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College remembers Meghan Kuhn '08

Unexpected death saddens campus

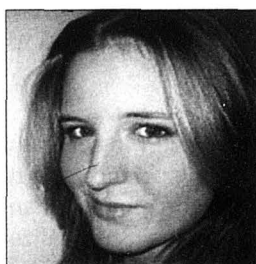
By WILLIAM D. ADAMS
PRESIDENT

Meghan Kuhn's favorite quotation was from Kahlil Gibran: "Life goes not backwards, nor carries with yesterday." She wrote about it in her essay for admission to Colby, and ascribed her fondness for it to the fact that she shared it with a favorite teacher, someone who told her, "Mediocrity is everywhere. Try not to accept it in yourself." Meghan posted those words on her wall, for inspiration.

What can we make of Meghan's death, of a life so suddenly and prematurely ended? I believe that we must tarry a bit with yesterday in order to honor Meghan. We should pause and think of her because she was unique. She was Meghan, a woman of great enthusiasms, self-deprecating and dry wit, a woman who, as she said,

was "usually bouncing down the hallway or off the walls. But the minute you need someone to talk to, she's in the seat right next to you, silent, patient, and understanding." She tore into her academic work—when she died she had already completed the requirements for a history major, in Science, Technology and Society. Her professors wrote to me expressing their shock and grief at the loss of this wonderful young woman, who added so much to our community by being herself, following her teacher's inspiring words, and learning all she could.

What we can learn from Meghan is that each of us is precious, and each has a unique role in our community. So we will tarry for a time with her memory and to honor her. Then we will honor her by making our unique contributions to the college she loved.



Meghan Kuhn '08

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Quotations from Meghan's Facebook.com profile

Meghan, I know God is looking upon you right now. And I will always remember you and I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Meghan, you are the most amazing woman. I am praying for you and your family. I Miss you.

**The best fifteen years
a friend could ask for.
I love you Meg,
and you won't
be forgotten.**

Meghan, I know we haven't talked in forever but I'll miss you and your family is in my thoughts.

Meghan, you'll always be remembered...always in our thoughts and hearts, rest in peace.

We love you Meghan

Meghan... I will miss you and you will always be in my heart!

Meghan... I don't know what to say. I was shocked when I heard the news. You will be missed so much. But you will never be forgotten. Your family is in our hearts. I love you.

Meghan you will be missed greatly. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

Meghan, you will always be remembered as a truly amazing person who had the ability to make everyone laugh. You're kind, loving, and thoughtful. I will never forget all of the beautiful memories and how lovely it was to have you in my life. I love you so much, Meghan.

The best fifteen years a friend could ask for, I love you Meg, and you won't be forgotten

I know you'll be with me, the family and all your friends for the rest of our lives. I miss you so much and will love you till time ends.

I love you Meg. I still can't believe you are gone, but at least you are in a better place now. I miss you so much.

We love and miss you <3

Every life you touched was better for it. We loved you.

There are no words... u and ur family are in my thoughts and prayers... love always

"Only the good die young"... forever in my prayers. Love always.

Meghan you will be greatly missed but now you are in a much better place.

We will all miss you so much Meghan, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers

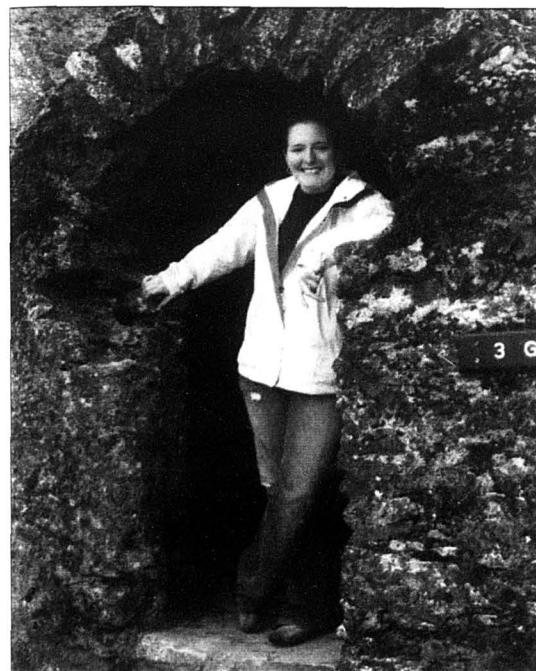
Meghan... I already miss you and how you always made me laugh! You and your family are in my prayers! You'll never be forgotten

I love you so much

We all love you and will always remember your smile and your kindness.

I love you boo. Napping coot forever xx

Since her death on May 4, family and friends have been using her Facebook wall as a place for remembrance and reflection.



COURTESY OF CAITLIN RUMRILL & ALAINA CLARK

Community gathers to mourn the loss of beloved student

By JIM TERHUNE
VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT AFFAIRS
AND DEAN OF STUDENTS

Nothing about this makes sense. Sun-splashed May days on Mayflower Hill are only supposed to be framed by Frisbees flying across the quad, care-free laughter and music spilling out of open windows, and countless conversations about procrastinated papers and Loudness and summer jobs. But this week these long anticipated short-sleeve days are tempered by the profound sadness we share over Meghan

and set goals and imagine a better life and a better world because we believe in what can be. But here we are—groping for answers and struggling to understand something that cannot be understood.

What we do understand, though, and it is significant, is that we have each other. Colby's strengths are vast and many but none may be greater or more important than the extent to which our common purpose here binds us each to each. Community at Colby is real and tangible and living. We're here for each other.

In her admission application Meghan revealed that she understood Colby even before she got here; and she knew that she belonged here. "Colby is the only [college] that I have really fallen in love with," she wrote. "It is the only one that I feel will challenge me hard enough." She understood too the depths of Colby friendships and the extent to which the human connections that are made here are an essential component of a Colby education. She knew there are times when "you need someone to talk to," and times "when you don't need advice, just a friendly shoulder."

Nothing about this makes sense. But as Meghan reminds us, if we can be there, and listen to, and take care of one another, we will collectively find our way.

Memorial Service
Tuesday, May 15, at 10 a.m.
LORIMER CHAPEL

Reception
Following the service
PAGE COMMONS

By TOM TESTO &
MICHELLE STARR
SGA PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

As we learned of Meghan's passing on Saturday, sadness and disbelief quickly swept over our campus. Our thoughts and prayers are with her friends, family and the entire Colby community as we struggle to deal with this tragic loss. The loss of a loved one is unspeakably heartbreaking for us all, but it is hard for us to not think of an individual like Meghan and smile.

Meghan was a kind and thoughtful member of our community, and for those of us that were fortunate enough to know her, it is Meghan's generosity and warm heart which will always be

remembered. In a community defined by a wealth of brilliant and inspiring individuals, Meghan stood out as a scholar and a friend. Meghan's warmth and positive spirit will remain in all of us, and our community is a more vibrant and meaningful place because of her.

Responses to an email from the Echo requesting submissions from the Colby community in memory of Meghan gave a very real insight into Meghan's presence on campus. One student wrote: "I can only hope that you knew how much you were loved and how much you meant to me and all of your other friends here at Colby." Similar words on these pages reflect how Meghan truly did touch us all. On behalf of all of Colby's student body, we offer our most sincere condolences to the friends and family of Meghan. Know that we are here for you throughout this difficult time, and our thoughts will remain with you and Meghan. As a member of the student body and a member of the Colby and Waterville communities, she will be deeply missed.



Meghan Kuhn with her parents.

COURTESY OF CAITLIN RUMRILL & ALAINA CLARK

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meghan kuhn '08 friends and faculty remember



COURTESY OF KATY BIZER

Meghan, I will always miss you. I'll remember the good laughs and times we had together 'roomie.' Love, Katy



COURTESY OF CATHY RUMMILL & ALANA CLARK

Hey Meghan,
When I heard you were gone I didn't actually believe it...I still don't really. I know you would probably think I'm being corny but life just isn't the same without you around. Though you were goofy almost to a fault, you did always manage to make me smile no matter what kind of mood I was in. You always helped me put things in perspective though laughter. If I was having boy problems, you'd tell me an awful joke or story. When class was getting ridiculously boring, you'd make faces at me and an occasional weird noise or two. You had the amazing ability to make light of every and any situation. I don't think I ever saw you without some sort of smile on your face...or sticking your tongue out at someone. When it is my time to go I hope that people will remember me just as I remember you...full of laughs. I can only hope that you knew how much you were loved and how much you meant to me and all of your other friends here at Colby. Love and Miss you.

Anonymous

I had Meghan Kuhn in several classes, this semester a senior history/STS seminar on the history of big science and technology in the 20th century. Meghan was a curious, strong, dedicated young woman. She loved reading, research and writing. She was not afraid of big topics. She realized that communities are the key to human happiness and success. Meghan was fascinated by the success of wind power in Hull and wondered why Americans elsewhere couldn't mimic the success of small town Hull, and why we insisted upon being so wasteful. She was a born leader in her own way. I, and all of her friends, mourn her loss; she showed us the way to live simpler, better lives.

Professor Paul Josephson
(STS, IS, history)

“When it is my time to go I hope that people will remember me just as I remember you...full of laughs.”



COURTESY OF MICHELLE EASTON

I do not believe that there is a student at Colby who can say with complete confidence that he or she know everyone on campus, and I am no exception. I am terrible with names, and I never had the privilege of meeting Meghan. However, I can say with reasonable confidence that I have most likely passed by her on my way to Diamond, sat within a few seats of her at a dining hall, or even shared a classroom with her. Just to confirm that I did not know her personally, I went on Facebook (of course) and looked at a picture of her at what I imagine was a Red Sox game, as she was in a baseball stadium wearing a Red Sox hat, and she's from Massachusetts. It's true that her picture proved I did not know her personally, but I wish that I did, because she

looked so sweet in that picture, and the fact that she was a Colby student means that she was most likely beautiful on the inside as well.

I am a shameless eavesdropper, so I proceeded to read some of the comments that friends and family had written on her "wall". I do my best to pretend that I'm a tough guy, and I can't remember the last time I cried, but that was the first time I cried from being on Facebook.

Zach Haas '07



COURTESY OF CATHY RUMMILL & ALANA CLARK



Meghan Kuhn took two classes with me. I remember her fondly as a dedicated and disciplined student. She was thoughtful and involved. I just said hello to her as she was studying in the "street" in Miller Library a few days ago, and I am still shocked by her sudden death.

Professor Raffael Scheck
(History)

The Meghan Rae Kuhn Memorial Fund

A scholarship fund in Meghan's memory has been established, and her family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be sent to:

THE MEGHAN RAE KUHN MEMORIAL FUND
C/O ROCKLAND TRUST COMPANY
438 COURT STREET
PLYMOUTH, MA 02360

Meghan was a wonderful person and a truly gifted student. Her sudden death was a tremendous shock to me and to many others who knew her. She will be sorely missed.

Professor Lenny Reich
(Administrative science, STS)

I'd just like to say that I knew Meghan as a dedicated student and a delightful person. She was warm, bright, honest, and utterly without pretension—the sort of person who made you optimistic about people. I will miss her, and I am terribly sad for her family and friends.

Professor Jason Opal
(History)



COURTESY OF CAITLIN RUMRILL & ALANA CLARK

The hearts aching at Colby over the loss of Meghan take the shape of friends, professors, staff and even mere acquaintances, for knowing Meghan even briefly was memorable. A loss such as this hits a community hard. No one can ever possibly be prepared for losing someone in this way and people come together to try to cope and attempt to understand. Meghan's beautiful spirit and exuberance

inspired so many to come closer over her memory and try to hold on with all their hearts to everything she brought out in them. The softball

team has come together this past week to try to do just that. Meghan was our team manager her freshman and sophomore year and she became a friend to each and every member on the team. She was always smiling, always pleasant, and always exuding a quirky sense of humor which made even those in the worst of moods crack a smile. Her love of the sport and dedication to the team inspired not only the players but the coaches as well. She truly touched the whole team. Although we will never be able to wholly get over the loss of such an important and enjoyable member, we are able to appreciate the vivacity and enthusiasm that emanated from Meghan everyday and try to convey some of that as we remember her smile, her laugh and her heartening presence. On behalf of the softball team, we want to celebrate the inspiring person that was Meghan.

Amanda Roehn '08

“...we love her very much and will miss her a great deal...”

I got to know Meghan her freshman year, she came out for the softball team. Though she wasn't asked to join the team Coach Bailey asked her to be our manager. It takes a very special person to step up and take that role in that situation and I think it said a lot about her as a person. She was always happy to be at games, and would often come down to practices as well. She clearly loved everything she was involved in and put everything she had into her activities. She was a very personable girl who I had a great time with. We definitely missed her when she didn't come back her junior year, there was a hole on the team when she left.

Anonymous

Meghan was a character. I knew her because she was the manager for the Colby softball team for her first two years here. I still remember sitting around with her and the other '08's in a tiny hotel room in Florida over spring break trying to come up with ideas for a skit that us lowly freshmen had to perform in front of the upperclassmen, coaches and parents. She was so funny, so creative, so fun to be around...and she could do a great Coach Bailey impersonation. Just the fact that she gave her valuable time to help out the team so much goes to show what a great and selfless girl she was. She never complained. She came to every game she possibly could. She was a trooper. She was our friend. She will be missed so much.

Molly Puskar '08



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Meghan Rae Kuhn '08
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Bet you thought this was a real issue huh? Nope. Nothing but lies.

May 18, 2007

Wolves return to Maine; Attracted to Security Officer's unique scent

By LILAC CORNUCOPIA
EX-ES MAJOR

For the first time in over 100 years, gray wolves (*Canis lupus*) have been sighted in the Northeastern United States. The animal, which had been eradicated from this part of the country largely due to hunting and land development, is believed to be attracted to the scent of Colby Security

three pre-frosh have been reported missing by their hosts; they are assumed to have been abducted by the wolf family to be raised as feral in the Arboretum. The class of 2011 looks to be slightly less diverse.

The Office of Security is researching the matter in conjunction with the Biology Department. Biology professors believe that Rizzo emits a scent previously unknown by modern science that contains pheromones which wolves find especially appealing.

"We're all quite flabbergasted, to be frank," said Biology Department Chair Bunsen Honeydew Ph.D. "We had no idea the human body could produce such an odor. We're also looking into the frequent howls Officer Rizzo makes when he is on duty [usually after encounters with inebriated students who are faster than he is]. They are three octaves higher

than the average human octave, corresponding with those of wolves."

The Office of Security favors a different theory. "We believe the wolves are attracted to fear. Students afraid of getting in trouble because they [know] they are breaking the rules are probably attracting the wolves," said Director of Security Julius Caesar.

While the College looks to cope

with the chaos spurred by wolf sightings, others welcome the wolves' return. The Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife is praising conservation efforts, claiming that the Federal Endangered Species Act and various state laws are especially important in protecting this creature. The Department is in the process of planning public education measures, reinstating monitoring and measurement efforts, and is asking for cooperative efforts from parties with a stake in the wolf's future in Maine.

The Maine Wolf Coalition is also especially excited. "We're very thrilled to welcome back this beautiful animal. We will do anything to protect it. Absolutely anything," growled Coalition President Hairy Lupine, speaking from his den in Lewiston.

While scientists may be excited, students are not.

"When I got cited for an open container because I hadn't finished my entire handle of whiskey, I was pissed," one student remarked, "but now, wolves? Are you serious? He's putting the whole campus in danger."

Several reports have placed Rizzo in close proximity with the wolves, with some operating as his minions. "I think that it's safe to say we shouldn't have wolves running around campus, bothering students for otherwise minor indiscretions," students said. Some likened Rizzo to a wolf himself, "using his position of power to prey upon students."

Either way, the Dean's office recommends that students avoid both wolves and Rizzo.

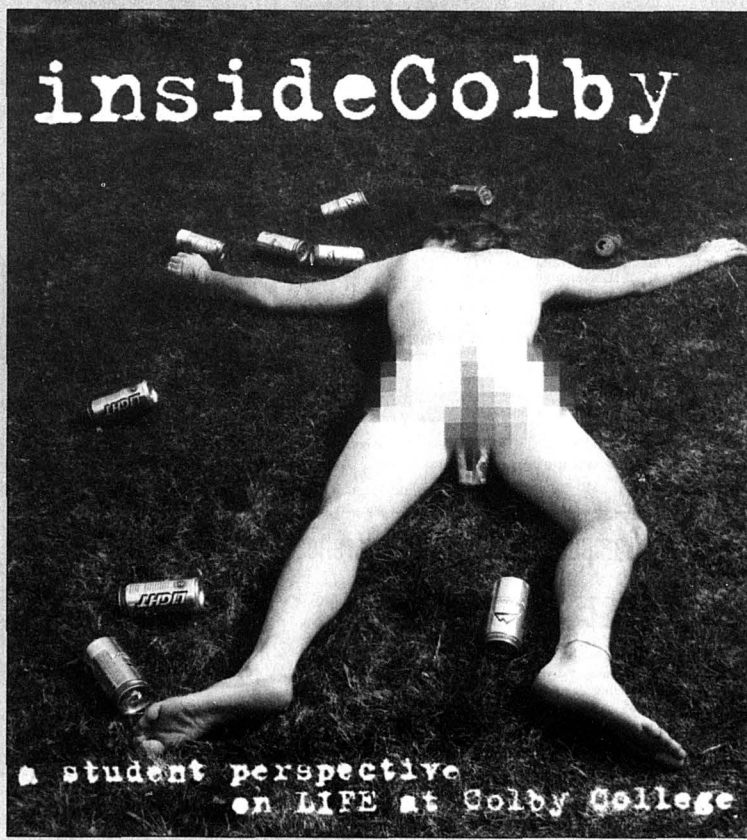


A wolf.

Officer Michael Rizzo. Rizzo's tenure at the College, which began earlier this year, has coincided almost perfectly with the return of the wolves.

The elusive gray wolf has been spotted in packs grazing in the dumpsters near Roberts Union (location of Security offices), running up Runnals Hill, and howling at the moon from Dana Beach. Adding to the chaos,

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DRAMATIC RE-ENACTMENT

Colby Republicans will sponsor Two-Tray Tuesdays in dining halls

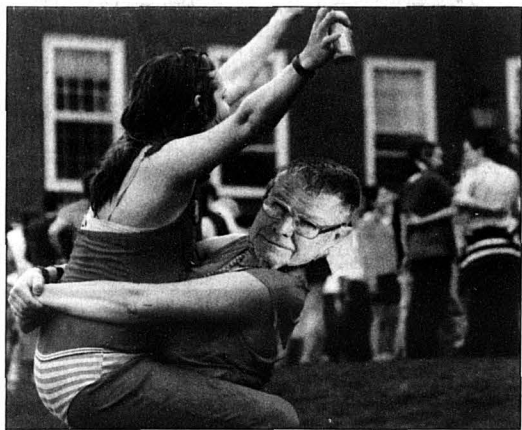
By COMPLETELY BIASED
ONE-SIDED JOURNALISM

In response to the recent "Trayless Thursday", the Colby Republicans are sponsoring an initiative to mandate the use of two trays by all dining hall patrons every Tuesday. The group hopes to raise awareness for rich people in the First World with access to clean water.

Starting next Tuesday, every diner at each of the College's dining halls will be forced to use two trays to carry food, beverages, and utensils; all are encouraged to use three trays. Those who successfully manage to use four trays will win a gift certificate to Wal-Mart.

The Republicans said that they are trying to show students of privilege on this campus that it's okay to indulge in excessive behavior. "You've earned it," Colby Republicans President Thomas Bennington III said. "Living a luxurious lifestyle will show those less fortunate the benefits of hard work and the American dream. How are we supposed to inspire the masses to work hard, if hard work only leads to sacrifice?"

"We're just trying to present another view, one that is often stifled on this extremely liberal campus," said Colby Republicans Treasurer Doug "Tax



Commencement speaker Thomas Schelling participates in "Senior Steps."

Speaker confused by tradition

By ACE
STEPS CORRESPONDANT

In a bizarre turn of events, commencement speaker Thomas Schelling got a little more than he bargained for when visiting the College last week to get a "feel for campus life."

The noted economist accidentally coincided his visit with the infamous event, "Senior Steps." Taking the tradition's name literally, the 67-year-old Schelling joined the mob of students on the Steps, and even donned a traditional costume: a red outfit matching a newly made friend. "When I heard that 'Senior Steps' were taking place, I thought, well, this would be a good

time to meet some people my own age. Needless to say I was a little confused as to what was actually going on." However, he quickly fit in after some Averill residents helped him find appropriate clothing.

Schelling later said that while he certainly got more than he bargained for, he hoped he could use the event to relate with students. "In my day," he began a long winded story, "...we liked to stick it to the man too."

Students were surprised to find him on the steps, and the image of a mature adult (compared to the heathen members of the graduating class) participating harkened back to Rick Greenwood '05, the last 40+ participant.

Campus wind power experiment fails

By HUGH JASS
TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDANT

The most recent campus effort to promote "Green" lifestyle and sustainable living has failed miserably, with wind power experiments causing reoccurring blackouts on campus. During the last week of classes, the College went to wind power and went off the Central Maine Electric Company Grid, resulting in several power losses. "Shit hit the fan," President William D. Adams said.

Director of Electrical Affairs Jen Smith said that the idea for wind power generated from a studio art class. One student, Hal Fries '09, created a windmill installation for his final project, placing the piece on the lawn in front of Goddard-Hodgkins residence hall, the home of campus hippies. Fries contacted Smith, suggesting that they use the apparatus to provide the campus with power.

While initially well intended, the project failed for basic reasons: the windmill was a piece of crap and when the wind stopped blowing it left the campus without power.

The power outages interfered with students in libraries studying for exams, writing final papers, continuing to download music illegally and checking their Facebook.com profiles. "It pissed me off that I couldn't write my paper, but I missed out on hours of Facebook time," one student remarked in a fit of rage.

"I guess I would say my first mistake was trusting an idiot like Fries," Smith said. In her own defense, she noted that the windmill created so much wind speed originally that it

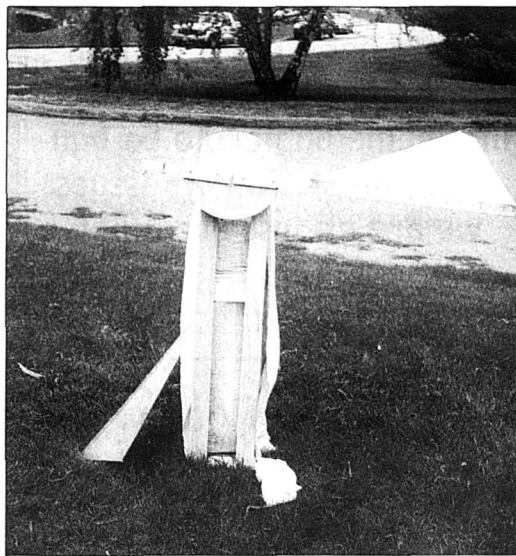
drew concerns from Security, and almost maimed several hippies that had wandered from the Green House and gotten to close the windmill.

Other students interviewed said they could not believe Fries was trusted to handle such an important aspect of campus infrastructure, while one student called him "an artist."

While some would consider the experiment a complete failure, Smith said there is still room for experimen-

tation, but that for the time being the College would not rely on student artwork to power the Mayflower Hill grid, and return to using CMEC as the only source for campus electricity.

In the future, however, Smith said the College would consider using other clean energy possibilities such as wind socks on the Miller steeple and energy powered through student cycling shifts.



The recent experiment in wind power failed miserably.

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Everything in this issue is a joke, if you take it seriously, you might get offended. Instead, enjoy the light-heartedness, but if



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you are faint of heart, or offend easily, don't read Mark Biggar's column on Page 3. You probably won't like that. Don't worry, we



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have pictures of puppies, kittens, etc. on page 7. If that's all you can handle, you should just go look at that until you feel nice.

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