AUK Provides Haven for Students Fleeing Lebanon

By Dina El-Zohaby

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Crisis in Lebanon, the academic careers of

many students in Lebanese universities

were disrupted and for many it was a turning point in their lives. Those who

were able to flee the war-struck country had to find an alternative place to go to until it was

safe to return. AUK served as a feasible alternative for many students, especially those cur-

cently studying at the American University of Beirut and the Lebanese American University.

Through the Admissions Office, students were admitted to AUK as either visiting or transfer

students. Visiting students may take courses for up to two semesters, and then have the

option of either going back to their home university or of staying on and enrolling as

regular students. Transfer students, however, whose admis-

sion procedures are more complex, have their awarded credits transferred in order to continue

their studies and graduate from AUK. The Admissions person-

nel took into consideration the fact that the students applying probably had all their original

papers back in Lebanon and could hardly communicate with their university’s Registrar of-

fice. Therefore, the procedures were simplified and copies of required documents accepted.

Hasnaa Saab, a student majoring in Communication Arts at the Lebanese American Uni-

versity in Beirut, is one of many Lebanese university students who have come to AUK. Hav-

ing lived and graduated from high school in Kuwait, she preferred AUK to the American Uni-

versity in Cairo, Egypt, where she had also applied and been accepted. Regarding her

graduation plan, Hasnaa will continue her studies at AUK only if most or all of her 18

transfer credits are awarded.

Speaking of the transition, Hasnaa optimistically assures that “[it] was okay for me and I

hope my career in AUK will be better than LAU”.

She is also one of hundreds who fled the country by car and then flew safely from Jordan to

Kuwait, where her family is living. Hasnaa recommends introducing the Communications

Arts major to AUK and she admits liking the university so far, stating, “I have lots of friends

here and I like it more everyday.”

It was not only Lebanese students who sought educa-

tional refuge in AUK, but also Kuwaiti students who were

studying in Lebanon at their own expense or as part of an

external government scholarship granted by the Ministry of

Higher Education. But all students coming in from Lebanon

shared common ground: all had reluctantly left their studies

there because of circumstances beyond their control.

A Special Section for AUK’s newest students

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Computer Science students “Moodle” AUK.

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Attention Students

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For timing of Intensive English classes during Ramadan, students should consult their instructors or Ms. Margaret Combs.

Food & drinks will be provided by Student Affairs and SGA on campus daily for fasting students.
Financial Aid for AUK Students
The Ministry of Higher Education announces new scholarship program.

By Dina El-Zohaby

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his year for the first time in Kuwait, the Ministry of Higher Education announced an international scholarship program for Kuwaiti nationals. The Ministry is known to offer yearly scholarships for academically talented Kuwaiti nationals who yearn to continue their studies in universities abroad.

Current AUK students, diploma holders and high school graduates are in hope of being awarded the scholarship, which covers the cost of Intensive English courses in addition to the four-year program leading to a Bachelor’s degree.

Students, who only had to pay for their books each semester, could only apply to one of the three private, accredited learning institutions in Kuwait, namely AUK, ACK and GUST. AUK’s scholarship program was rolled out in two phases, each aimed at different student categories. The first phase began on the 1st of July and lasted for three weeks, during which around 200 students approached the Office of Admissions to apply. 157 students were then selected among whom 140 have become part of the AUK family either as undergraduates or Intensive English students.

Diploma holders from PAAET (a public academic institution in Kuwait) are allowed to apply in addition to summer graduates who are eligible to apply during the second phase of the program, which started on the 27th of August and only lasted until the 6th of September. Since the total number of AUK seats earmarked for scholarship recipients was only 35, the number of students who applied was a lot smaller.

Overall, the program posed a challenge for every administrative department at AUK but especially for the Admissions Office, whose employees regularly stayed late at work and came in on Thursday mornings as well. In coordination with the Finance Department, student staff and staff workers did a great job and were motivated to work through to the very last day. It is anticipated that the next scholarship programs will proceed in a smoother way after the experience gained from this summer’s.

As noted in the catalog on page 24, “As per law no. 34 of 2009 on Establishment of Private Universities in the State of Kuwait (Article 6), private universities/colleges and branches of foreign universities shall abide by the following: 1. Operate its buildings to ensure gender segregation in all departments, disciplines, and student activities. 2. Observe Islamic values and time-honored traditions in relation to students’ costumes and activities.

Some students may have decided to attend AUK because being modeled after the American higher education system, they may have figured AUK would not segregate because it is cause not done in America. Others now realize we do segregate at AUK because they were dropped when they registered for single-gender class but happened not to be part of that gender! Some may not care one way or the other. Some opinions may favor segregation, others argue against it wrong with such opinions. Others may think the concept is old fashioned. After all, at private school there was no segregation at all. The fact of the matter is that AUK must abide by the laws of Kuwait. Students are well within their rights to debate this issue. It is not going away and until it does, AUK will abide!”

Just “Click” and Check It Out

By Fahad al-Takhaim

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hat if you had a universal remote that controlled your universe? Haven’t we all indulged ourselves in that fantasy every now and then? Haven’t we all dreamt about controlling our fate and what is it all fun and games—as you may now be watching Adam Sandler’s latest summer blockbuster, Click! Thanks to director Frank Coraci, Sandler still delivers the goods! Happy Father’s Day and I believe that shows shades of vintage Sandler, which is always good for the legion of loyal fans who’ve been with him since day one—this writer being one of them of course! The movie basically revolves around a “universal remote” which controls the life of whatever owns it. As radically cool as that sounds, things go wrong—BIG TIME!

It is always fun to laugh at the troubles but get ready to cry in this one. This movie is not simply one big sci-fi trip for it also servesas a moral lesson. Believe me, there are those scenes that will force you to wonder about the things you ignore or take for granted in your life. I believe that this movie will help reinforce the fact that the duo Coraci and Sandler will eventually bring some magic to the silver screen. Who could ever forget The Wedding Singer? Speaking of which, fans of 90’s music will recognize some hits from The Edge, Tears for Fears and more by listening to the soundtrack of the movie. Again, it would not have been a successful movie without some old school tunes.

All of the movies that I’ve seen lately, Click is my favorite of the bunch. True, I might not be doing all the others any justice by making such a bold statement, but you know what I mean. And I believe that once you’ve seen it, you’ll know what I mean.

To the delight of many Maki addicts, Maki has finally opened another branch in the most recent addition to Marina World. The new Maki is now situated in Marina Waves, which is right between Marina Crescent and the Salwa Sabah Al-Ahmed Multipurpose Hall. Maki goers were pleasantly surprised to find that the recent location is a tremendous change from the old cramped one in central Salmiya. It boasts sea-side views from both sides of the restaurants with ceiling to floor windows.

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Maki is known for its incredible variety which can be seen from the various Maki rolls that customers have designed themselves. AUK student such as Sara Taha designed the Taha Maki, “I was encouraged by my friends and Maki staff to create my own Maki roll. I went into the kitchen and picked out my favorite bits and pieces to make the roll. I mainly focused on the sauce since it determines the taste of my creation.”

Even though the seating has nearly doubled make sure you have a reservation a couple of days in advance. Maki mania is in the phase of building up, fooding, service, and now an amazing view.

For reservations call 224-4560 or visit www.oliversmaki.com

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It is my pleasure to announce the Dean’s Honor List for the Spring 2006 Semester. In order to be honored with inclusion in the Dean’s Honor List, a student must meet several important academic conditions including a cumulative semester Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.5 or higher. The students listed below have achieved an excellent scholastic record during the Spring 2006 semester and their fine work is certainly worthy of recognition.

Being placed on the Dean’s Honor List is a source of considerable pride and satisfaction to the students, their families, and their professors. On behalf of the American University of Kuwait, I extend my congratulations to these students and wish them continued success in their studies.

Sincerely,
Marina A. Tolmacheva
President
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
American University of Kuwait

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Thursday: 10am – 4pm
Friday: Closed

Ramadan Library Hours
Saturday to Wednesday: 9am – 3pm; 7 - 10pm
Thursday and Friday: Closed

The Library: Your Partner in Education

By Ali-a Al-Rehla and Fatmah Al-Qadfan

Studying independently and being able to conduct research that complies with your studies is a major component of university life. That said, students are in need of a place that offers both the services and the resources to facilitate this profound learning process and turn “success” from a vague and misconstrued word into a way of life. This ‘magical’ place is of course the library – a place “where people, one frequently finds, lower their voices and raise their minds” (Richard Ad- mosaic)

AUK’s library provides all the aforementioned functions. It is available to the student body whenever they are in need of help with their studies, giving them a very spacious area to work in, resources such as books, periodicals, newspapers, a collection of DVDs and videos, computer access, and services that include assistance with class work. Another advanced service that the AUK library provides is AUKwire which can be accessed on campus through the AUK website. It links to various online databases including EBSCO, JSTOR, Britannica, Philosopher’s Index, Grove Music, Project MUSE, AnthroSource, LexisNexis Academic, and soon Oxford English Dictionary will be available as well. In addition to all this, the library conducts instructional sessions to familiarize students with the available facilities.

Dr. Harvey Varret, the director of AUK’s Library, spoke to the Voice of AUK about the challenges of working in a newly established library. He talked about being able to experiment and make choices without being held back by tradition. A competent staff and rapid technological growth allow AUK’s library to expand slowly but surely. The aim is to push students intellectually, to provide them with a place where they can do most of their coursework and receive help from well-trained, experienced personnel.

One of Dr. Harvey’s visions is to connect the library to the institution. His job is to ensure that the library becomes more than just a place where students come in to chat. According to Dr. Varret, what students need to understand is that this is their library. They should feel comfortable within its walls and be able to ask for assistance. The library is a partner in the education process, and so the student must be able to work with it. Students should also learn to own their education and take responsibility, because success or failure will only affect each person individually.

In addressing the students, Dr. Harvey stressed that there is a ‘difference between effort and performance; and the amount and quality of work matters. You get to decide how good you are going to be and if you decide to push hard, you will find a lot of support from fac- ulty. Always try to be as good as you can be and provide the best that you can. Try not to just be ‘good enough’ and settle for that; it is all about attitude.”

First AUK Intern at Dartmouth

By Hussein Yous El-Dine

I landed at 11:30 pm on June 19th, 2006 at Boston airport ready for a new experience. Waiting outside was the limousine that would take me to Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire. The trip was three hours long from the airport; by the time of my arrival in Dartmouth, I had already been up for 16 hours. The plan was for me to stay at the Hanover Inn—a beautiful old hotel just across from Dartmouth College—for three days until I moved into a dorm room on campus.

The next morning was a new day in life. I was met by a woman named Rose, who had arranged for us to tour around campus and to meet the staff of the Russian Foundation. This is a center at Dartmouth that specializes in language programs, and it is where I worked during my stay. At first I was shocked at how big and different the camp- us was from AUK, and it took me some time to get used to it. Before leaving Kuwait I knew that this trip would carry lots of new experiences for me. One such experience was teaching Arabic to a class of seven students in which we only used modern Arabic as the means of communication. Another experience was hiking a 5000-foot mountain, which involved four hours of climbing at an angle which was close to being vertical, and of course drinking vitamin water. Thirdly and most importantly, was laundry. It was my first time ever to do my own laundry and I had to go through training of separating colored clothes from white ones (apparently it actually makes a difference!). It was fun as far as laundry because you could push hard, you will find a lot of support from fac- ulty. Always try to be as good as you can be and provide the best that you can. Try not to just be ‘good enough’ and settle for that; it is all about attitude.”

See You There!

Got Questions?

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Anger Management 30 October 2pm - 3pm MPR
Exercise & Weight Management 06 November 2pm - 3:30pm MPR
Anxiety 13 November 11am - 12pm A206
Recovery from Car Accidents 04 December 2pm - 3pm A208
Skin Care 19 December 2pm - 3pm MPR
Eating Disorders 08 January 2pm - 3pm MPR

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Student Success Center Fall 2006 Workshops

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ACADEMIA

An anonymous Dartmouth student shows a blurry Hussein how to do laundry.

American University of Kuwait
A Letter from Freshman Rep Tareq al-Rifaai

Dear new faculty, staff, and students,

Welcome to an academic year that has come too quickly for some, too slowly for others, but right on time for the Class of 2010. To the newcomers in our midst — I extend my warmest greetings. To the familiar faces, welcome back to what we have come to know as “the best old place of all!”

I would like to take this opportunity to say how happy I am to have the Class of 2010 on our campus. You have all prepared for this day in many ways and — it probably feels like — for many years. You have been chosen with great care and you will surely enrich the intellectual and social life of AUK.

Every class aspires to be known forever as great, and yours will be no exception. Greatness will lie not only in what you achieve while you are here, but also in the traditions and perspectives that you bring to AUK, and, most importantly, in how you use your AUK education in the future to make the world a better place.

This fall we welcome a number of new faculty members, a group of men and women who personify AUK’s aspiration to combine the commitment to education that is normally associated with a small liberal arts college with the scholarly rigor of a great university.

Our staff has also grown, ensuring that AUK’s intricate gears continue to turn smoothly. The work of the staff is often performed in places and at times that shield them from the public eye, but all of us are grateful for their contributions, and all of us would very quickly feel their absence.

In closing, let me take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, prosperous and fulfilling month of Ramadan.

Sincerely,

Tareq al-Rifaai
Freshman Committee
Student Government Association
**Finding Your Way Around Campus**

1 – Sciences Building
The main building where Arts and Science classes are held.

Ground Floor:
- Student Affairs Office
- Academic Affairs Office
- Student Lounge
- Testing Center
- Students’ Computer Lab
- Starbucks Coffee

First & Second Floors:
- Classrooms and Computer Labs

Third Floor:
- Faculty Offices

12 – Kwik Kopy
Kwik Kopy takes care of students’ everyday needs such as photocopying, binding, printing, etc.

13 – Courts
AUK has 3 courts which can be used for basketball, volleyball and tennis.

14 – Soccer field
AUK’s soccer field.

15 – Student Parking
A parking lot reserved (not!) for AUK students, faculty and staff.

11 – Center for Continuing Education
An office for students outside of AUK who are interested in registering for continuing education classes.

3 – Center Classroom Block (IEP Classrooms)
Classrooms for IEP students only.

10 – Office of Registrar
Students come here to carry out registration procedures for courses, scholarships, etc.
1. **Library**
   AUK’s state of the art library. Also contains Le Mason Du Café.

2. **Liberal Arts Building**
   AUK’s latest addition to campus where humanities, liberal arts and social science classes are held, including faculty offices. The overall contents of the building have not yet been determined.

3. **Science Labs**
   Laboratories where certain science classes are held.

4. **IEP Computer Labs**
   Computer labs designed for IEP students only.

5. **Office of Admissions**
   Where people can apply to enroll at AUK or enquire about admission requirements. Also contains the International Clinic.

6. **Administration Building**
   Contains the Administration and Finance Dept., including the president’s office and AUK Bookstore.

7. **Multipurpose Room**
   A large room used for different purposes such as speeches, meetings, exams, dinners, etc.

8. **Faculty/staff parking**
   Parking reserved for faculty and staff only.

9. **Faculty/staff parking**
   Computer labs designed for IEP students only.
Dean Carol’s “Big” Welcome

By Dr. Carol Ross-Black

Dear Dr. Carol,

How are you? First, I want to apologize if this email is confusing and long. I’m just very anxious about college right now. Okay. I just have a bunch of college questions about the college grading scale. I was just wondering if the college grading scale is more important in college than compared to high school. I asked my advisor about this, but I didn’t get very clear answers. So far, I’m doing fine for now in my American Literature, Arabic, and International Relations classes. Unfortunately, I am still worried that I might not get an A in the class either way. Mom said that she is going to give me pointers on how to get the grades you make there. Your goal is to succeed in college while you are still in your major course of study. That is IT! I am really sorry if I’m asking too many questions, but I’m just worried about my classes.

Sincerely,

By Dr. Carol Ross-Black

The Business & Economics Division includes the following disciplines: Accounting (ACC), Business Law (BLAW), Entrepreneurship (ENTR), Finance (FINC), International Business (IBUS), Management (MGM), and Marketing (MARK).

Social Sciences

Division Head: Dr. Shereef Abu Al-Maati

The Social Sciences include the following disciplines: Biology (BIOI), Chemistry (CHEM), Computer Science and Information Technology (CSIS), Economics (ECON), Entrepreneurship (ENTR), International Business (IBUS), Management (MGM), and Psychology (PSYC).

Humanities & Arts

Division Head: Dr. Lisa Urkevich

The Humanities, such as rhetoric and grammar, history of academic success from scratch. Your slate is now clean and you develop a whole new bowl of beans!

If I missed anything just let me know!

Dr. Carol-Student Dean, from the esteemed AUK family members…

And it is ok! My response to her and the new AUK family and hoping that our continuing students will not mind, I am going to dedicate this issue to our first full year of opera-tion. The “liberal arts” are named such because they are not antiquity they were con-sidered skills and knowl-edge required for normal life to be truly free. Today, by studying the Humanities and Arts, students learn the ways in which people express themselves and likewise learn to communicate effectively and share their ideas through many different disciplines.

At AUK the Humanities and Arts Division includes the following disciplines: Philosophy (PHIL), Religion (REL), English Language and Literature (ENG), Education (EDUC), English (ENGL), Arabic (ARAB), French (FRNC), Translation (TRAN), Graphic Design (GDES), Art (ART), Music (MUSC), Drama (DRAM).

Grades; they are not graduate record exam). The program will grade point average and 1000 on the GRE. The Business & Economics Division includes the following disciplines: Accounting (ACC), Business Law (BLAW), International Business (IBUS), Management (MGM), and Marketing (MARK).

You will act as if they know what you want. You will have advice about what may be best for you. You are a young adult and have to begin thinking about your life and your future. You will have to dig in your heart and find it. You will be exposed to lots of stuff in university and will have to make your own decision on what you want. Nevertheless, it will be great because you are growing! You will learn things about yourself that you never knew before. Once you begin to identify your passion, then you focus on your next steps and how to achieve your goal.

Even figure out if graduate school is necess-a ry. This is why we make students complete general education classes because it gives you a chance to explore, gain some discipline and thinking skills to prepare for you for upper divi-sion courses and beyond. It gives you exposure. You have to be a lifelong learner BUT that does not mean you have to go to graduate school! If you can live your passion without graduate school, so be it. I ONLY went to graduate school because I wanted to be a dean of students and didn’t want to have to wait until I was 300 years old to be a dean. The doctorate degree would cut down my time to get there. Granted it cut it down much faster than I expected which is fab because my career has been fast tracked.

You won’t be able to experience the beauty of learning if you obsess about the grades. I am not saying by any means to forget about the value of the grades. You want A and B grades, you are quite capable of doing, with minimal effort. Get involved so that you can grow and develop as a contributing member of society. That is what college is about!

One of this helps you new students, you even continuing students, put college in perspective. This is a time of growth and development. Learn about yourself, begin to discover your place in this global world. Your college career is about YOU! You got questions, Dean Carol’s got answers! (Or, I know where to find them!) Backing out of the Dean’s Corner until next time. Have a great semester! GO WILDCATS!
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**Hunting for Work on the Net**

**By Tasnim Saleh**

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Whether you are still a freshman looking for a part-time job or you're preparing to graduate from AUK and start your career, looking for a job is never easy, but maybe the search can be cut short by going online. Several companies now offer online applications for job applicants. Whether you are looking to work for banks in Kuwait, all major telecommunication companies, as well as universities. AUK offers its students a chance at a part-time job on campus through applying online. The next time you log on to Self-Service, click on the employment tab and apply for a job as a student assistant. Also check out the employment tab on the AUK website. MTC went all the way to create a whole website for potential applicants. www.mtc-careers.com is a website entirely devoted to the purpose of displaying job opportunities for temporary employees.

LOYAC is short for an out- reach program called the Young Americans Center. The house of Lohan is a well- known center for crafts and training that was established long before the Internet was ever introduced in the Kuwaiti market. LOYAC assists young adults (up to the age of 23) to find part-time jobs at several companies in Kuwait. Prospective participants can learn about the program through their website www.loyac.org.

While job-search websites are all over the western world, they are rather limited in the Middle East. However, one of the best known is www.monstergulf.com, which is an extension of the well-known job-search company Monster, offers job seekers a venue to search for jobs in Kuwait and the Gulf region.

In addition to the online resources, AUK students must not forget our The Student Success Center's career consultant Ms. Joanne Hands, who may be contacted at jhands@auk.edu.kw.

**It’s My Life and it’s Online**

**By Taysef al-Tokhaim**

**B**

ack in the 90s, the Casio Magic Diary was a huge fad. As times changed, Sony has released its own version called MYLO which stands for “My Life Online”. MYLO is a portable device that is only used for internet-based communications such as browsing (using the Opera browser) instant messaging, playback and sharing any kind of media files. However, this little gadget will only connect you to the net if WIFI is available. The idea of having to use WIFI networks for internet connectivity is to reduce connectivity cost for the user, who will be able to avoid GSM, 3G or CDMA that uses cellular connectivity. The expected release date of this little gadget is on September 15, 2006. Source: www.sony.com

**MYLO Features:**
- Built-in one gigabyte
- Memory Stick Pro Duo expansion
- Opera web browser
- Playback MPEG4, MP3, AAC and WMA
- Built-in WIFI and 802.11b connectivity
- Pre-installed softwares include: Skype
- Sliding QWERTY keyboard

**AIM, MSN, Yahoo, Skype or Google Talk — Everybody Loves to IM**

**By Tasnim Saleh**

**W**

hy wait for a reply by e-mail if you can electronically converse with a person and get instant replies? In- stant Messaging is taking over the world. There is no mistake about it. No matter what an individual’s Instant Messenger of choice may be, everybody loves to IM. In the United States of America, AOL Instant Messenger (AIM) takes the lead. In the Middle East, it’s fierce competition between Yahoo Messenger and MSN Messenger, but MSN seems to be gaining an edge. However, the people are always looking for more in their instant messaging experience, and this article provides you with some useful IMing resources.

Many Instant Messenger users are faced with the public computer problem. Most public computers do not have Instant Messenger software installed and users do not have administrative privileges to install it themselves. This need for instant messaging did not go unrecognized. Microsoft Networks provides a browser-based Instant Messenger to keep you connected. To use this browser-based Instant Messenger, simply visit http://webmessenger.msn.com.

If MSN messaging is what you do, you might want to consider what is known as the best extension package to the Micro- soft Instant Messenger (AIM) adds an extra layer of security to the AIM messenger. Most IM users go for more than one account, be it Hotmail, Yahoo! or AIM. Multi-ac- count IM software allows users to use one interface for all their IM accounts. The Most well-known, browser-based multi-ac- count IM is eBuddy, which can be used through www.- e-buddy.com.

If you use your own computer but still want to use a single IM software for multiple accounts, you might want to try Trillian. Vowed to be one of the best multi-account IM software, Trillian can be downloaded from http://www.cerelaneau- dios.com.

Now Instant messaging is such a breeze, new 3D IM software is also starting to become avail- able. IMVU is a new mes- senger from http://www.imvu.com that allows for the use of 3D characters to be customized by the user to be sitting in an actual setting like a coffee shop or at the beach and re- move the mood of the user. Skype offers yet another form of instant messag- ing software that is soon to be released. Skype uses voice over IP (VOIP) to enable the user to dial an actual number so it is not the traditional computer- to-computer voice con- versation software. Skype offers computer-to-phone calling capabilities for very low rates paying the way to the future of inter- national calling. 
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