

MEINDEG MOIEN

7 SEPTEMBER 1998

From the Director:

In the name of the faculty and staff it is a great pleasure to welcome you most warmly and cordially to the John E. Dolibois European Center. We are delighted to have you here, the largest student group so far and wish you a most rewarding, meaningful, and enjoyable stay at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and Europe. The next four to eight months are likely to be the most exciting ones in your life. You will learn, mature, grow and develop in many different ways. I wish you much success and fun as you will experience these changes. One of the highlights for all of us will be our 30th anniversary celebrations the evenings of October 1, 2 and 3. We are happy that you will be able to participate in our festivities. An exciting program is waiting for you.

As you know, the success of the Center is based on three important components; an excellent academic program, accommodation with Luxembourg families and Center sponsored and individual weekend travels. All three are part of your European experience. I would like to encourage you to partake in all three of them, however in due measure. You will find your European experience most rewarding if you allocate your time and efforts in the right proportions. Surely, first and foremost is your commitment to our academic program. Your class attendance and participation are important to ensure the proper academic setting. So, please, use your time wisely and restrict your travels to the weekends and the one week vacation you have in November.

I would like to compliment you on the interest and cooperation you so amply demonstrated throughout the various orientation activities we arranged and conducted for you. All of us at the Center had spent many hours planning your orientation program and the weekend excursion. It was gratifying to see how much all of you enjoyed the two days we spent together. I was pleased that some of you came to tell us how much you appreciated our efforts and the opportunity to get to know Luxembourg and one another. Thank you for your sensitivity.

I would like to use this opportunity to thank the staff for the dedicated work of planning our orientation program and the staff and faculty for setting a weekend aside to accompany you on this excursion. We had a very enjoyable weekend together.

On Thursday evening we will have our traditional "host family reception". While invitations have been sent to your host family, it would be a nice gesture for you to extend your personal invitation to your host family. This evening, which is always much fun, gives you an opportunity to "host" your host family, to have your family meet some of your friends and to "show off" the beautiful campus you have. The reception will be from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.. It would be good if you would "spruce up" a little, as one does when one has guests.

I am pleased to welcome Dora Balazs from the University of Budapest, who will be attending classes at the Center for the next four weeks. Her stay is made possible through the generous support of a special friend of MUDEC and through contacts we have with her university. Her presence gives you an opportunity to obtain more information about Hungary and Dora a chance to learn more about the United States. Please, welcome her and extend to her the warm hospitality for which America is known.

In preparation for our orientation trip to Trier, Dr. Ivan Lakos will present a lecture on the history and significance of Trier in our auditorium this Friday from 10:00 to 10:45. This is part of our orientation program. Students who do not have classes at this time are expected to attend this informative lecture. I would like to thank Prof. Lakos for offering this lecture to you. I know you will find it very interesting.

I can offer you various internship possibilities and will call a special general assembly meeting for everyone interested.

Again, welcome to MUDEC. The faculty and staff are delighted that you are here and wish you a most rewarding, enjoyable and relevant learning experience.

Most sincerely,

Ekkhehard Stiller

Student Faculty Council

If you are energetic, enthusiastic, and want to help set the program and tone for this semester, you are encouraged to run for the student faculty council. Descriptions of the positions are available in the

orientation packet. Please nominate yourself and sign up in Matt's office. One minute platform speeches and voting will take place next week. Good Luck!

DROP/ADD, CREDIT/NO...

The deadline to change your Mudec schedule is **THIS FRIDAY morning at 10:00 a.m.** The last day to change a class from credit/no to a grade, or vice versa is the 15th of September (Tuesday). Please see Mme Dumont in her ground floor office to make these changes.

Getting Tripped up...

Please do not bring your backpacks into the dining hall during mealtimes. The confines are too close in the dining hall, and we have had a few near misses with backpacks on the floor and full trays of pasta in hand.

Keep your Butts outside...in the back!

Smokers are kindly asked to smoke outside of the back entrance of the Château (near the Cave) and not in the front courtyard. Too much smoke is being drawn into the building and we ask that you use the ashtrays in the back. Thank you!

The Joys of Technology...

Your computer accounts have been created and tested, and should work. However, there are always small glitches. If you are having trouble with your account, please talk to Matt. **Remember to use all lower case letters!** We may have to contact Oxford for assistance, and we thank you in advance for your patience. As we have had a few problems with viruses, **please do not use any disks that you have brought from home!** Claudine has formatted disks for sale in her office, and please remember that each student has a memory quota, so please delete all large attachments that you may have been sent from the U.S.

Computer Rules...

A reminder that the computers in the lab are for email and word processing only, and the computers in the library are for internet research. Your Eudora accounts may be corrupted if used in the library. The five new computers (furthest from the wall) will be set up with Netscape Navigator within the next couple of days, but the five against the wall should be ready to go.

Student Help...

Please sign up in Matt's office if you are interested in being a **Cave or Library proctor**. We rely on our proctors to keep the center running smoothly during non-business hours. Additionally, there are several odd jobs (including babysitting) that need student help, so

let Matt know if you would like to make some spending money! Please contact Dr. Hey if you would ever be available to baby sit her son Jackson.

May I Cut...?

Students who have a class immediately following lunch are given priority in the lunch line. Please respect this courtesy and allow your classmates to move ahead in line if they have class within the hour.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

After a stirring rendition of the famous birthday song yesterday for Laura Carlson, we wish Rebecca Corbett a happy birthday next Sunday!

It's no fun, being an illegal alien...

Maga would like to remind you that in order to become "legal" in Luxembourg, you must register with city administration. Even if you already have turned in the application for your JUMBO pass, you still must register for your blue card. If you have any questions about registering, please see Maga.

Class Cancellation...

German 101 will not meet tomorrow (Tuesday), and POL 270 will not meet this Friday morning. These classes will be made up.

Photocopier...

Your code for the copier (last 4 digits of S.S.#) has been entered into the library photocopier machine. If your code does not work in the library, it is most likely entered into the copier in the ground floor hallway. Your bursar account will be billed 2 francs for every copy made this semester. Please talk to the librarian, Mme Vankrunkelsven should you have questions.

Alumni Picnic...

The Miami University Alumni Club of Luxembourg is holding its annual picnic this Sunday at the Château at 11:30 a.m. This is a very enjoyable event, and is free to all interested MUDEC students. You must R.S.V.P. to Matt by **Wednesday at 5:00 p.m.** if you would like to attend.

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Wednesday

15:30 General Assembly meeting (auditorium)

Thursday

19:30 Host Family Reception (auditorium)

Friday

13:00 Depart by bus for Trier (Sandwich provided)

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!

MEINDEG MOIEN

14 SEPTEMBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone: I trust you had a good weekend and welcome to your second week of the semester. We are delighted that you are here.

The Monday Morning is our MUDEC information bulletin. It is designed to share relevant information with you and to let you know what is going on at MUDEC, in Differdange and in Luxembourg. So, please, read it carefully. It would be unfortunate if you would miss special opportunities simply because you were not informed.

I just learned that Professor Jeanne Hey's grandmother, to whom we had sung our happy birthday wishes only a week ago, has passed away. We share in Professor Hey's sadness and wish her and her family strength and courage as they mourn the death of their loved one.

Our orientation program is progressing very well, due to everyone's interest, commitment and cooperation. At this point I would like to express a special thank you to the staff and faculty for their involvement and support. Many hours of planning went into our orientation program to assure its success. A special "thank you" to Prof. Ivan Lakos for offering the lecture on Trier and to Professors Lakos, Dowhower and to Matt for guiding you through the Landesmuseum.

Tomorrow evening, after dinner, we will have our first orientation lecture, presented by Mr. Edmond Israel. He is an outstanding and fascinating individual and an exceptionally eloquent speaker. His topic, "Luxembourg as a Financial Center" and his comments on the EURO are very timely and important. Tuesday of next week we will have our own Professor Emile Haag present our second orientation lecture on the "History of Luxembourg". As a reminder, these lectures are part of our orientation program, hence they are mandatory.

I am pleased that we can make several internship opportunities available to you. To initiate the process, I will forward the resumés I have received to the American Chamber of Commerce, to Arthur Anderson, to the CEPS/INSTEAD research institute in Differdange and other organizations.

While internships at the U.S. embassy are not possible

this year, I am delighted to share with you that **you will have an opportunity to have contributions published on the home page of the U.S.**

Department of Commerce. Any well written article dealing with any aspect of business and/or marketing opportunities and economic conditions in Luxembourg will be considered for publication. Needless to say, I am extremely happy that this opportunity could be arranged for all of you. I encourage to take advantage of this extraordinary opportunity.

This coming Sunday we have made the château available to the American Women's Club, Luxembourg. They are serving a traditional American breakfast as fund raiser. You will have noticed the posters. You and the faculty/staff will be able to get breakfast at the special price of LUF 250. To see it in context, we are asking many organizations and individuals to extend help to us. Whenever we have an opportunity to help others, we are happy to do it.

The Miami University Alumni Association, Luxembourg chapter, had its annual picnic at the château, yesterday. Although the weather did not cooperate, we did have a good time, sharing in the fellowship and friendship for which MUDEC and Miami are known. As a fund raiser, the alumni association is selling t-shirts, bearing its attractive logo. I have made special arrangements with the association in which you can buy the t-shirt at a reduced price of LUF 600. Matt has a sample in his office. A t-shirt will make a great souvenir and/or present for someone else.

I am pleased that we have considerable interest in forming our MUDEC choir to sing the national anthems of Luxembourg and the United States at the opening of our séance academique on Thursday, October 1st. We will post signs announcing the first rehearsal. I am most grateful for your interest in contributing to this event.

Many of you will be going to Munich this weekend. It is not a Center-organized trip but I would like to encourage you to include educational and cultural elements in your experience in your weekend excursion. Have a great time.

Most sincerely, Ekkehard Stiller

Student Faculty Council...get involved!

We are still taking nominations for this governing body. Please inform Matt if you would like to run for any of the SFC positions. The deadline for nominations is **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** Platform speeches will take place this Wednesday at our General Assembly meeting.

Drill Instructors needed...

Mme Barnett urgently needs two upper level French students (FRE 307, 310, 411) to serve as drill instructors. Please see Mme Barnett if interested. Speaking from experience, this is a rewarding experience!

In München Steht ein Hoffbrau Haus...

Please sign up and pay (1700 Luf) for the Oktoberfest trip ASAP. The deadline to sign up is **Tuesday at 10:00 a.m.** This will ensure you a place on the bus before we open it up to others in the Miami community around Luxembourg. This is one of the highlights of the fall semester, and we look forward to the weekend! For additional information, please see the trip organizers, Julia Burckle or Amy Rodbro for more information...PROST!

Flap Jacks...

After you return from the Oktoberfest trip, why not stick around for a little taste of the USA? On **Sunday, September 20th, from 10-13:30** the American Women's Club of Luxembourg (AWCL) is hosting a family pancake brunch at the Château de Differdange. They have offered the MUDEC faculty/staff/students a reduced price of 250 Flux which includes American style pancakes, sausage, bacon, eggs, fruit, and beverage. All proceeds benefit the charity organization Toys for Tots. Other items such as baked goods, posters, and cookbooks will also be on sale. The AWCL has also asked if any students would be willing to volunteer to watch children and/or clean up after the brunch. Please let Matt know if you would be willing to lend a hand for charity!

Housing Anyone?...

For those of you who as of yet do not have 2nd semester housing, I have received a few advertisements. Please see Matt if you still need housing, and I will show you the info that I have.

Academic info...

For those of you who are taking a Thematic sequence at MUDEC, you must see Mme Dumont to confirm that everything with your thematic sequence is in order.

English Lessons...

If anyone is interested in giving English lessons to a local Luxembourgish business man, please let Matt know. There would be some monetary or gastronomic compensation involved, (his wife is a great cook!) but this gentleman prefers that the student have some knowledge of French or German to help with explanations of difficult concepts.

Any Actors out there?

Lynx Productions, a Luxembourg movie company, is looking for Americans to play small roles in two upcoming movies. If you are interested, you should contact **David at 22 06 36**. Your academic classes obviously take priority over all extra-curricular activities, and you may not miss any classes because of the movie. If you do have the free time and can work around their schedule, contact Lynx Productions.

Textbooks...

A reminder that if you reserved MUDEC textbooks while in Oxford, you need to pick these up as we have reserved them for you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to you!!

Happy 21st this Wednesday to Kara Friedman, and to Bryan Platz and Kathy Large on Thursday! We wish you well!

From the Housing Coordinator...

Thank you for attending the host family reception with your family. I'd like to remind you to please share your class schedule with your host mom and let her know of your weekend travel plans, where you travel, and when you will return. This is not to pry into your private life, but simply because your family does worry about you when you travel, and wants to make sure that all is well. Please respect the daily hours that your family keeps, and remember, no phone calls to or from your house after 10 p.m. If you have Wednesday afternoons free and would be interested in helping with CCD classes at the American School, please see me.

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Tuesday

18:45 Lecture by Mr. Edmund Israel, 'Luxembourg as a Financial Center.'

Wednesday

15:30 General Assembly Meeting (SFC speeches/voting)

Friday

01:00 (Saturday morning) Buses depart Luxembourg train station for Oktoberfest extravaganza!

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21 SEPTEMBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone: I trust you had a good and enjoyable weekend. I know that a good number of you came by the Center yesterday to enjoy a traditional American breakfast. We did make the Château available to the American Womens Club, Luxembourg as a fundraiser. It turned out to be even more successful than anticipated.

Congratulations to Nick Ivancic, Claire Hinderer, Jennifer Kolososki, Lydia Holzman and Nick Lazzara for having been elected to the Student/Faculty Council. I look forward to working with you. I would also like to thank all of the candidates for their interest in being of service to MUDEC, and encourage you to stay involved. All of the "platform speeches" impressed me.

This week and the next week will be very busy and exciting as we prepare for and celebrate MUDEC's 30th anniversary. We will have a series of festive, dignified, and enjoyable events. You will receive invitations to all important activities. In addition, I shall post schedules of events for you. I am so happy for you that you are at MUDEC at this very special time.

An official delegation from Miami University and a large group of friends of MUDEC from Miami University and the community of Oxford will join us in our celebrations.

The official delegation will consist of

Dr. Jim Garland, President and Dr. Carole Garland.
Dr. Anne Hopkins, Provost
Mme Laurel Pressler, Member, Board of Trustees and former student of MU(D)EC
Dr. and Mrs. Phil Shriver, President emeritus
Mr. and Mrs. John E. Dolibois, Vice President
Ms. Karen White, Assistant to the President

The highlights of our festivities will be:

Thursday, October 1 at 8:00 p.m. Séance Academique, Cercle Municipal, Luxembourg City. This is a formal event, which will be honored by the presence of Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Prince Henri and Crown Princess Maria Teresa. The Prime Minister of Luxembourg will give the keynote address and will receive an honorary degree from Miami University. The MUDEC anniversary choir will be featured as part of the festivities.

Friday, October 2, at 3:00 p.m. the official inauguration of the chateau de Differdange as MUDEC's new campus.

Friday, October 2, at 8:00 p.m. Organ and Trumpet Concert, with the participation of the MUDEC Gospel Singers, in Differdange, at the church across the street.

Saturday, October 3, at 7:00 p.m. Gala Dinner Dance, at the Hotel Park Alvisse in Luxembourg City. Students will pay a reduced price of LUF 1,000. (Transportation will be provided)

I am pleased that many of you had wanted to sing in the "MUDEC Anniversary Choir" As I had mentioned, we shall be singing the national anthems of Luxembourg and the United States. Your participation is not only appreciated, it will give you the opportunity to make a direct and significant contribution to our séance academique and will provide you with a memorable experience as you stand in front of the Royal Couple and a very festive audience. **We will have our first rehearsal this Wednesday at 3:25 p.m., sharp. I hope that many of you will participate.**

Tomorrow evening, Tuesday, September 22, we will have our very own Professor Emil Haag present the second orientation lecture. His topic, A Brief History of Luxembourg, will be of great interest. I know you will find this lecture most interesting and informative. Thank you Professor Haag.

During our week of festivities our classes will be held as scheduled. An occasional adjustment may have to be made to accommodate all events. You will be informed of this.

Have a great day and a pleasant week.

Student Faculty Council

Co-Chair – Nick Ivancic

Projects Chair – Claire Hinderer, Jennifer Kolososki

Secretary/Treasurer – Lydia Holzman

Service Chair – Nick Lazzara

The first SFC meeting will be this Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. in the Maria Bach Dunn Room

From the Housing Coordinator...

A friendly reminder that the Luxembourg and European train times will be changing next Sunday September 27th. As you make your weekend travel plans, please stop at the information desk to inquire whether your desired train times will be affected.

International Connection...

I am looking for 5-10 interested Miami students to accompany me to the Centre Universitaire in Luxembourg City for a Seminar on International Education on **Wednesday, September 30th**. This seminar will be attended by Luxembourgish high school and university students, and we (as American students) will be discussing some of the aspects of American university life, as well as answering questions from the Europeans. An informal wine and snack reception would then be held immediately following, giving us an opportunity to speak with these students on a more informal basis. All interested students are encouraged to see Matt for more details. This is a great opportunity to get to know local students, as these truly are the experiences that you will remember most vividly from your time in Europe.

Yom Kippur Services...

For any interested students, Yom Kippur services will be held in **English** on Tuesday evening September 29th (Kol Nidre), and Wednesday morning September 30th.

These services will be held in Luxembourg City and will be presided over by Rabbi Charles Middleburgh from London. To find out the times of these services, or for more information, please call Erica Peresman at 22 96 01.

30th Anniversary Dinner/Dance...

You will find in your mailbox an invitation to our fall semester dinner dance in conjunction with our 30th Anniversary celebration. We put on this evening once a semester, and it is always one of the highlights of our time together. We hope that everyone will attend, and please reserve your meal and pay ASAP. The price of the evening is 1300 LUF, but students receive a reduced price of 1000 LUF. Please make your meal selections and pay Matt. You may pay cash. The deadline to sign up and pay is **Monday September 28th**. We will provide more information about transportation to and from the Hotel closer to the time.

Join the Club...

The most recent issue of the Luxembourg News has arrived with their bi-annual update of Luxembourg clubs and organizations. Stop by Matt's office when you get a chance and browse through the magazine to find out what clubs and teams are out there and how

you can get involved during your time in Luxembourg.

Fore...!

If anyone is interested in playing golf while they are in Luxembourg, we have information from the golf course in Clervaux, voted the nicest of the Luxembourgish courses. Please see Matt for information regarding greens fees, club rental, lessons, etc. There also is a Luxembourgish university student who says that he would play with any interested Miami students.

Oktoberfest Debrief...

Thank you to everyone who attended the Oktoberfest weekend as part of the largest MUDEC contingent to ever travel to München. We were glad to be able to add the additional 30 passenger bus to allow everyone to attend the festivities, but unfortunately this raised the per passenger price to 1700 LUF. We are sorry that there will be no 150 franc refund this year, but we hope that everyone enjoyed this truly once in a lifetime experience!

Chopsticks are optional...

The Chinese restaurant across the street from the Château has offered an 'all you can eat' Chinese lunch buffet on Tuesdays for 290 francs. The proprietor will only do this if enough students are interested, so please let Matt know if you wish to partake.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy birthday today to Lydia Holzman, and to Allison Bullock next Sunday!

Hoop it up...

The mighty Red Boys Basketball Club of Differdange has challenged Miami University to a 'Match Amicale' this Thursday evening at 20:00. So get your team together and get ready to play against these guys who look great in shorts and dark socks! The gym is just a short bus ride away, so all spectators are welcome. See team captain Leslie 'the Killer' Kill if you wish to participate.

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Tuesday:

18:45 Lecture by Dr. Emile Haag, 'the History of Luxembourg.' Auditorium

Thursday

20:00 The Red Boys Challenge

MEINDEG MOIEN

28 SEPTEMBER 1998

From the Director:

CONGRATULATIONS, MUDEC!

Good morning, everyone! Happy anniversary week! I am delighted that you are here to participate in the celebrations of MUDEC's 30th anniversary. All of us, the former and present students, faculty and staff and our many friends have contributed to and can take great pride in the success our program experiences. A most sincere "thank you" to each and everyone. It is a great privilege, a pleasure and a source of joy for me to be part of MUDEC.

A special welcome to the presidential party, Drs. Jim and Carole Garland, Dr. Anne Hopkins, Laurel Pressler, member of the Board of Trustees and former student of MU(D)EC, Dr and Mrs. Shriver, Ambassador and Mrs. Dolibois, and Karin White, Assistant to the President. We are delighted and honored that they celebrate this important event with us and are grateful for the active interest in and for the generous support they have given our program.

A warm welcome also to the large group of friends of MUDEC from Miami University and the Oxford community who arrive with Dr. Charlie Teckman, former director of MU(D)EC, to attend and to participate in our anniversary festivities. We appreciate their presence, their interest and their friendship.

A very special thank you to the staff for having worked with incredible energy and commitment on creating an exciting, appropriate and dignified sequence of events and festivities. I know that all of us will enjoy the anniversary program and look forward to your participation in it. I would like to recognize the students who will sing the national anthems at the beginning of the séance academique on Thursday evening and Melynda Long, Robert Hutson, and the MUDEC Gospel Singers who will participate in the Organ and Trumpet concert on Friday evening.

We shall post all of the anniversary events and look forward to your participation in them. I am delighted for you that you can celebrate this important event with us and that you have an opportunity to represent Miami University and its students, who have acquired an excellent reputation in Luxembourg.

I would like to thank Professor Emile Haag for the most informative and interesting orientation lecture he presented on Luxembourg and its Role in Europe, this past Tuesday.

The Student/Faculty Council had its first meeting, last Wednesday. I was pleased with the very constructive discussion we had and the excellent ideas that were proposed. I look forward to working with the Student/Faculty Council and thank all the members for their interest and their willingness to be involved. Thank you to all other candidates who ran for a position on the Council.

Again, happy anniversary, MUDEC! Congratulations and very best wishes for continued success in its future. I am happy that we can celebrate this important event together and am grateful for the opportunity to be part of MUDEC.

To its present, past, and future students, faculty and staff and to its many friends on the Oxford campus, in the States, and in Luxembourg my most sincere expression of gratitude and appreciation and three most enthusiastic cheers --
- hip, hip - hoorah!

From the Housing Coordinator...

Please remind your host family of the schedule for our 30th anniversary celebrations, and remind them of the deadline to sign up and pay for the Ball if they have yet to do so. If they are planning on attending either the Thursday convocation or the Friday concert, please remind them to arrive early, as there will be no reserved seating.

30th Anniversary Transportation...

Academic Convocation (Thursday)

Bus leaves Château promptly at **18:45**. You are responsible for your own return transport.

Dinner Dance (Saturday)

Before:

One bus leaves Château at **18:15** to drive to hotel.

Second bus leaves Lux City train station at **18:45**.

After:

One bus leaves hotel at **23:20** for Lux train station to allow students to go home on the **23:50** train. Two buses leave dance at its conclusion, **01:00**, to drive to Lux City and to Differdange.

Yom Kippur Services...

For any interested students, Yom Kippur services will be held in **English** on Tuesday evening September 29th (Kol Nidre), and Wednesday morning September 30th. These services will be held in Luxembourg City and will be presided over by Rabbi Charles Middleburgh from London. To find out the times of these services, or for more information, please call Erica Peresman at 22 96 01.

English Lessons...

There is a group of 3-4 Differdange high school students who are interested in arranging for English classes with Miami students. Please see Matt if you are interested, and details can be worked out.

Chopsticks are optional...

The Chinese restaurant across the street from the Château is offering their 'all you can eat' Chinese lunch buffet tomorrow (Tuesday). The proprietor has lowered her price for Miami students to 250 francs (not including drinks), but she needs to know how many people will partake tomorrow, so please sign up with Matt by this afternoon! Also, I need to know how many vegetarians will be eating, as she will be making up a separate vegetarian buffet.

Happy Birthday to you, all of you!!

Happy birthdays go out to Bethe Ferguson

(Tuesday), Amy Rodbro (Wednesday), Parrish Snyder (Saturday), and Claire Hinderer (Sunday)! Over field study, these students will celebrate birthdays: Aimee Lyons and Marie Clarke-Doane (5th), Jill Kinzly (7th), and Maureen Schmitt (8th).

Wait 'till next time...

Congratulations to the fighting Mudec hoopsters who put on a valiant effort against the Red Boys of Differdange last Thursday. J.R. Verkamp led the team with 15 points and 3 pulled muscles! We will definitely schedule a rematch, if anyone is interested. The Differdangers were most impressed with the Mudec crowd support and the halftime cartwheels!

Preserving your memory...

When your computer accounts were created, you were assigned a limited quota of memory. To keep from exceeding this quota, and to ensure the reliability of your account, **please delete all messages in your in and outboxes that are no longer needed!** Of special importance to delete are large attachments that have been sent to you by friends and family. Simply 'trashing' these messages is not enough, you must remember to 'empty trash' to clear your account. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Field Study Tours...

As a final note, you will all be leaving on your respective field study tours next Sunday. These tours are an integral part of each course, as well as the Mudec program, and your complete cooperation and participation is required. Please see your individual core professor if you have any questions about the trip. Have a good, safe, and enjoyable time, and continue to represent Miami University in the strong fashion that each of you has done thus far!

Travel Quote of the Week...

"I was once asked if I would like to meet the president of a certain country. I said, 'No. But I'd love to meet some shepherders.' The shepherders, farmers, and taxi drivers are often the most fascinating people." -James Michener (b. 1907) American Writer

MEINDEG MOIEN

12 OCTOBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning everyone and welcome back to MUDEC! What marvelous anniversary celebrations we had! I am so delighted that you could participate in them and would like to thank you for your involvement, splendid contributions and your excellent conduct. I was mightily proud of you. Our various activities provided us with opportunities to establish new contacts and to reinforce the excellent relations Miami University enjoys in Luxembourg. You have more than lived up to our expectations. All of the events went flawlessly well. The MUDEC "Anniversary Choir" impressed the audience with its rendition of the two national anthems and with its excellent Luxembourgish. I am certain you sensed how much the audience appreciated this gesture of friendship and consideration. Their Royal Highnesses, Crown Prince Henri and Crown Princess Maria Teresa mentioned to me how much they enjoyed the ceremony and the interaction with you. A special expression of gratitude to the MUDEC "Gospel Singers" and particularly to Melynda and Robert for their wonderful contribution to the success of the concert on Friday.

A most sincere "thank you" to the staff for having worked so hard on planning and executing the various events. I have received many comments regarding the dignified setting, the festive atmosphere and the perfect execution of our activities. My congratulations to Mme Erpelding for having received the so well deserved MUXLUX award. I was delighted to see with how much enthusiasm you recognized Mme Erpelding. It was a wonderful and moving surprise for me to have received the MUXLUX award. I cannot tell you how much I was touched by the spontaneous and enthusiastic response of the audience. To all of you my most sincere appreciation and gratitude.

We are grateful to the official party from the Oxford campus and the large group organized by Dr. Charlie Teckman for having traveled all the way from Ohio to participate in anniversary celebrations. All of them mentioned how much they had enjoyed the festivities and events and how much they were impressed by you.

I heard enthusiastic comments about all three study tours. As you can imagine, much detailed work goes into planning and conducting them. Thank you so much, Drs. Dowhower, Hey, and Stahl, and to Mme

Dumont, Mme Vankrunkelsven and Matt Osborne for having led and accompanied the groups. Thank you to them and to you for your interest and attitude.

I have received a paid internship announcement from the Honors Program and shall post it for your information. If you qualify, I would like to encourage you to apply.

Mr. Roland Hoff is again willing to help you with your French conversation and/or grammar. If you would like to take advantage of this very generous offer, and I encourage you to do this, you can meet with him on Wednesday at 12:30. He will be in the lounge (sitting corner) on the first floor.

A former MUDEC student, Sean Killian, had written to me to extend an invitation to you, the current MUDEC students, to visit him in Austria. I shall also post his invitation.

Next Monday evening, October 19th, we will host a concert at the chateau. The Echternach International Festival Orchestra, comprised of musicians from Miami University and the Luxembourg Conservatory of Music will perform. You will receive invitations. Please take them to your host family. We had a similar concert last year that was well received. Please, set Monday evening aside for this cultural experience.

Again, thank you for your splendid cooperation and your marvelous attitude. I am delighted that you are here and happy that we could celebrate our 30th anniversary with you. Have a pleasant day and a great week.

Scholarship Applications...

Anyone interested in applying to be an Undergraduate Summer Scholar is encouraged to check the Miami web site to receive application forms and guidelines. The deadline to apply is December 4, 1998.

Spring 1999 Registration...

We will pass on all pertinent registration information to you as we receive it from Oxford. From past experience, we do not receive a lot of advance notice, nor do we receive ample course registration booklets for all of our students. To allow yourself the maximum time and flexibility, you are encouraged to start mapping out your spring courses now, as well as asking a friend in Oxford to mail you a couple of

Spring course registration books as soon as they are available on the Oxford campus. Try accessing course lists for the second semester 1998 on the World Wide Web at... www.muohio.edu/registrar/courselists/

From the Housing Coordinator...

Students, please do not take packages delivered to you without first signing for them with Mme Erpelding. We must sign for these packages when they arrive, and you must sign as well to confirm that you received them. Also, would all year students, and anyone who would possibly like to stay for the second semester, please stop by and see Mme Erpelding.

Happy Birthday...

Best wishes to Jeremiah Burgess on the 14th, Nathan DeDino on the 16th, and Shannon Pucke on the 18th. Happy Birthday!

Lost and Found...

Matt currently has a fleece jacket, camera, umbrella and a Weimar Culture book in his office. Please claim them if they are yours!

HUGE WEEK AT MUDEC!

Tuesday:

- Chinese Buffet Lunch (11:30-13:00) 250 francs for Miami students, all you can eat
- Pick-up basketball (20:00)

Wednesday:

- Student Faculty Council Meeting (14:30)
- Luxembourg-England Football (20:30)

SIGN-UPS...

In order to ensure that enough food is prepared, it is imperative that you sign up if you are interested in the Chinese Buffet. Sign up sheets are posted on Matt's office door, and the **deadline** to sign-up is **5:00 p.m. today (Monday)!** The Bofferding Brewery was unable to accommodate us this Friday. The tour will be rescheduled for Friday November 13th.

Oh lé, oh lé, oh lé, oh lé...

It is great to see that so many of you have tickets for Wednesday's titanic struggle between the mighty Grand Duchy of Luxembourg, and those football peons from England (I predict an upset!). A note of caution however that Luxembourg's police and Gendarmerie have added 1,000 officers to deal with the estimated 2,300 English fans that will be coming to the match. Because of past problems caused by English fans in Luxembourg, the police will be in no mood for 'hooligans,' so have fun, but be prudent. I would suggest however to visit a few of the British owned

establishments in the Grund before the game to soak up the atmosphere. Because of the storied English football tradition, this will be an experience. Kick-off is at 20:30, and if you need any help deciphering your ticket, please see me.

World Class Tennis...

Luxembourg is doing themselves proud in the world sports arena as it will be welcoming some of the world's top women tennis players to the Luxembourg Open from October 24-31. Mary Pierce, Anke Huber, Amanda Coetzer, and others are scheduled to participate. Ticket information can be obtained by calling the Kockelscheuer Sports Center at 47 22 85.

Thanksgiving Meals with Americans...

MUDEC will be having our traditional Thanksgiving dinner at the Château on Thanksgiving day. However, there are American families in Luxembourg who would like to host you for a second Thanksgiving meal on Saturday night November 28. I know that this is rather far in advance, but if you think that you would be interested in a wonderful feast with an American family, please sign up on Matt's door.

Lend a Helping Hand...

Anyone interested in volunteering in a Luxembourgish school and working with Autistic children is encouraged to see Matt. This commitment would only be 1-2 hours per week, would involve playing with the children, and would be a great way to get involved in the community. Stop by for more info!

Travel Advisory...

Anyone travelling to Paris or Amsterdam in the next few weeks? Please stop in and see me for a couple of suggestions of 'out of the ordinary' things to do!

Happy Trails to You...

Ambassador Dolibois has donated another of his most cherished possessions to the Center, his 182 Walks and Theme Paths of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. I encourage you to stop by, look through this book, and explore some of the grandeur of Luxembourg and its hiking trails. Incidentally, Kari and I found a fantastic 11 km path through the woods and hills of Differdange, and along the French border, if any of you are interested in a day hike around here. It's good for a leisurely stroll or a tough workout!

Quote of the Week...

"Every land has its own special rhythm, and unless the traveler takes the time to learn the rhythm, he or she will remain an outsider there always."

-Juliette de Levy (English Writer)

MEINDEG MOIEN

19 OCTOBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good weekend.

A special welcome to the members of the Echternach International Festival Orchestra who will be performing at the château this evening. I know you will enjoy the concert and the beautiful setting in which it is offered.

As I had mentioned, there will be another performance at the Basilique in Echternach tomorrow evening. You are invited to attend both concert performances. We will receive free tickets for tomorrow's concert. Transportation to Echternach and return will be arranged. Please, sign up with Matt, today.

I am pleased to announce that we can admit a few more students for this coming spring semester. Please let us know if you would like to extend your stay. There are various advantages connected with staying for the full year. In addition to the obvious benefit of having a more complete European experience, you would qualify for the position of Student Activities Coordinator, and the \$1,000 Lee Dutton tuition waiver scholarship (one must have studied at MUDEC for two semesters). We may also have some additional funding for students showing economic need.

This is a decision you should discuss with your parents and your academic advisor. Please, see Mme Dumont or me if you are inclined to stay and/or if you would like to have additional information. If you can manage to extend your stay, I would like to encourage you to do so. It is unlikely that you will have ever have another chance to experience Europe in such a setting and at such a relatively low cost.

Matt has posted information regarding the ability to register for next semester's classes via the Internet. Please, read this information carefully.

As a reminder, our attendance policy allows you

to miss a number of class sessions equal to the number of credit hours of the course you are taking. This is like a standby credit, available to you but it does under no circumstances encourage you to use it. Furthermore, it covers all possible contingencies i.e., an illness, a missed train, an interview, etc. So, please, use this credit wisely and responsibly.

The American Ambassador to Luxembourg, Mr. Clay Constantinou, will be our next speaker. The topic of his presentation next Tuesday evening, October 27th will be "Current Issues in American Foreign Policy".

I will be visiting the Oxford campus the week of November 2nd. Please, see me if there is anything I can do for you while I am there.

We will have a number of special events in November. Two of the highlights will be a panel discussion on the Luxembourg Resistance Movement during WW II and also a discussion and analysis of the new German government. This discussion will be led by Dr. Winand Gellner.

I am still receiving many favorable comments about our anniversary celebrations. Again, to all of you, students, faculty and staff my most sincere gratitude for your so active involvement and participation. You made the celebrations so successful. Thank you.

There are only two weeks left before the Toussaint vacation. Please, use this time wisely. Exams are coming up and papers have to be written. It is important that you stay committed to your academic responsibilities. All of us would like you to do well but it depends primarily on you how well you will do.

The faculty and staff of MUDEC are delighted and pleased that you are here. I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Chinese Feast...

After the rousing success of last Tuesday's Chinese buffet, we will again prepare something for tomorrow if there is interest. Once again, you must sign up on Matt's door by 5:00 p.m. today (Monday) if you would like to take advantage of the Miami special, 250 francs, all you can eat.

MUDEC Memories...

As souvenirs from our 30th Anniversary celebrations, we have a number of Villeroy and Boch crystal bells with red commemorative MUDEC ribbons attached. In addition, you have the option to purchase bottles of champagne with the Château de Differdange on the label, celebrating Miami's 30-year presence in the Grand Duchy. The bells sell for 400 francs, and the champagne bottles for 500 francs. These would make fantastic gifts or beautiful keepsakes. Please see Mme Dumont if you are interested in either of these items.

Echternach Concert...

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, we have been given a great opportunity to receive free tickets to the Tuesday evening orchestra concert in Echternach. We do have transportation to take you to and from Echternach, and all you need to do is to sign up on Matt's door if you wish to participate.

From the Housing Coordinator...

A reminder that Daylight Savings time ends this Saturday night/Sunday morning at 2 a.m. Remember to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday night, and remember to figure this in to your travel schedule.

Happy Birthday to you...!

Happy 21st this Thursday to Lauren Fisher!

Computer Problems...

We have noticed an alarming increase in the number of computer problems that we have been having this semester. We are trying to cover all bases in our search for solutions, so you are reminded that, **you are not to download or install any programs on the computers, nor are you to tamper with the configurations in any way.** In addition, please delete all old e-

mails (in and out box) and attachments that you no longer need, and empty the trash from the server. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Vive La France...

Would the following students please see me about French work with Mr. Roland Hoff: Abke, Amedia, Delue, Ehret, Pawlowski, and Steele.

Scholarship Announcement...

This is to announce the Joanna Jackson Goldman Memorial Prize, awarded to a graduating senior for a year of independent scholarship or creative activity. The deadline for prize applications is **December 4, 1998.** Please see Matt if you need more information, or are interested in applying for this scholarship.

Show me the money...

For those students who worked at the host family reception (6 weeks ago!) and have still not picked up your money, please see Mme Dumont today!

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Monday:

20:00 Concert Dress Rehearsal, Echternach
Festival Orchestra (Château de Differdange)

Tuesday:

19:00 Bus leaves for Echternach, and the
Orchestra Concert at the Basilica. Please sign
up on Matt's door for free tickets.

Thursday:

20:00 Pick-up basketball

Signs of the Times...(as seen around Europe)

In a Krakow hotel:

"Is forbidden to steal hotel towels please. If you are not person to do such a thing is please not to read notis."

In a Marseille hotel lobby:

The lift is being fixed for the next day. During that time, we regret that you will be unbearable."

Outside a Brussels tailor shop:

"Ladies may have a fit upstairs."

MEINDEG MOIEN

26 October 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone. I trust you had a good weekend.

I was pleased that a good number of you had taken advantage of the Center having been opened, yesterday. It is important that you allocate your time wisely and that you give highest priority to your academic responsibilities. While traveling and social life add much to your European experience and to your personal and intellectual growth, it is the formal classroom learning which has to receive your major commitment and effort. We do expect of you to live up to this commitment. Many of your professors have mentioned how pleased they are with you. Needless to say, I am happy about this and thank you for it. Please, keep up your reputation and maintain your commitment and positive attitude.

As I understand it, a small number of you have used up your allowable class cuts. Class attendance and participation are instrumental in creating an atmosphere conducive to learning and to academic interaction. Our attendance policy is designed to reinforce this. Regarding this, let me restate what I wrote last week. You are allowed to miss a number of class hours (instructional time) equal to the number of credit hours of the course, i.e. in a three credit course you may miss a total of three hours of lecture time. This covers all possible contingencies, i.e., sickness, missed trains, interviews etc. The academic integrity of the program is essential to the success of our program, hence the future of the Center. Surely, this cannot be compromised. Please, respect our attendance policy.

I would like to have a general assembly meeting this Wednesday. There are several important topics I would like to discuss with you. The Student/Faculty Council will also make various announcements. Please, attend.

Unfortunately, Ambassador Constantinou cannot hold his lecture tomorrow evening. He had to leave for the States to attend important meetings in Washington. The Ambassador regrets having had to cancel and looks forward to meeting with you the evening of Tuesday, December 1. He is a good friend of the Center and enjoys his contact with MUDEC.

We have some interesting activities and lectures

scheduled for November. On November 10th Professor Haag will hold his popular and fascinating panel discussion on Nazi occupation, concentration camps and the Luxembourg resistance movement. On Monday, November 16, Ambassador deMuyser will invite his students and some other guests to his legendary slide show on Soviet dissident art and to dinner in his home.

On Tuesday, November 17, Mr. Angelo Magrini, former Director General of the European Parliament, will speak on the European Union and on Monday, November 23, our own Professor Winand Gellner will have a discussion on the new German government. On December 8th, Professor Gerardo Brown will present a lecture on Frank Lloyd Wright's influence on European architecture.

Many of you will have exams this week. I wish you much success. Next week, you will be on your Toussaint vacation. I do wish you safe travels and wonderful, enriching and enjoyable experiences. Wherever you go, please be prudent, careful and never let your guard down. Unless you are really an experienced traveler, it may be best to travel in a group. There is safety in numbers. I will be on my regular visit to the Oxford campus and look forward to seeing you back on November 9.

Again, I am delighted that you are here and wish you much success in your exams and a great Toussaint vacation.

General Assembly Meeting...

We will have a brief General Assembly meeting this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the auditorium. Please plan to attend, as we will be discussing important information related to Toussaint break travel.

Return Flights...

A reminder to semester only students that you need to book your return flight ASAP. Most flights between December 17-31 are already booked solid, and you want to make sure that you make it home. If you are on Icelandair, telephone 40 27 27 27 to book your return flight.

Change of Oxford Address...

Important announcement for students returning to Oxford for the spring semester. Your 'local' Oxford address has been deleted from the Miami computers,

and must be re-entered. You must notify the Registration Office of your new Oxford address. You may do one of 3 things:

- 1) **USE the WEB!**
www.muohio.edu/registrar/AddressChg.htmlx
- 2) E-Mail Debbie Davidson
(davidsdk@muohio.edu)
- 3) Stop in the Campus Ave building when you return to Oxford

Final Exam Schedule...

Monday December 14th

09:00-11:00
MKT/MGT 371, EDP 231, POL 379
12:30-14:30
POL 270
16:00-18:00
HST 472

Tuesday December 15th

09:00-11:00
POL 321, ENG 322
11:15-15:15
FRE 310 (oral exams)
12:30-14:30
ECO 344, MUS 189

Wednesday December 16th

09:00-11:00
SOC 337
12:30-14:30
MKT 291, ART 188, MBI 131
16:00-18:00
HST 438

Thursday December 17th

09:00-11:00
FRE 101, 201, 307
GER 101, 201, 321

Scholarship Announcement...

Miami is proud to announce the David Becker Memorial Prize which is open to all full-year students, and those thinking about staying for the entire year. This 15,000 franc (\$450) cash prize is given in memory of one of the dearest friends of the MUDEC and Luxembourg community. All interested applicants should contact Matt for more information. The one stipulation is that the winner of the cash prize must stay the entire year, or forfeit the award.

French Assistance...

Mr. Roland Hoff, who is willing to donate his time to help interested students work on their French language fluency, will be at the Château all day this Wednesday. He will be available from 9:30-5:00, if

you wish to talk with him and work on your French. To make sure that Mr. Hoff's time is used efficiently, please sign up on Matt's door when and for how long you would like to 'reserve' Mr. Hoff.

Registration...

It is nice to see that several of you have already e-mailed your registrations to Debbie Davidson. Course registration booklets have been sent to us, but don't wait, access the lists on the web at www.muohio.edu/registrar/courselists/ You should register before Toussaint Break!

Attention Wine Drinkers...

Now that we have your attention, we wanted to remind you that MUDEC collects wine corks to aid charity programs that finance wheelchairs for elderly care centers. Please gather all of your used corks together and give them to Mme Erpelding. Thank you!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy birthday today to Kevin Hippley! Birthday wishes over Toussaint Break to Jana Bolduan on Nov 2, and Carrie Francis on Nov 6.

Cave Proctors...

Nothing like a little extra money before you head out on your Toussaint Break travels. Stop by Mme Dumont's office to pick up your money for September and October.

Lost and Found...

One camera in a canvas case. See me!

Signs of the Times...as seen around Europe

At a Budapest Zoo:

'Please do not feed the animals. If you have any suitable food, give it to the guard on duty.'

In a Copenhagen airline ticket office:

'We take your bags and send them in all directions.'

A sign posted in German's Black Forest:

'It is forbidden on our black forest camping site that people of different sex, for instance, men and women, live together in one tent unless they are married to each other for that purpose.'

MEINDEG MOIEN

9 NOVEMBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC! I trust you had an enjoyable All Saints break and that all of your travels and experiences were pleasant and interesting. We are delighted to have you back.

I had a very busy and productive visit to the Oxford campus. Everyone I met was most interested in our anniversary celebrations and in our program at large. I am pleased to share with you that there is a high degree of interest in the Luxembourg campus and in what we are doing. We do have many friends and supporters on the Oxford campus and all send best regards and wishes.

President Garland and his official delegation from Oxford who visited us on the occasion of our anniversary celebrations were impressed by you and all the activities and events we had scheduled. As I have done before, I would like to thank you and the faculty and staff for the great contributions you made to make the celebrations so successful.

While on the Oxford campus it became official that Provost Hopkins will be leaving Miami University to become the President of Northern Florida University. Dr. Hopkins was keenly interested in our campus and a great supporter of it. Her instrumental contributions to the success of our program are greatly appreciated. We will remember her with gratitude and wish her much success, fulfillment and happiness in her new assignment and responsibilities.

I had a meeting with George Yamchak of the Financial Aid Office. There are still funds available for those who may want to extend your stay into the Spring Semester. Please, see me if you are interested.

On Tuesday we will have the panel discussion on the Nazi occupation of Luxembourg, on Luxembourg's resistance movement, and on concentration camp experiences. This is always a very moving event as the panel members remember and share with you what happened during this terrible time of oppression, injustice, and inhumanity. You have the amazing opportunity to experience first-hand this 'living history.' Thank you, Dr. Haag, for organizing this.

Again, welcome back. I am delighted that you are back and wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

SFC Meeting

We will have a Student Faculty Council meeting Wednesday at 2:30p.m. in the Karl der Kühne classroom.

Registration...

There are still several of you who have not yet registered for second semester. It is imperative that you take care of this ASAP to avoid being shut out of classes. I have course books and instructions on how to register electronically in my office. If you will not be registering via e-mail to Debbie Davidson, please let me know so that we may cross you off our list. Thank you.

From the Housing Coordinator...

I hope that you had a wonderful time on your vacation, and I will think about you while I am on mine, at Disney World! My office will be staffed during the day for limited hours, so stop by if you need anything.

—M. Erpelding

What will we do without Maga...?

Mme Erpelding will be away for three weeks, but if you need laundry tokens, packages, etc, her office will be staffed at the following times.

9a -1p Mireille Clees

2p-5p Kari Osborne

Bofferding Brewery...

We have the opportunity this **Friday Nov. 13th** to tour the Bofferding Brewery in Bascharage, learning how Luxembourg's most successful brewery produces its beer, as well as sampling Bofferding's many products, including its famous 'Christmas Beer' that has just come out. This event, a definite MUDEC highlight from past years, is free of charge, but you must sign up on my door by 5 p.m.

Tuesday, so that we may order a bus to take everyone there and back. We will leave the Château at 1:15 p.m. and the tour/tasting will be over at 3 p.m., so postpone your weekend travels for a couple of hours and take advantage of this great opportunity!

We could probably arrange for the bus to take you from the brewery directly to the Lux Gare, so sign-up and enjoy! Prost!

Scholarship Announcement...

I now have applications for the Joanna Goldman Memorial Prize that was announced a few weeks ago.

See me if you are interested.

Help me, help you...

Now that Toussaint Break is over, you need to bring back all books that were checked out from my office. Some of you (students and faculty!) checked out books a couple of weeks ago, and I need them back. These resources should be available to benefit everyone.

Autistic Foundation...

Thank you to those who expressed interest in working with the children from the Autistic foundation. Unfortunately, their director has informed me that at this time, they have all of the help that they need. Because of the special nature of the children's illness, exposure to too many different people is unsettling for the children. I will keep you posted if any other opportunities become available.

Chinese buffet and French feast...

We will be once again holding the Chinese buffet on Tuesday, and Roland Hoff's French tutoring on Wednesday. Please sign-up on my door if you wish to participate in either of these activities. For Mr. Hoff's services, please sign up a time of the day when you would like to meet with him.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy 22nd to Shannon Taylor on Wednesday, and happy 21st to Nadia Cichocki on Thursday!

Fabulous Prizes...

You have the option to purchase raffle tickets from Kari Osborne for a chance to win several great prizes. Tickets cost 100 francs each (6 tickets for 500 francs, 12 for 1,000), and all proceeds go to support various charities. Information is posted on Maga's door, or see Kari or Matt personally.

Thanksgiving, American Style...

A reminder that you have been invited to a wonderful, FREE, Thanksgiving feast prepared at American homes in Luxembourg on Saturday night November 28th. Please sign up on my door if you are interested, and the deadline is Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. This is an opportunity for you to make some contacts in the American/Luxembourg business community as well as enjoy a traditional Thanksgiving feast.

Summer Program in Florence...

Interested in earning 8 credits this coming summer during a workshop in Florence, Italy? 3 days a week in class and four days to travel? If you have any interest, please see Matt or e-mail Mr. Mark Bernheim in the English department at

bernhema@muohio.edu

Research Resource...

Need information on the E.U. for your core class projects? Check out the web address: europa.eu.int/scadplus for background information on E.U. policies and projects.

Post Toussaint...

In the Cave you will find sheets labeled, 'Tips for Fellow Travelers.' Please take a few minutes and fill out this sheet with some of your Toussaint experiences and turn it into me. These will help me to update my files for your classmates and future MUDEC students!

A November and December to Remember...

Mark your Calendar!

Nov. 10 Holocaust Panel Discussion (19:00)
Nov. 13 Bofferding Brewery Tour (13:15)
Nov. 17 Lecture: Aspects of the E.U. (19:00)
Nov. 23 'The New German Govt.' -Dr. Gellner
Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Château
Nov. 28 American family dinner (Sign-up)
Dec. 1 American Ambassador Constantinou
Dec. 7 St. Nicklaus/Holiday Tree Trimming
Dec. 8 'Frank Lloyd Wright's Architecture'
Dec. 11 Last day of classes

We know that everyone is busy with school work, social life, and travels, but we have planned these events for you to provide opportunities to enhance your European experience and enable you to get as much out of your time as possible. Take a chance, attend these events, and then give us your feedback! You are heading back to the U.S. in six short weeks, and you don't want to ever have any regrets that you didn't take advantage of opportunities presented to you!

Quote of the Week...

"We will travel as far as we can, but we cannot in one lifetime see all that we would see or learn all that we hunger to know."

-Loren Eiseley -American Anthropologist

Signs of the Times...As seen around Europe

In a Paris hotel elevator:

'Please leave your values at the front desk.'

In an Istanbul newspaper:

'A new swimming pool is rapidly taking shape since the contractors have thrown in the bulk of their workers.'

In an Stockholm dry cleaners:

'Drop your trousers here for best results!'

MEINDEG MOIEN

16 NOVEMBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone: I trust you had a good weekend and that it was very productive for those of you who had stayed in Luxembourg and came to the Center to study and work on Sunday.

From my visit to the Oxford campus I had brought back two jars of peanut butter and have placed them in the student kitchen. I hope you will enjoy this little reminder of home.

Tonight at 8:00 p.m., Ambassador DeMuyser is hosting his students, some faculty and staff members, and a number of guests from the Luxembourg community. These evenings in his charming home are always very informative, delightful and delicious. Thank you Ambassador DeMuyser. **Please, see Matt if you are in Prof. Haag's class and need transportation to Prof. DeMuyser's home. Also if you need transportation back to Differdange.**

Tomorrow night we will have our lecture given by Mr. Angelo Magrini, a former high ranking official of the European Parliament. His presentation on the Aspects of the European Union is very current and should be of great interest.

Next week we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. Please sign up with Mme Dumont if any of your family or friends are visiting from the states and you would want to include them in this festivity. We will have a full house as we enjoy this special day, a delicious meal, the fellowship of MUDEC, and the swinging sounds of the 30 piece Big Band of Differdange.

I would like to share a thought with you. Please plan for and use your time wisely as you have to write and to submit papers, as you study for your exams, and as you pursue your other interests. As an example, if you need to use the computers, plan to use them in the morning when there is

little demand for them.

We have a general assembly meeting on Wednesday. There will be various information shared with you. Please plan to attend.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

Smoke Signals From the Co-Chair...

On Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 12:00 until 2:00 the children at the elementary school below the château are chilling around their playground just waiting for an American student like yourself to come along and teach them how to throw a football, dribble a basketball, crochet an afghan, etc. If you can't get over your stage fright then just stop by and be immortalized in one of the numerous American autograph albums that some of the girls have started. Please stop by on one of these 3 days if you have a few minutes—the kids really dig it and it's a lot of fun.

Franc Wars! have begun and the competition is growing fierce. Due to the unlimited assets of the faculty/staff the students from all three core classes are getting their tails kicked. This money is needed to fund the Christmas Tree Decorating Party we will be throwing for local Luxembourgish kids next month so your contributions are appreciated. As added incentive, the left over money will be put directly into the coffers for the end of semester BASH for the students on the last Friday of classes. So do yourself a favor: add to a little girl or boy's Yuletide cheer, party in style at the end of the year, and keep your drawers from drooping under the added weight of those absolutely worthless one franc coins.

International Student Fair...

Miami University will be setting up an information stand at this year's 'Foire aux Etudiants' international student fair, and we need a few volunteers to help staff the booth. This will take place this Thursday and Friday, and you may come out to the Foire International (next to the Utopolis) at your convenience. This is a great fair with lots of excitement (and food and drink!), and it is a great way to meet Luxembourgish students and to tell them a little about Miami University in Oxford. I will be working the booth all day Thursday and Friday, so please let me know if you would be willing to join me for a couple of

hours. Thanks!

Say Cheese...

We will be attempting to take our group picture on **Wednesday November 25th at 12:30** in front of the church across the street. The rain date will be the next day, Thanksgiving if the weather is bad. We tried to find an earlier date, but these were the only days when we could get our photographer out to the Château, and we hope that all of you will plan to be on hand.

Scholarship Application...

I have several copies of the Upperclass Application for Scholarship to Miami for the upcoming 1999-2000 school year. Awards are given on the basis of the personal and academic achievement demonstrated in your application. See me for an application.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthdays this Wednesday to Tim Nackowicz, and this Saturday to Laura Armstrong.

Arts and Crafts Show...

Two of our host mothers, the Mmes Mersch, will be hosting a Hobby Market arts and crafts fair at our Château on Tuesday November 24th. This will be a nice opportunity to stock up on some hand-made souvenirs and knick-knacks, and perhaps to indulge in some baked goods. **Please also inform your host family of this invitation, as well as the date!**

Parlez-vous français, Sprechen Sie Deutsch?

For this Wednesday's lunch, we will be sitting at 'foreign language tables' and, you guessed it, using only French or German. Be a good sport, have some fun, and refrain from using English during the meal. This may be the quietest mealtime this semester!

GeoBear wants to see Europe...

We have a visitor in the Château. His name is GeoBear and he has come over from Delaware, Ohio and wants to see Europe. Stop by Matt's office if you would like an extra traveling companion on one of your weekend trips.

Goal, Goal, Goal...

Fresh from their solid performance against the English National Team (missed penalty kick!?!) the mighty Luxembourg Lion football team will be playing an international friendly match against this Belgium **this Wednesday evening at 20:00 at the Stade in Luxembourg City**. Tickets, priced between 300 and 1,200 francs, are available at branches of Sale-Lentz travel agents, or at the stadium on game day.

Battle of the Bulge...

No, this is not for WWII buffs, but rather for anyone interested in working out at a **brand new fitness facility** that opens today in Differdange. The Smart Fitness Center is open from 9 a.m. until 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and is located right at the Oberkorn train station. The first visit is most likely free, so see Matt for any additional information.

Closing Time...

A reminder that the Center closes for the weekend at 5:00 p.m. on Friday afternoons. If you plan to do your laundry on Friday afternoon, please make sure that you have finished drying your clothes by then so that we may close the center on time.

Take Advantage of Me...

Well, not literally, but I will be working in Luxembourg City at the Foire aux Etudiants all day Thursday and Friday, so please see me by Wednesday if you need anything this week.

Upcoming at MUDEC...

Tuesday:

12:00 Chinese Lunch Buffet

18:45 'Aspects of European Union'

Wednesday:

12:00 Foreign Language Tables

20:00 Luxembourg-Belgium Football

Thursday:

12:00 Lunch with Château Grounds employees

Final Thought...

We wanted to end on a more serious note. This Wednesday is the three year anniversary of the terrible accident which took two MUDEC students from their loved ones, family and friends. This is not to depress you, but to remind you to never take life for granted, and to be always wary and cognizant during your travels, and to never take unnecessary risks. Every one of us has been blessed with the opportunity to be here in Europe, and we hope that we can live every minute to the fullest. We will have a brief General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday to reflect on this and other topics relating to the winding down of the program. We hope to see you there, and have a great week!

MEINDEG MOIEN

23 NOVEMBER 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and Happy Thanksgiving week! We have indeed much to be thankful for. I am pleased that some twenty of you took advantage of the Center having been open this past Sunday. Thank you to Matt for having opened and closed the Center. Unfortunately, the electric circuit feeding the computers in the library broke down. We will have it fixed as soon as possible. I hope you found the other computers useful.

Today, the rail workers in France, Italy, Belgium and, even in Luxembourg for some hours, are out on strike. They are protesting against the European Union's plan to liberalize the national railroad systems. The liberalization is done to lessen the monopoly the state owned railroads and their employees enjoyed.

A special thank you to Ambassador DeMuyser for having held such an interesting slide presentation on Soviet dissident art and for the gracious and generous hospitality he extended to his students and some faculty and staff. All of us enjoyed the wonderful evening in your charming home.

Last Wednesday we commemorated Rebecca Andrew and Chris Egerton, the two MUDEC students who lost their lives in a skiing related accident three years ago. We continue to be saddened by their so untimely death and are reminded to never let our guards down and to never take any undue risk. Please, be prudent and careful wherever you go and wherever you are.

Tonight, Professor Winand Gellner will hold an informal discussion on various aspects of Germany's new government and its impact on German, European and Global politics. We are delighted and grateful that Professor Gellner is willing to share his insights with all of us. The discussion will be held in the Charles the Bold classroom and will start at 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow, the Mersch sisters, popular host families for many years, will hold a "hobby market" at the Château. Check it out, they may have something of interest to you.

On Wednesday at 12:30 we will have our group picture taken on the stairs in front of the church. Please, be sure to be there. It will make for a great souvenir.

On Thursday we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner, shared by students, faculty, staff and members of the Miami Alumni, Luxembourg chapter. The Big Band of Differdange will swing along, playing familiar sounds. This is going to be one of the highlights of the semester, an event you do not want to miss. For many of you this will be the first Thanksgiving away from your family. Be sure to join our MUDEC family on this very special day.

At this time of the semester let me remind you of class attendance and the opening hours of the Center. Some of you have become lax in coming to class on time and in your class attendance. Courtesy and respect to your professors and your classmates mandate that you come to class on time. It is disrespectful, very distracting and irritating if students come into the classroom after classes have started. In fairness to everyone involved, I do ask you to show a courteous and respectful behavior. Regarding class cuts, I would like to remind you that class absences in excess of the 'allowable' number will result in a lowering of grades. In addition, let me remind you that these allowable cuts cover all contingencies.

For security and other reasons, students are not allowed in the Center during its closing hours, without having received prior permission from a faculty or staff member and only for official business. Any unauthorized person found in the Center during closing hours will be charged with unauthorized entry. It is important that everyone respects the Center's opening and closing hours.

In general, your record has been good, so far. Please, keep it up. It is our individual and collective responsibility to uphold the integrity and quality of our program. All of us are delighted that you are here and would want your experience to be relevant, interesting and enjoyable. To assure this, we need everyone's cooperation.

Again, I wish you a happy Thanksgiving Week. I hope you will take some time to reflect upon the many privileges and blessings we all enjoy. Have a great day and a wonderful week!

Thanksgiving RSVP...

We are looking forward to everyone's participation in the Thanksgiving meal on Thursday. Because of the large number of guests that will be joining us, we need to have an exact student count for the meal. **Please let me know by the end of the day today (Monday) if you will not be joining us for Thanksgiving.**

From the Librarian...

Please do not take any reference materials out of the library, and no book may be checked out without giving the book's card to the librarian or to a proctor. To help cut down on some of the printer problems in the library, please only use standard sized computer paper bought from the librarian, from Claudine, or from one of the various 'Papeterie' stores around Differdange. Also, please do not take community paper out of the copier for your personal use.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy 21st Birthday today to Mandy Groetzinger and Nick Wanat. Happy 21st Birthday as well to J.R. Verkamp on Thursday and to Dave Brenner on Sunday. A special 3rd birthday wish goes out to Jackson 'The Lion King' Hey on Saturday.

Get Informed...

Tonight's discussion on the New German Government will be led by Dr. Winand Gellner and will begin at 19:30. We have placed several copies of the magazine German Life around the center so that you might read up on some issues of importance in German political life to help you to be more informed during tonight's discussion.

Scholar Leaders...

I have information in my office for anyone interested in applying to the Scholar Leader Program at Miami. The December 11th deadline is rapidly approaching, so please see me if you are interested. You may also address questions to Nathan Dedino who participated in this program last year.

Shopping for a Good Cause...

The remarkable International Bazaar will take place this Saturday and Sunday at the Foire International in Kirchberg. This is a great chance to buy books, Christmas presents, and other gifts from around the world, and support this year's charities. It is open Saturday from 12:30pm-8pm, and Sunday from 10am-6pm. Also, don't forget in the coming weeks to take advantage of the wonderful Christmas markets in Trier, Strasbourg, Köln, and Brussels among others!

Toys for Tots...

Help brighten a child's holiday by bringing in unwrapped toys for children (age 1-14), and place them in the box in the Château foyer. The last day for collection will be December 1st. Give thanks for all of your blessings this Thursday and help to fill our Christmas box with much needed toys. Thank you to those who have already placed toys in the box!

Come on, I said 'Fabulous Prizes'...

Buy your Tombola tickets from Kari or Matt! Transatlantic and European airfare tickets available, dinners in wonderful restaurants in Luxembourg, and many others. All proceeds go to charity.

No Soup for You...

Because of dwindling interest, there will be no Tuesday Chinese Lunch Buffet. We may try this again another week if there is interest.

Smile Pretty...

A reminder that we will be taking our group picture this Wednesday at 12:30 p.m. Please join us across the street on the steps of the church. In the case of inclement weather, we will give it a shot at the same time on Thanksgiving day. Remember that Thanksgiving dinner will take the place of our normal lunch that day.

Hobby Market...

Bring some Flux Bucks (or duckets) on Tuesday for the Hobby Market that will be displayed in our Château auditorium. Two of our host mothers will be presenting their wares and this would be another good opportunity for some holiday gifts.

Upcoming at MUDEC...

Monday:

19:30 Dr. Winand Gellner 'The New German Government'

Wednesday:

12:30 Group Picture

Thursday:

19:00 Thanksgiving Meal

Quote of the Week...

"To look, really look out upon the world as it is framed in the window of a moving vehicle is to become a child again." -Anonymous

MEINDEG MOIEN

30 November 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good weekend! We have opened the Center a good number of Sundays this semester. I was pleased to see that many of you came to study at the Center, yesterday. I hope you had a productive day.

Our Thanksgiving dinner and celebrations were enjoyed by everyone. It was a wonderful evening and all of us felt comfortable and "at home" in our extended MUDEC family. A special thank you to Mme Erpelding for having baked the delicious pumpkin pies and to Mme Lucie for having helped Mme Erpelding with the baking and decoration of our beautiful dining hall. Thank you also to the staff for having made the many arrangements necessary for such an event and to the many faculty and staff members for having joined in our celebrations. It was indeed a very festive and pleasant evening.

A special thank you also to the Big Band of Differdange for having provided us with a most enjoyable selection of music, and special recognition to our very own Derek Csaszar, the outstanding soloist of the Big Band. Well done Derek.

I would like to repeat part of the message I had sent to all of you on Thanksgiving Day, may it be with you and with all of us throughout the year. "We are indeed very privileged, sheltered, and fortunate and may not always give much thought to those in need. May this Thanksgiving Day encourage you and all of us to share a kind word, extend a helping hand, show respect and consideration, and to make life a little better for others, today and every day. This is my most sincere wish and hope".

My nephew Ekkie was touched by your friendly reception and appreciated the invitation to join you afterwards in the pub. He mentioned repeatedly how much he appreciated your hospitality and how much he enjoyed the more

typical university life, different from the environment of West Point. Thanks to all of you.

Jackson Hey had his birthday this past weekend. Happy Birthday, Jackson! We are happy to have you here.

Unfortunately, Ambassador Constantinou will not be able to present the lecture we had scheduled tomorrow evening. He had to travel to the United States. On Tuesday, December 8th Professor Gerardo Brown-Manrique will present a lecture on Frank Lloyd Wright's influence on European architecture. As always, the lecture will be held after dinner.

Next Monday we will have our Christmas tree decorating party to which a group of some 25 children from underprivileged families will be invited. We had done this with great success last year. Please join in extending to these children our warm American hospitality and the cheer of the season. You will notice with how much excitement and joy these children will respond to your interest and warmth. A special thank you to the members of the Student/Faculty Council for their instrumental initiative and involvement and for their fundraising efforts.

On Thursday, December 10 we will have a "formal" end of the semester dinner in our dining hall. Award presentations and entertainment will enrich this last evening we will spend together as part of the MUDEC family.

The semester is almost at an end. It does not seem all that long ago that you arrived at MUDEC. In the meantime you have learned, seen, and experienced much. The faculty and staff are delighted to be part of your experience.

In two weeks your exams will start. Please, use the remaining time wisely to assure that you will succeed in your exams.

I do wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Student Faculty Council...

We will have a meeting this Wednesday at 2:30 p.m. to discuss next Monday's holiday tree-trimming party. Anyone interested in helping to plan/organize the party is welcome to attend.

Toys for Tots...

Staying here this weekend? Come out and help Matt and Kari at the Toys for Tots family charity party. This event will be on Friday from 4 until 8 p.m. and will feature carnival games for the kids and a visit from Jolly Old St. Nick. Please see Matt if you are interested, as there will be free food and drink for MUDECers while you are working!

Grudge Match...

The Red Boys Basketball Club of Differdange has issued one final challenge to MUDEC and has offered a rematch this Thursday December 3rd at 20:00. If you are interested in avenging the 20-point spanking laid on two months ago, get your team together and get ready. Talk to Leslie Kill or Jeff Abke if you wish to play, or watch.

Drowning in Scholarships...

I've got your scholarships right here! I've got Mortar Board, Scholar Leader, and Upper-class Scholarship opportunities. See me for more information and take advantage of these opportunities.

Pomp and Circumstance...

If there are any of you who are graduating this semester, please inform Matt ASAP!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy Birthdays go out tomorrow to Teddy Omlid, Wednesday to Karen Squires and Shana Schenk, and Sunday to Scott Sullivan.

Farewell Dinner...

We will be holding a final evening at the Château on Thursday December 10th. We will have a nice dinner, followed by a short program of awards, scholarships, and perhaps even interesting entertainment provided by YOU! As was the case with the Thanksgiving meal, we need to know the exact number of guests. Please let Matt know

soon if you will NOT be attending, or whether you will be bringing a guest. Thank you!

Only 25 Shopping Days Left...

If you are interested in short, inexpensive (at least travel) trips from Luxembourg to do some holiday shopping, don't forget the great Christmas markets in Cologne, Trier, Brussels, Strasbourg, and many others!

Keep the Coordinator on the Cutting Edge...

If you were ever frustrated that Matt's office didn't have updated travel information, or that some students had ripped out several sections of Let's Go Europe 1998, here's your chance to help. It would be greatly appreciated if you were willing to donate any and all current travel books to the Student Coordinator's office. Please only donate those that are in good condition without pages torn out or other damage. Besides lightening your return load, this will help future students immensely! Thank you.

The Best Source of Travel Info...

As you can probably imagine, MUDEC alumni now working in Europe are the best source for advice on where to travel, what to do, etc. If any of you are heading to Austria, you should contact former MUDECer Sean Killian. He is living and working in Tamsweg, Austria, and would love to meet up with you if you are in the area. You may reach him at spkill@lycosmail.com

Signs of the Times...

(As seen around Europe)

In a Bruges Hotel:

'Please to bathe inside the tub.'

In a Vienna Hotel:

'In case of fire, do your utmost to alarm the hotel porter.'

From a brochure of a car rental firm in Rome:

'When a passenger of foot heave in sight, tootle the horn. Trumpet him melodiously at first, but he still obstacles your passage, then tootle him with vigor.'

MEINDEG MOIEN

7 December 1998

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone. I trust you had an enjoyable and pleasant weekend.

Welcome to the last week of instruction, this semester. I hope it will be a very productive one for you as you prepare for the upcoming final exams.

I heard many favorable comments about Miami University when I visited the Toys for Tots event on Friday evening. Thank you to Matt and Kari Osborne for having played an instrumental role in organizing this event, and to Anna Delue, Kevin Hague, Lyndsay King, Abby Stone, and Allison Thielen for their help. I was proud of you and grateful for your involvement.

Tonight we will have our Christmas decorating party. It will be another enjoyable and meaningful way for us to reach out into the community. We are delighted to be victims of last year's success when we invited some 20 children from underprivileged families to join us and to receive presents from the students. This year we will have some 40 children participate in our Christmas tree decorating party. Because of this large turnout we will have two groups, the smaller children from around 5:45 to 7:00 p.m. and the older kids from 7:15 to 8:30 p.m. The students and our visiting children enjoyed this evening very much, last year. I hope that many of you will join to extend to our visitors the warm and friendly welcome for which MUDEC is known.

I would like to thank the Student Faculty Council for its instrumental involvement in planning this joyful event. The enthusiasm and commitment with which this activity was organized impressed me very much. The fund raising project, the "FLUX War" was very original and successful. We raised more than LUF 7,000 in total. . The exact count and the winner(s) will be announced later in the week. It was an exciting and "nail biting" contest. Congratulations to the organizers,

particularly Nick Lazzara, and the rest of the Student Faculty Council.

Tomorrow evening we will have a lecture by Prof. Gerardo Brown-Manrique of Miami's Department of Architecture. The lecture will start at 6:45 p.m. and will be held in the Charles the Bold classroom. The topic "Frank Lloyd Wright and the Rise of Modernism" is a very relevant and interesting one. Welcome and thank you, Professor Brown-Manrique. I have to attend an important meeting of the René Oppenheimer Foundation but will return as quickly as possible.

On Thursday evening we will have our end-of-the-semester dinner party at the Château. It will be the last time this semester that all of us will be together and promises to be an enjoyable and special event. We will also award several scholarships and will have some entertainment. The faculty and staff look forward to spending this evening with you.

Our snow-covered park looks so beautiful and, I hope, is an uplifting inspiration and encouragement for you to study hard and with concentration. I wish you a very good and successful week as you study for your final exams.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

Oh Come, All you Faithful...

Tonight we will be hosting two groups of underprivileged children in our Château for our annual Holiday Tree-trimming party. The first group will be here from 5:45-7:00 p.m. and the second group from 7:15 until 8:30 p.m. We need your support and know that you will find this evening enjoyable and rewarding. Stop by the foyer for a cup of egg nog or chocolate milk, and help a small child place an ornament on our tree.

Lecture Series...

The final lecture of our Tuesday evening series will be given tomorrow evening (Tuesday) by Miami professor Gerardo Brown-Manrique. The lecture will be at 6:45 p.m. and will be held in the Charles the Bold classroom (white chairs). Professor Brown-Manrique will be discussing, 'Frank Lloyd Wright and the Rise of Modernism.'

Need Any Extra Christmas Money...?

Anyone interested in babysitting this Wednesday morning from 08:30 to 12:00 in Luxembourg City? You would be babysitting 1-3 kids during a meeting of the American Women's Club at the Hotel Intercontinental. The pay would be 800-1,200 flux, and we will try to arrange transportation for you. Please see Matt ASAP if you are interested!

Student Evening...

The final student party will be this Friday evening at 20:30 at the Café PlusMinus in Obercorn. There will be music, dancing, drinks, snacks, and a bus to take you home. The cost of the evening is 400 LUF and needs to be paid to a Student Faculty Council member by the end of the day on Wednesday. They will be set up at mealtimes to sign you up and take your money. The theme of the party will be 'Euro-trash,' so get out your tight black pants, leather jackets, and hair gel, and we'll see you there!

Final Matters...

We will have our final General Assembly meeting of the year Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. We will be discussing customs issues and other important info related to your return to the States, so please attend.

From the Housing Coordinator...

You will find housing evaluations in your mailbox. Please take the time to fill them out carefully and completely. We need your honest opinion of your housing situation to help us to house future students. Please fill out the forms and return them to Mme Maga Erpelding.

To keep track of you...

We want to make sure that we can all stay in touch next year. Before you leave for home, you need to stop by Matt's office and give him your spring address. This will be important for t-shirt delivery as well as to inform you of important MUDEC Alumni information. Hard to believe that you are almost MUDEC alumni!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

Happy 21st Birthday tomorrow (Tuesday) to Aimee

Valentine!

Respectable Result...

Congratulations to the Miami University hoopsters who made a respectable 66-61 showing with the Red Boys of Differdange. Several members of my team are now nursing bumps and bruises after being 'roughed up' by Leslie and Jennifer!

Souvenirs, Novelties, Party Tricks...

We have had several student orders for bottles of Champagne with Miami University and our Château on the label. The price has been lowered to 400 francs/bottle, and we still have bottles available, so please stop by Matt's office if you are interested. These would be great for yourself, or as souvenirs!

Quiet Hours...

For those of you who are looking for a quiet space to study, remember that all classrooms, when not in use, are available for study. Check out the Karl der Kühne room, next to the computer room! Please remember to turn out lights/close windows if you are the last to leave the room.

A Christmas Market in your own backyard...

The Differdange Christmas market will open next Saturday and will run one week. This is a nice market with goodies to buy, food and drink to consume, and people to meet. The market will take place across from the bank and Wasteels, at the Place du Marché.

Final Exams...

Next week during finals, we will be serving lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. There will be no Tuesday dinner nor Thursday lunch.

Upcoming at MUDEC...**Monday:**

17:45-20:30 Holiday Tree-Trimming Party

Tuesday:

19:00 Professor Brown-Manrique Lecture

Thursday:

19:00 Final Scholarships and Awards Dinner

Friday:

20:30 Final Students Party (Café Plusminus)

Quote of the Week...

"We shall not cease from exploration and the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time."

-T.S. Eliot (1888-1965) English Poet

MEINDEG MOIEN

14 December 1998

From the Director:

Good morning and welcome to the last week of the semester. I do wish all of you a good week and much success in your exams.

Thank you to all who participated in the Christmas tree decorating party we had hosted for the underprivileged children of Differdange. It was great success and another opportunity for us to reach out into the community. The warm hospitality and compassion you extended to the visiting children were much appreciated. I was told that the children from Kosovo had never experienced anything like this. In the darkness of their lives you have offered them a ray of sunshine and hope. Thank you.

What a wonderful Christmas dinner we had on Thursday evening! Everyone's attractive attire and the beautifully decorated dining hall created a very festive atmosphere. The delicious dinner and poem read by Kara Friedman and Shannon Taylor, the marvelous performance of Melynda's solos and the most wonderful and well presented skit performed by Melynda, Christina, Kristy, Marie, Claire, Allison, and Nathan added to the wonderful feeling and spirit all of us enjoyed. Thank you to all who were involved in making this last dinner together such an enjoyable event. Thank you also to the faculty and staff members who joined us this evening.

Congratulations to our scholarship winners: Nathan Dedino (MUDEC Faculty/Staff scholarship), Adrienne Rapp and Brice Chidester (Rebecca Andrew and Chris Eggerton Scholarship), Jaime Horvath and Parrish Snyder (Maria Bach Dunn Scholarship), and to Derek Cszasz (David Becker Memorial Price).

It was a pleasure working with the Student/Faculty Council. Thank you to Nick Ivancic, Jennifer Kolososki, Claire Hinderer, Lydia Holzman and Nick Lazarra and to Prof. Jeanne Hey and Matt Osborne for your dedication

and excellent contributions to the success of the semester.

I would also like to thank Matt for having opened and closed the Center this weekend and Robin Emmerling and Bill SpinnenWebber for their excellent proctoring.

We had a great and wonderful semester together. To you, the faculty, and staff a sincere thank you for your contributions to this success. I hope that your memories of your Luxembourg experience and the highlights of the semester, our 30th anniversary celebrations, our thanksgiving dinner, the Christmas tree decorating party and our Christmas dinner are pleasant, and that they will be an encouragement to you to give life your best. I would like to thank you for your cooperative and positive attitude and for your caring which made this semester a very enjoyable and rewarding one. So many of you played an active role in making your stay at MUDEC an exciting, relevant and enjoyable experience.

I wish you much success in your exams, a most joyous Holiday Season, a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year and all the best for your future. May it give you many opportunities to live up to our potential and may your life be filled with happiness and fulfillment.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Lunch Schedule...

We will be serving **lunch only** on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week at 11:30 a.m. You obviously have priority in line if you have a 12:30 p.m. exam. There will be no Thursday lunch.

Center Hours...

MUDEC will be open until **11:00 p.m.** on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night. The Center will close at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday and Friday. We ask that you please have your **lockers/refrigerators cleaned out by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.**

Donations If You Please...

Don't forget, you can lighten your travel load by dropping off any guidebooks in good condition in Matt's office by Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. I would definitely appreciate you helping me keep my office up to date. Please don't throw out textbooks. We will save used textbooks at MUDEC and give them to schools in the former Eastern Bloc when we visit on Field Study next semester. There are boxes for donations down in the Cave. Also, we collect used clothes for various charities in the area. The one request is that these clothes be washed when you donate.

Giving Thanks...

As you know, our "Cleaning Ladies" have done a remarkable job cleaning up after you this semester (no small task!). To show our gratitude, we will be presenting the ladies with a bottle of champagne at 6:00 p.m. Tuesday. Please be on hand in the Cave to give our Ladies 3 Enthusiastic Cheers!

From the Housing Coordinator...

Please do not forget to turn in your blue sheets that you received when you first registered upon arrival. Turn these in to Mme Erpelding please, and inform her if you have lost yours. Make sure that you fill out your 'housing evaluation' as well!

Spring Addresses...

I must have your Spring Addresses as soon as possible, so that the Luxembourg Office in

Oxford may keep track of you. Stop by my office!

Differdange Christmas Market...

Need a study break, or just a last minute opportunity to stock up on gifts? The Differdange Christmas market opened on Saturday and will run one week. Open daily from 2-8pm with gift booths and a food and drink stand, the market is located in the big tent just down the hill from the Chateau.

Happy Birthday...

The following people celebrate their birthdays the rest of December. Derek Csaszar (14th), Kristy Camp (23rd), and Abby Stone (24th). Enjoy!

Cave Proctor Payment...

Attention Cave proctors, please pick up your final paycheck from Mme Dumont ASAP!

Souvenir Bombardment...

In addition to fantastic bottles of MUDEC champagne still for sale from Mme Dumont, Claudine has extra Château postcards for sale in her office, as well as limited edition Miami Luxembourg bumper/car window stickers and Château de Differdange stamps. They're so cool!

Missing Picture...

Please double check to make sure that you didn't take a copy of the group picture from the wrong mailbox, or accidentally got two. Kara Friedman is missing hers and would like definitely like to have it back.

Quote of the Week...

"It is a strange thing to come home. While yet on the journey, you cannot at all realize how strange it will be."

-Selma Lagerlof (1858-1940) Swedish Writer