquinas Society Meets Tonight; To Discuss Adler

By John Hurley

The Aquinas Society once again resumes its schedule, this evening at 7:30 p.m. in Aquinas Lounge.

At least one more meeting is also planned before the start of the semester exams, according to moderator Rev. John P. Reid, O.P.

The topic for this evening's discussion will be an unusual one for the Society. Instead of discussing one of the Great Books themselves, Mortimer Adler's *How To Read A Book* will be the topic of discussion. Because Mr. Adler will be unable to make the meeting, Father Reid announced that he would substitute in his place.

This should be a most basic and interesting discussion, due to the great number of ideas that are concerned in this undertaking. Mr. Adler's provocative ideas have previously drawn much comment, especially in his three-readings method for tackling a book.

## — THE STAFF —

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Pictured above is PC's distinctive new blazer, as modeled by COWL associate editor Etainn P. Shrdlu. Incidentally, that is ginger-ale (PLAIN ginger-ale) in the glass. The crest on the blazer was designed by senior James Baker. Fittings for those who have not yet purchased the blazers will be held in the near future.

## Letter to the Editor

To the editor,

The Cowl:

Recently Father McBrien announced that the time of night prayers would be changed from 10 p.m. to the more convenient times of 5:20, and 6:20, after the two evening meals.

It was hoped that this move would increase the attendance of students at night prayers. Attendance has been generally poor; students have numbered as few as seven.

Let's have a big attendance at night prayers; let us look to the day when the student who does NOT attend night prayers will be the exception rather than the rule.

Sincerely,

Thomas O'Herron



**SQUEEZE PLAY:** Friar basketballer Len Wilkens is caught among a host of expectant rebounders in the finals of the Holiday tourney. PCers waiting for the ball are Johnny Woods, Pete Schementi, Backcourt men Jim Swartz and Johnny Egan are also converging on the action. Picture Courtesy of Veritas

## Dormies, Dates To View PC-BU Puck Fracas

### Hockey Club Shows Little In Hub Frays

By STAFF REPORTER

Having compiled a 2-5-1 record during the 1958 part of the hockey season, the Providence College hockey team swings back into action this week with three games highlighted by the Boston University game at the Auditorium on Saturday evening.

Tuesday the skaters faced a strong Northeastern six here in Providence. Tomorrow night the Friars journey to Springfield to play an equally dangerous AIC.

Saturday night's fray with Boston University will be one of the featured events of Dorm Weekend. Although they have lost to and tied the Terriers al-

ready this season, the stage could well be set for an upset.

**Top St. Lawrence's**  
Over the Christmas holidays, the Skating Friars had started off quite successfully with a "sudden-death" victory over supposedly powerful St. Lawrence, 7-6. Although trailing by a 4-2 count going into the third period, the surprising Larries came back with four quick goals. Their excellent passing and determination went for naught, though, as Pete Bergen came up with the winning goal in an exciting overtime period.

On the following evening, the team continued its winning ways with a 5-2 victory over the Tigers from Princeton. The supposedly weak Jerseyites gave a good battle until the "Maine

Line" came through in the last period.

**Tourney Doom**  
The Boston Tournament, however, spelled doom for the Friars. A revengeful Boston University team started things off on Saturday evening, coming from behind to catch PC, 6-4. The amazing Marquis did it again, and the number 17 plagued Providence all evening. As it turned out, this was nothing compared to what he did to the Spartans the following Monday.

Sophomore flash Joe Keough continued his good playing with two swift goals against the Terriers. Barile and Bergen contributed the remaining goals to the losing cause.

**Malden Night**  
Monday was Malden Catholic night at the Arena, as sophomore goalie Jim Logue opposed four of his former teammates on the PC team, John Turner, Pete Bergen, Jim Flaherty and Joe Keough. Although the amazing Keough continued his steady play despite weak play-making, his two goals against his former co-captain were unable to stave off defeat.

Boston College poured it on, ending up with a total of seven goals in the net. Logue was simply too much, turning back attack after attack, and making a grand total of 37 saves. The Eagles, smarting under their defeats at the hands of Clarkson and Michigan State, were in no mood for fooling around.

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**Thinklish translation:** To smuggle loot, this fellow dons his plunderwear. For street fighting, he wears a rumblesuit. He totes his burglar tools in thuggage. The only honest thing about him is the Luckies in his pocket. (Like law-abiding folk, he enjoys the honest taste of fine tobacco!) In the old days, he'd be called a robbin' hood. Today, this churlish but altruistic chap is a (good + hoodlum) goodlum!



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## P C Hoop Forces Face Springfield On Latter's Court

After winning three of four games played last week, coach Joe Mullaney places his Providence hoop club's 7-2 record on the line against a tough Springfield College team Saturday at 8:30 p.m. in the Springfield Fieldhouse.

The Gymnasts look to be a tough obstacle for the Friars to overcome, having lost only two games thus far this year, one being a startling upset by Worcester Poly Tech which does not seem to be a true display of their potential. Coming away from a victory in their own successful tournament last weekend, which they won by defeating Williams in the final, 77-65, the Springfield club will be led by Captain Al Byrne, voted the most valuable player in the Gymnast's Invitational Tournament.

Coach Ed Steitz has three players from last year's outstanding freshman team, which crushed the Providence freshmen twice. It is quite possible that all three will be in the starting line-up come Saturday night. Along with the high-scoring Byrne, other opposing standouts could be 6'8" Morris Towne and Bob Weickel.

Unfortunately, Len Wilkens could be among the missing at Springfield, nursing a severely sprained ankle suffered in the team's sub-par Brown performance. However, Jim Swartz, John Woods, Pete Schementi and John Egan will be in there as the Friars seek their eighth victory in ten starts.

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PHILLES COBBINS, U. OF WASHINGTON

# Brown Pulls Upset; Providence Stunned

By STAFF REPORTER

Winning streaks went a-wing Saturday night as Brown's inspired basketball team dropped Providence 72-64 at the winners' Marvel Gym.

Brown's upset triumph snapped a six-game winning skein for the Friars and was Brown's first win over Coach Joe Mullaney since he assumed PC's head spot four years ago. The win, played before an estimated gathering of 1,000, gave local hoop followers hopes that the Rhode Island college league won't be its usual runaway.

Coach Stan Ward, victim of Brown's lean years, employed a tight man-to-man defense against the accurate Friars and his Bruin students responded well. The losers took a lot more shots than they normally do—86—, but many of them were forced and the Friars registered only 25 of 86 floor tries.

## Winners Hot

But Brown had more than their defense working for them. The winners were red hot with a 22 point mark from big Al Poulsen. The rangy Bruin leader flipped in 7 field goals along with 8 charity conversions.

PC's top gunners, Johnny Egan and Len Wilkens, again contributed heavily, but Brown's defense checked their usual patented driving. Egan climaxed a spectacular scoring week with 26 tallies, while Wilkens kept pace with 18 markers.

With about three minutes remaining in the fracas, Wilkens incurred a badly sprained ankle and doctors said earlier this

week that the junior may be idled for at least a week.

The State title picture now is anybody's battle, even though fringes won't resume until another month. Right now URI is on top of the mythical loop with a 1-0 mark, while the Friars are 1-1. Brown is third with a 1-2 standard.



AROUND THE RIM: Len Wilkens may have had another two-pointer in the holiday tourney opener against Colgate.

Picture Courtesy of Veritas

## Sports Extra

While the student body was vacationing, the Providence athletic forces were hard at work, both the hoopsters and pucksters turning in brilliant performances and suffering disappointing defeats. The scores were as follows:

### BASKETBALL:

Providence 74 Colgate 59  
Providence 67

Boston College 60  
Providence 76 Gonzaga 65  
Providence 64 Brown 72

### HOCKEY:

Providence 7 St. Lawrence 6  
Providence 5 Princeton 2  
Providence 4

Boston University 6  
Providence 2

Boston College 7

### HIGHLIGHTS:

DEC. 30: The Mullaneymen's stirring triumphs in the Holiday Tournament, especially the upset victory over a highly ranked Boston College club;

JAN. 2: The appearance of Gonzaga University's 7'3" giant, Jean Claude Lefebvre, and the holding by the sterling Friar defense of the previously mentioned gent to one point.

JAN. 2: John Egan's 31 point performance against Gonzaga, alongside of the spectacular sophomore's scoring spree against Colgate (29), Boston College (25), and Brown (26);

JAN. 3: A stunning upset by the Brown Bears over a tired Black and White hoop club;

DEC. 18: Tom Eccleston's team springs trap against road-weary St. Lawrence team on Pete Bergen's overtime goal;

JAN. 2: Sharp reversal of form by the Friar sextet as they put on dismal showing, losing 7-2 to the Eagles of Boston College.

# Benny The Bookie Bitten As Under-Dog Bites PC

By DALE FAULKNER  
Sports Editor

OF THIS 'N THAT:

Benny the Book pulled the coupon from a pack of cigarettes and turned to the entertainment page of his Sunday newspaper. After glancing at those basketball scores, Benny resolved to bet the Celtics and Hawks that day. Those college games are too much.

In fact, backing the Hawks over New York last Sunday cost him a ten-spot, but it was nothing like what Brown and Texas did to the shrimp the night before.

Here was Brown struggling along its early season way, even getting dumped by hapless Yale, two weeks before. Fitted against the Bruins was Providence, a good seven point pick. Hadn't Benny read that PC had won its last six games? And didn't they have a big point-getter from Hartford? Yeah, that's right. "I even bet that kid Egan when he was in high school."

Then there was Rice, the class of its area against undermanned Texas. "This guy this morning sez, 'Texas shouldn't even be in the same gym wit' em.'"

So what happens? Benny takes the wife to his favorite roadhouse, confident in his college bets. But some of these college kids have desire, while some have good nights. Some of these college coaches'll do anything to win and some can get their kids really fired up. That's what happened.

So wasn't PC's loss to Brown a costly one? We're not sweatin' Benny's troubles. But Mullaney deserved a better break. The Friar coach was disappointed in

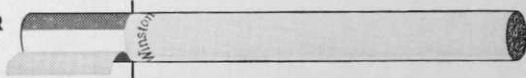
his club's performance, particularly when it was just starting to move.

And then there was the loss of Friar ace Len Wilkens, who sprained his ankle in the waning moments of the Brown debacle. The junior flash won't play against Springfield on Saturday. And ya know Springfield had a mighty fine freshman team last year.

But oversers can write off the showing against Brown as just a bad night for PC or a good night for the Bruins. The Friars played well in the first three games of last week and the grind may have been too much. They parlayed smart defense and their knack of getting fouled to dump Boston College, after overwhelming Colgate the night before. Those two wins gave Providence the championship of its first Holiday tourney.

The night prior to the Brown setback, the locals buried traveling Gonzaga in a well-attended Alumni Hall offering. It's too bad that staffers from the New York Word-Telegram and the Journal-American didn't see Egan in that one. For their sake, the AP told 'em that he canned 31, hitting on 13 of 14 foul tries.

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