

MEINDEG MOIEN

11 January 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! Best wishes for the New Year and for a wonderful semester.

It is a great pleasure for me to extend to all of you the faculty and staff's warmest welcome and welcome back to MUDEC. We are delighted to have you here and are committed to making your stay at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in Europe as rewarding, meaningful, and exciting as possible. I would like to exclaim a most enthusiastic thank you to all of you for your splendid cooperation during our orientation activities on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. I believe that all of you found our meetings and activities informative and our excursion through Luxembourg interesting and worthwhile. The day together gave us an excellent opportunity to get to know one another and to become acquainted with Luxembourg, your home away from home for the next four months.

To those of you who are returning, I hope you had a pleasant and enjoyable break and would like to encourage you to make the new students feel welcome to our community and to help them as they adjust to their new environment.

As we begin the semester, I would like to remind you of our attendance policy and of the importance to be punctual. It is essential that all of us are committed to the high academic standards of our program.

For your information and guidance, I would like to articulate the Center's attendance policy. Class attendance and participation are required and are included in your overall course grade. It is the policy of MUDEC that you are permitted to miss no more than a total of three class hours of 60 minutes for any three, four or five credit course. A two-credit course would allow 2 absences; a one-credit course, one absence. These allowances are intended to cover ALL contingencies, short of an extended hospitalization. Your grade will be dropped one step (ex: B to B-) for each cut over the established limit. Be prudent with class absences so that you allow for "missed trains," sicknesses, over-sleeping, etc. during the semester. Professors are required to take role and to have a late arrival policy.

I am pleased to announce the availability of internships

at the American Chamber of Commerce, on the Luxembourg foundation CEPROS research project on the information society & digital economy, and at some firms. This is a marvelous opportunity to gain additional experience in Europe. Nevertheless, make sure that you do not overextend yourselves. It proposes a maximum time commitment of four to five hours a week.

If interested, please, contact Dr. Gibb McNeill. He needs the following information from all interested students:

- (a) a resume - giving technical and other skills (languages, knowledge of MS Access, Internet & Website experience, etc.)
- (b) local contact numbers (home phone, email address)
- (c) living location (Differdange, Howald, Luxembourg City)
- (d) internship interests (type of business and type of job - accounting, marketing, etc.)
- (e) weekdays available and hours available during the weekday.

I propose that you fax your resume at 24-15-60 and touch base by email with him at (gilbert.mc-neill@amcham.lu).

Dr. McNeill would ideally like to have some students start next week or the week thereafter.

Tomorrow night we will have an orientation lecture by Mr. Jul Christophory. He is the Luxembourg representative to the European Commission in Luxembourg. His topic on 'Luxembourg in Europe and Europe in Luxembourg' is very timely and interesting, and I know you will enjoy his lecture. It will start after dinner, around 6:45 p.m. As a reminder, this and all future lectures are part of our orientation program. Hence they are mandatory.

On Thursday we will have our host family reception. This is your opportunity to extend your and Miami's hospitality to your host family. Again, welcome to MUDEC. The faculty and staff are happy that you are here and are committed to making your European experience a truly relevant, exciting, and wonderful one.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

From the Housing Coordinator, Mme Maga Erpelding...

After registering, students should bring their blue form to Mme Erpelding to receive their free bus pass, as well as the application for their Jumbo pass. For students in Lux City or Hesperange, you can fax in your registration starting today. Please see Mme Erpelding if you have a question about where you should register or the procedures involved.

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. 1-minute platform speeches and voting will take place next week. Good Luck!

DROP/ADD, CREDIT/NO...

The deadline to drop/add a class is this **Friday at noon!** The deadline to change a class credit/no credit status is **February 1st**. Please see Mme Dumont for all academic matters.

General Assembly...

This Wednesday we will have our first General Assembly meeting in the Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. Besides reviewing important orientation info, Dr. Stiller will discuss various internship possibilities.

Proctors, and other money making opportunities...

Please sign up in Matt's office if you are interested in helping to proctor the library or the cave. The deadline for Library proctor sign up is **Tuesday at noon**, and the deadline for Cave proctors is Wednesday at noon, so please sign up ASAP. **I also need 5 people to work at the host family reception (Thursday 7:30-9:30), pay is 150 LF/hour, the same for the other proctor positions.**

May I cut?...

Students with class at 12:40 have priority in the lunch line.

Computer info...

Just a reminder that the computers in the Library are for **Internet access only**. You will greatly mess up your individual e-mail accounts if you attempt access in the Library. The computer room computers are for e-mailing and word processing. As this is a relatively new system, we will have a few glitches that need to be ironed out. Please let Matt know of any problems with your account, and we thank you in advance for your

patience as we try to fix these problems.

Computer info continued...

Because of several problems that we had last semester, **you are not allowed to install or download any programs on any of the computers, nor are you to tamper with the configurations in any way.** We ask for your cooperation to keep the hard drives from crashing which cause delays and frustrations to you while we wait to have the computers repaired.

Library books...

If you reserved/paid for a text book through someone who was here last semester, please see the librarian soon to give her all necessary information and she will try to track the books down in Oxford.

Hours...

This week the Library will be open from 8a-5p. The Cave and Computer Lab will be open from 8a-7:30 p.m. These hours will be extended next week once we have selected our Proctors.

Want to make some cash?

The American School of Luxembourg is holding its International Dinner in a couple of weeks, and needs student workers. The dinner will be held on Friday January 29th, and we are looking for 4-5 students who would be willing to staff the bar and clear tables from 7 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. You would be paid 200 Luf/hour, and would get a free meal, so please see Matt ASAP if you are interested.

Happy Birthday...

Happy 21st Birthday to Kelly Fielitz on Wednesday, and to Anne Luginbill on Friday. Best wishes to you!

Lost and Found...

Found, one red, velvet journal. Please see Matt.

Info...

Please keep an eye out for information in the Cave or on Matt's bulletin board. Many things are posted, including events, movies and concerts in Luxembourg, fitness opportunities and much more!

This week at MUDEC

Tuesday

18:45 Presentation by Mr. Jul Christophory

Wednesday

12:00 Travel Orientation (during lunch)

15:30 General Assembly

Thursday

19:30 Host Family Reception

Friday

11:00 Trier Presentation by Dr. Lakos

12:00 Bus departs for Trier (17:00 arrival back in Lux)

Treat your passport like your fiancé, don't lose it!

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18 January 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone. I trust you had a good and pleasant weekend. Welcome to the second week at MUDEC. Our semester is off to a good start. I would like to thank you for your active participation in our orientation program and for your good attitude.

Today Martin Luther King Jr. would have celebrated his 70th birthday. Americans and all peace loving people of the world pay homage to the slain civil rights leader who succeeded in using peaceful means to encourage social change and to make American society a more just one. We admire his courage, his determination and his commitment to peace and the equality. May his enormous contributions and his selfless efforts strengthen our resolve to be tolerant, respectful, caring and sharing.

Mr. Christophory's lecture on Luxembourg in Europe and Europe in Luxembourg was very informative and insightful. We are pleased to have a group of excellent speakers arranged for our orientation lecture series.

The American Ambassador to Luxembourg, his Excellency, Clay Constantinou will present tomorrow's lecture on American-European Relations and America's involvement in Bosnia, Kosovo, and Iraq. The Ambassador will join us for dinner and will talk to us at 6:45 p.m. Following his lecture we will have a brief question and answer period.

I had visited the Conservatory of Music in Esch/Alzette and met with the director to explore how you can take advantage of the marvelous facility and strong faculty the conservatory has. The Conservatory offers you an opportunity to take classes in just about any musical instrument, all free of charge. Please, see me this week if you are interested. This is an exceptional opportunity. I hope that a good number of you will take advantage of this generous offer.

Thursday's housing reception was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship and the time we spent together. Again, it showed that we feel comfortable in this community, the MUDEC family. I was pleased to see how well you interacted with your host families and was happy to hear how pleased the host families are with you. I was proud of you and would like to thank you for your excellent conduct.

The Student/Faculty Council plays an important role at MUDEC. It functions as the liaison between the students and the faculty and staff. There are five positions to be filled. If you are interested in becoming involved and in making a contribution to MUDEC and to our program, I would like to encourage you to run for on the positions.

There are many opportunities for you to become involved in the Differdange community. Please, check with Matt on how you can join the various organizations or how you can take advantage of the many facilities Differdange is making available to you as a Miami student.

We are happy that you are here. Please use your time and your energy wisely to assure that you will be doing well academically, that you have enough time to establish a relationship with your host family and that you will enjoy all the other things that make up your total European experience.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Internet Problem...

The internet will temporarily be down until around 14:00 this afternoon. The problem rests with Restena, our service provider, as they attempt to install a new connection.

From the Housing Coordinator, Mme Maga Erpelding...

Please stop by my office and confirm that your home address information is correct. This is important for us as well as for the Lux office in Oxford.

Important Academic Note...

If you are taking a Thematic sequence at MUDEC, please recheck your actual courses that count towards the TS. If you have recently changed your courses, this may have altered your TS.

Student Faculty Council...

Please remember to sign up with Matt if you are interested in being on the Student Faculty Council. We have not had many sign up thus far, and we need your help and enthusiasm on this important governing body. 1-minute platform speeches will be held at the General Assembly on Wednesday.

Icelandair Reservations...

As you know, Icelandair discontinued its service into and out of Luxembourg on January 9th. The Icelandair office in Luxembourg will officially close on March 1st. If you have an open ended return ticket on Icelandair, you may wish to reserve your return flight date by this date while the office is still in Luxembourg. If you wait until after March 1st, you would need to contact their Frankfurt office.

Computer Rules...

A reminder that students using the library computers for internet research have priority over students using the computers for web based email accounts. We suggest that you use your @mudec.lu accounts in the computer lab. Students using computers in the lab for word processing assignments have priority over email users. We thank everyone in advance for your consideration to fellow students.

Any computer experts out there?...

On a similar note, if there are any computer experts among you, please see Matt. We are interested in hiring someone for a couple of hours per week to do some maintenance/upkeep work on our computer system.

CFL Train Times...

We have installed the new European train times on nine of the library computers. Double click the icon 'CFL Winter 98-99 and input your information to find train times between various European cities.

Remember to always confirm trains at the CFL station in Luxembourg City or at Wasteels!

Center Hours...

Now that our proctors are in place, the hours of the Cave, computer center, and library will be from 08:00 until 20:50. This will allow you to catch the 21:02 train into the city. The center is open on Fridays from 08:00-17:00. We ask that you respect these times and help us to keep the center running smoothly.

Red Boys Challenge...

Hoops Anyone? The mighty Red Boys Basketball Club of Differdange has challenged Miami to put together a team for this Thursday night at 20:00. Your predecessors last semester suffered two crushing defeats at the hands of these shorts and dark socks clad warriors!. So get your team together and talk to Matt for more details. All are invited to play, and of course spectators are always welcome!

Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthday today to Susan Wickline, and tomorrow to Tony Alexander. Prost!

Get Involved...

I have information in my office on various clubs in Differdange and Luxembourg. You can get involved in various sports, cultural, and political clubs, plus many others. Stop by Matt's office to see what might be of interest to you. Make sure you do and see as much as you can during your short European experience!

Laundry Rules...

Remember that our dryers take a long time to finish their cycle (about 1 hr.). Please time your laundry so that you are finished by 8:45 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, and 5:00 p.m. on Fridays.

Alert...

Please make sure the International Herald Tribune and Wall Street Journal remain in the library for the benefit and use of all of us.

This week at MUDEC

Tuesday

18:45 H.E. Ambassador Constantinou

Wednesday

14:45 Student Faculty Council Elections

Thursday

Red Boys Challenge

Quote of the Week...

'The good traveler has the gift of surprise.'
-W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965) Eng. Writer

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25 January 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a pleasant and interesting weekend. The semester is off to a good start. I would like to thank you for commitment and for your good attitude. Both are much appreciated

Congratulations to Jeff Griffiths, Bobby Botnick, Amy Cummings, Christy Cappella and Roger Pryor on having been elected to the MUDEC Student/Faculty Council. I look forward to working with you. A warm and enthusiastic thank you to all of the candidates who had shown an interest in being involved. I was impressed by all of the platform presentations and pleased to see the serious commitment all of you had. Again, thank you and congratulations to the winners.

The orientation lecture by the American Ambassador, Mr. Clay Constantinou, was interesting and inspiring. We are sad to see him leave Luxembourg. He was a good Ambassador and a close personal friend and friend of the Center. We wish him and his family the very best.

Tomorrow evening Ambassador DeMuyser will present the third orientation lecture on the history of Luxembourg and the unique character of Luxembourgers. As you know, these lectures are designed to acquaint you with Luxembourg and Europe and to help you as you adjust to your new cultural environment.

We had published a very attractive anniversary brochure on the occasion of MUDEC's 30th anniversary. Please see Mme Dumont if you are interested in having one.

Friends of MUDEC have helped us in reserving a European bowling alley (jeux de quilles, Kegelbahn) tomorrow evening. There will be an opportunity for fifteen of you to participate and to enjoy a typical European social evening. Please, sign up with Matt. The first fifteen to sign up will be on. We are delighted that we can make this

available to you and hope to be able to offer this on a regular basis.

On Thursday evening, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. I would like to invite a group of fifteen students chez moi for une verre d'amitié, a bite to eat, and a chance to enjoy the friendship and fellowship of the Center. Please, sign up with Matt. I look forward to this evening and to others to come.

As a reminder, please make sure that you arrange your priorities properly and that you use all your time, your energy and your other resources wisely and efficiently. Your major commitment has to be to your academic responsibilities and the expectations you, your parents and others have regarding this.

I am happy that you are here. All of us are committed to making your stay relevant, meaningful and rewarding.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

French/German help, and hiking...

Don't forget that Mr. Roland Hoff will be here on Wednesday to help any students with their French or German. Please sign up on Matt's door to reserve your time. Also, Mr. Hoff is taking interested students on a hike through 'Little Switzerland' this Sunday. Please sign up on my door as well for this unique opportunity.

International Connection...

I am looking for a couple of students who would be interested in visiting a Luxembourg high school English class next week to meet students close to your age and discuss various topics in English about American life and culture, please see Matt. We would head over to the school in Petange and visit two classes either next Monday or Thursday (10a-12p). This event went over well last year as students were able to meet locals and forge international friendships.

MUDEC Bowling Night...

Have any of you wondered how to play that interesting looking European bowling game with the narrow lanes, small hole-less balls, and 9 pins attached to strings? Well, now is your chance. We are organizing a bowling night tomorrow (Tuesday) after Ambassador DeMuyser's talk at the Petit Casino Pub in Differdange. Sign up with Matt today and come out tomorrow night from 9-11p. We only have room for 10-15 students, so sign up soon!

Red Alert...

Please do not take any books out of the library without first giving the card to the librarian or to a proctor.

Red Boys Challenge...

Congratulations to your Miami University basketball team who put up a valiant effort against the Red Boys of Differdange before succumbing 69-63. Dustin Dolatowski and Jon Eisenberg led the way with 10 and 9 points respectively, and three pulled muscles. Anyone is welcome to practice with the team any Thursday night from 8-9:45 p.m. but let me know first so that I can make arrangements. We will definitely schedule a rematch later in the semester, so get ready!

Common Concerns...

Please remember that keeping your dishes clean in the student kitchen is YOUR responsibility and not that of the cleaning personnel nor the Cave proctor. Please use common courtesy and clean up after yourselves. Thank you.

Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthdays tomorrow to Zeynep Argic and Thursday to Lauren Viars. Stephanie Sneary celebrates her birthday on Friday as does Allison Holcomb on Saturday. Happy Birthday to you all!

Super Sunday...

It looks like next Sunday's Super Bowl game between the Denver Broncos and the Atlanta Falcons will be televised live on SAT 1 starting at 23:30 (kick-off at 00:18 Monday). SAT 1 is a German station that most televisions should get.

BCEE Tunnel Exposition...

You may want to check out the current exposition at the BCEE Tunnel Museum. The art of Vasarely is featured, and Mme Vankrunkelsven says that this is one of the best that she has seen. She has a nice catalogue in her office if you would like to ask her about this and take advantage of the opportunity.

Glass Menagerie...

While we do have unlimited resources in some areas of the Château, glasses during meal times are not one of them. Please do not take any more than two glasses for your meal so that we can make sure we have enough for everyone's use. Thank you!

You should be in the movies...

Luxembourg has a great movie theater, the Utopolis! I have posted the movie times on the bulletin board outside of my office, and you should definitely see a flick. Take Bus #18 from the Lux city train station directly to the theater. Monday night is reduced price night, and you get an extra student discount any night with your blue bus pass. Check it out!

European Research...

Anyone needing to do research on European topics should check out this web site submitted by Dr. Tom Klak (Professor of Geography).
www.einaudi.cornell.edu/europe/err.html

This week at MUDEC

Tuesday

18:45 An Evening with Ambassador DeMuyser
20:45 MUDEC Bowling Night!

Quote of the Week...

"I never travel without my diary. One should always have something sensational to read in the train."

-Oscar Wilde (1856-1900) Irish Playwright

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1 February 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I hope you had a pleasant and interesting weekend. From talking to some of you I was pleased to hear that you are planning your travels well. As a reminder, it is much more important to see and experience a few things in depth than to scratch the surface of many.

Tomorrow night we will have Her British Majesty's Ambassador, Mr. William Ehrman, as our orientation speaker. His is a most successful and richly experienced career diplomat. The topic of his presentation, "The United Kingdom and the European Union and The British Role in Iraq and the Kosovo," are very timely and for us very important issues. I do expect that all of you will attend this lecture. It is a unique opportunity for you to listen to an outstanding professional diplomat and excellent speaker. Needless to say, we are pleased to be able to offer you this and other opportunities.

A special recognition goes to Christine Darmofal, Jeff Griffiths, Bob Janke, Matthew Sprunger, and Reggie Taylor for their instrumental and much appreciated help at the American School's International Dinner, on Friday night. They did an outstanding job and their help was much noticed and greatly appreciated. Thank you for representing Miami University so well.

This afternoon we will have our first Student/Faculty Council meeting. I look forward to working with the Council.

It was great fun for me to host a group of you last Thursday. I would like to invite another group of fifteen students to my place, this Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. (for those in Dr. Haag's class at 7:30). Please, sign up with Matt. I will share sandwiches, snacks, and a verre d'amitié.

I feel that our semester is off to a very good start and would like to thank you for your cooperative

spirit and your positive attitude.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

Security Issues...

-A reminder that as Americans abroad, we must always be vigilant and aware of our surroundings when we travel. Please keep an eye out for yourself and your belongings at all times. If you do feel threatened in any way in Luxembourg, please alert Dr. Stiller or a member of the staff. This is not to unnecessarily frighten you, but please be on your guard.

-On a similar note, please do not invite guests into the Château without first 'introducing them' and 'checking them in with a staff member.' This is for our individual as well as collective safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

From the Housing Coordinator...

-Attention wine drinkers, please save all wine corks and turn them in to me. We recycle these corks and donate them to a retirement home for the purchase of wheelchairs.

-You are once again reminded to stop by my office and verify your home zip codes. Thanks!

Student Faculty Council Meeting...

We will have our first Student Faculty Council meeting today (Monday) at 15:30 in the Charles le Temeraire Classroom (orange chairs).

MUDEC Bowling Night...

After the rousing success of our first bowling night, we will again be playing the 'jeu des quilles' on Tuesday night from 20:45-22:45 at the Petit Casino Pub. Please sign up on Matt's door if you are interested. Anyone is welcome, but we have limited the number to 15, so sign up soon!

Lending a Helping Hand...

A couple of MUDEC students are organizing opportunities for volunteer work with refugees from the Kosovo. Please sign up on Matt's door with your available time on Tuesdays and

Thursdays, or talk to Amanda Sikora or Jeff Griffiths if you are interested in lending a hand. The 'work' could be anything from playing sports with the kids, to babysitting, to tutoring in French, German, or English.

French/German work...

We were happy to see that several of you signed up and took advantage of Mr. Roland Hoff's offer to provide French and German tutoring last week. Mr. Hoff will again be here this Wednesday from 10:00 until 17:00, so please sign up on Matt's door to reserve Mr. Hoff's services.

From the Librarian...

Students in FRE 308 must stop by my office to pick up the textbooks that have been ordered for you.

Get Involved...

The new issue of the Luxembourg News has arrived with its updated list of sports, cultural, political, and social clubs. Stop by Matt's office to take a look and get involved. Participating in activities within the community is the best way to get the most out of your European experience.

Happy Birthday...

One birthday this week, happy 21st to Liz Konzelman on Saturday!

Bible Study...

You are cordially invited to participate in a Bible study this Wednesday night at 19:30 in the Charles the Bold Classroom (white chairs). Talk to Katie Byrnett or Amanda Sikora if you are interested.

Basketball...

We missed everyone last week, and I hope that many of you will come out to play in the coming weeks. Unfortunately, the Red Boys had a match rescheduled for this Thursday, and thus there will be NO pickup basketball this week. We will get it going again next Thursday the 11th if you are interested.

Coasting...

The Lux Club in Oxford is planning its own celebration of MUDEC's 30th Anniversary next

month at the Shriver Center. They would like beer coasters from the various Luxembourgish bars and breweries, and I need your help. As you frequent the pubs (just to study!) during the next couple of weeks, please bring back some coasters and give them to me, and I will forward them on to Oxford. Thank you in advance for your help.

Liichtmessdag...

Tuesday is a holiday in Luxembourg known as 'Liichtmessdag.' Children normally walk the streets bearing bright paper lanterns, singing traditional songs and knocking on doors and asking for rewards. If you have young children in your host family, you may wish to give them a chocolate bar or other treat for this holiday.

This week at MUDEC

Tuesday

Liichtmessdag

18:45 British Ambassador William Ehrmann

20:45 MUDEC Bowling Night!

Wednesday

10:00 – 17:00 Mr. Hoff's Language Lab

19:00 Chez Stiller

19:30 Bible Study

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

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8 February 1999

From the Director:

Good morning everyone! I trust you had a good weekend. I was pleased to see that a good number of you stayed at home in order to take advantage of the Center being open yesterday, to study for your upcoming exams, to catch up, and to work ahead. Next week all of you will have an opportunity to travel and to explore Europe.

This past weekend the world lost a man of peace, vision and courage and an example of diplomacy and conciliation. King Hussein of Jordan passed away yesterday and will be buried in Amman, today. Royalty and heads of will be present to pay their nation's tribute to this outstanding man.

This weekend and during this week representatives of Kosovo Albanians and Serbs meet at the Château Rambouillet to find a settlement and a peaceful solution to their conflict. All this under the guidance of the Kosovo contact group. May their efforts and discussion be successful.

I know all of you enjoyed last week's lecture on Great Britain and the European Union, on Kosovo and Iraq. Ambassador Ehrman mentioned to me how much he enjoyed being with you and how impressed he was by your attentiveness and your excellent questions. After his eloquent lecture the situation in the Kosovo is much more comprehensible to us.

Tomorrow night we will have the doyen of Luxembourg's business and banking community talk to you. Mr. Edmond Israel is a very good friend of the Center and a most eloquent, knowledgeable and effective speaker. His topic, "Luxembourg, Europe and the Global Community" is a fascinating and interesting one. I am convinced that you will enjoy his insightful presentation (he just returned from the Davos World Economic Forum) and that you will find his lecture fascinating and most informative. I do expect your attendance.

It was a great pleasure for me to host groups of you during the last two weeks. Thank you for joining me. A tight schedule this week prevents me from hosting a group. However, I would like to invite another group of 15 students to visit with me on Monday night, February 22nd from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.. Please sign up with Matt.

I look forward to another evening of friendship and fellowship and a verre d'amitié, sandwiches and snacks.

I was informed by the Luxembourg Office that there is still a possibility to apply for studies at MUDEC during this coming academic year. This is a marvelous opportunity for you to invite your special friends to apply in order for them to have the same experience you have this semester (year). Do them and you a favor by mentioning it to them. You are a great group and you know what it takes to enjoy and to be successful in our program. So, if you know of someone who is "ready" for MUDEC, please inform her/ him or them of this and encourage them to pick up an application in the Luxembourg Office. There is an element of urgency. Please, act immediately. It would be unfortunate if your good friend(s) would miss this great opportunity.

Next week will be your carnival break. I know you will use this time to travel, to see and to explore Europe. A word of caution as you prepare your travels – we would like to feel and to be safe and sound at all times. Please, take all due precautions as you travel, be careful and prudent and stay away or walk away from any situation or location that makes you feel uncomfortable, ill at ease or insecure. I wish you safe travels and wonderful experiences and look forward to seeing all of you back on Monday, February 22nd.

General Assembly/Student Faculty Council...

We will hold a brief General Assembly meeting this Wednesday at 2:45 p.m. Please plan to be on hand as we discuss important issues related to Carneval Break travelling. You will also have the opportunity to air your thoughts about the first five weeks of the program. The Student Faculty Council will meet today at 3:00 p.m.

Got Any Suggestions...?

The SFC has placed a box down in the Cave for your suggestions. All serious comments, concerns, and thoughts are welcome.

MUDEC Bowling Night...

The second bowling night was another success, and the cutthroat competition is heating up. Come out and join us again this Tuesday at 20:45 at the Petit Casino Pub in Differdange. There are limited spots available, so

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★ AS OUR SERVICE PROVIDER WORKS ON THEIR END ★

sign up on my door. First timers and seasoned veterans alike are welcome!

Wine Tasting...

MUDEC is very pleased to be able to offer to you a special evening of wine tasting on Tuesday, February 23, 1999. This presentation on the 'Secrets of Civilization,' will be given by Mr. Tom Lipton, an American living in Germany. These wine tastings are always popular, but there is limited seating. We can take a maximum number of 25 students, and the cost of this evening is 300 LUF, which covers bread, cheese, and 3 types of wine. Sign up with Matt ASAP to reserve your place, but to be fair to all, you must pay when you sign up.

Carneval Party...

The Student Faculty Council is putting on a Carneval party this Thursday night at the Café PlusMinus in Oberkorn. This will be a great way to continue to get to know your fellow MUDECers as well as celebrate the upcoming Carneval Break holiday. The party will run from 8 until midnight and will feature music from Matt Chandler and Adam Hollingsworth. The cost is 300 francs which includes the Salle, some drinks and snacks, and a bus ride back to Luxembourg City and surrounding areas after the party. More details will be upcoming this week. Sign up and pay with Christy Cappella of the SFC, and we hope to have everyone participate!

If you can't be with the one you love...

Don't forget to order your Valentine's day Carnations from a SFC member soon! The Carnations are 60 flux each, and will be delivered this Thursday. These carnations, a fund raising effort for you the students, would be great for fellow students, faculty, staff, host families, and especially student coordinators! Happy Valentine's Day!

Research Opportunities...

We have just been made aware that MUDEC students may now access the electronic journals and other research information from the Miami University Library webpage. From the library computers, go to www.lib.muohio.edu for all information. This is an invaluable resource for you as you work on your research projects.

Cave Proctor Payment...

Cave Proctors may pick up their first paycheck in Mme Dumont's office.

Bible Study...

You are cordially invited to participate in a second

Bible study this Wednesday night at 19:30 in the Charles the Bold Classroom (white chairs). Talk to Katie Byrkett or Amanda Sikora if you are interested.

On the Air...

An American living in Luxembourg, Paul Missavage, hosts a daily radio show from noon until 5 p.m. on 102.2 FM (Sunshine Radio). He plays a lot of alternative music, and says that MUDEC students are welcome to come into the studio to help pick out the music and hang out during the show. The station is located next to the Utopia movie theater, Bus #3 to Limpertsberg. See Matt for more details.

Coasting...

Thank you very much to all of you who brought in coasters to my office. I am now inundated by Mousel, Bofferding, and Strongbow, but I appreciate your help.

A picture is worth...

Don't forget that we have some beautiful postcards of the Château during the different seasons of the year. Stop by Claudine's office if you wish to purchase a set of 4 cards for 50 francs, or 8 cards for 80 francs.

Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthday yesterday to J.P. Dutton (my fault!) and today to Andrea Schroeder. Francesca Suzzi turns 21 over the Carneval Break (Feb. 21)!

This week at MUDEC

Tuesday

18:45 Presentation by Mr. Edmund Israel
20:45 MUDEC Bowling Night!

Wednesday

10:00 - 17:00 Mr. Hoff's Language Lab
19:30 Bible Study

Friday

Last day of classes before Carneval

Kennt Dir Lëtzeburgesch?

(Do you know Luxembourgish?)

Gudde Moien - Good Morning

Moien - Hello

Gudden Owend - Good Evening

Gudd(e) Nuecht - Good Night

Schlooft Gutt - Sleep Well

Merci - Thank You

Ech Wënschen Iech... - I Wish You...

E Schéint Ouschterfest - A Happy Easter

Eng Gutt Rees - A Good Trip

E Schéine Nomëtteg - A Nice Afternoon

Bis geschwënn dann! - So Long Then!

Good's Start... (faint handwritten text)

MEINDEG MOIEN

8 March 1999

From the Director:

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

We had posted information regarding Miami University's LeaderShape Institute. I have just been informed that the deadline for applications has been extended to Friday, March 26. So, if you are interested in participating, you still have time to apply. Matt has application forms. You can also receive additional information at www.muohio.edu/mlc/progs.html

Tomorrow evening we will have our panel discussion on "Nazi Occupation, Concentration Camps, and the Luxembourg Resistance Movement". This is always very moving and memorable for the students as the panel members search deep in their hearts and memories to recall the painful events of this brutal, inhumane and unjust system. I would like to thank Prof. Haag for having organized this again for your benefit. Let us use this discussion to strengthen our resolve to fight injustice, hatred and inhumanity and to increase our effort to make our world a better place for everyone.

The panel members will join us for dinner prior to the panel discussion. Please, make them feel welcome and feel free to talk with them before the formal presentation.

This Wednesday evening I would like to share friendship, fellowship, some food and "une verre d'amitie" with another group of fifteen students. As always, it will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Please, sign up with Matt. I enjoy these evenings very much and look forward to them with anticipation.

At this time of the semester you may feel a "little down". This is perfectly normal and results from various causes such as exhaustion from traveling, home sickness, necessary time and work to write papers or to prepare for exams, disappointing

examination results, money going more quickly than you thought and the likes. Again, this is perfectly normal and will disappear within a couple of weeks. You have heard me talk many times about the MUDEC community of which all of us are part. Let all of us be sensitive toward this and let us share a happy thought, a friendly smile or an encouraging message with those who do feel less than happy.

As you know, I always have an open door. Please, see me if there is anything I can do for you. It would be a great pleasure for me to be of help.

I am delighted that you are here and wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

A Second Evening of Wine Tasting...

MUDEC is proud to offer a second evening of wine tasting, featuring French Reds, presented by Mr. Alain Meyer, a former professor at the Center. The event will take place on Thursday March 18th at 18:30, and the seating is even more limited than our first wine tasting, so sign up with Matt ASAP if you are interested. The cost is again 300 LUF which covers bread, cheese, and wine. In fairness to all, we ask that you please pay when you sign up.

White wine tasting REFUND...!

As promised, all who paid for and attended our white wine tasting will receive a refund of 50 Luf. Please stop by Matt's office to claim your huge rebate!

Summer School Registration...

This is an announcement that registration for Miami summer terms begins March 15th. For more information and for courselists, check out the web at www.muohio.edu/summer, and I have info on how to register in my office. We will let you know about registration for Fall 1999 as details arrive.

True Heroes...

This Tuesday evening after dinner we will be holding one of the most moving, powerful, and memorable events of the semester. The Holocaust Panel Discussion is a time for you to hear the real life stories of five individuals who suffered under the Nazi atrocities. Because there are not many of these survivors still alive, you are among the last groups of students that will ever get to hear these first hand accounts of horror. This will be an event that you will not want to miss.

Staying in Touch...

If anyone is interested in running for next year's Luxembourg Club in Oxford, or in working in the Lux Office, you are encouraged to contact Ms. Lainie Kober at koberem@muohio.edu. For office positions, we are most interested in your computer skills and previous office experience. We will let you know about Lux Club elections later in the semester.

High Crimes and Misdemeanors...

A reminder, please do not take any journals or newspapers out of the library. Also, please do not take books out of the library without first signing the card and giving it to the librarian or proctor. Finally, overdue books must be returned. This goes for students and faculty alike!

MUDEC Bowling Night...

There will be no bowling this week as it conflicts with our Holocaust Panel Discussion.

Bible Study...

There will however be a Bible Study this evening at 19:30 in the Charles the Bold classroom, coming off last week's largest attendance yet!

French/German Work...

After a stressful time of mid-term exams, Mr. Hoff will again be at the Château on Wednesday to help any of you with your French or German. Please sign up on Matt's door if you would like to reserve a time.

European Football...

Don't forget that Luxembourg plays Iceland this Wednesday at the Stad Municipal at 20:00. Tickets are on sale at branches of Voyages Sales-Lentz and range in price from 200-800 LUF. There are Sales-Lentz agencies in Bascharage, Esch/Alzette, and at the Lux City Gare. I hope to see you there, and it is an easy bus ride (#7) from the train station to the stadium in Lux city!

30th Anniversary Brochure...

You may have noticed the red brochures in the library. Read through it and if you would like your own free copy, please see Mme Dumont.

Collectibles...

MUDEC collects wine corks and used stamps to raise money for local charities. Please give your wine corks to Manon Pint, and tear off the stamps from your letters and give them to Mme Dumont. Thanks!

Postcards from the Edge...

If you have a spare postcard or two from some of your various travel destinations, I would appreciate you donating them to me. We desperately need to help GeoBear before he returns to the States. Who is GeoBear? Please see Matt.

Lost and Found...

This is an urgent appeal for someone to please return my red Berkeley guide to France. Your classmates would like to use it. Please stick it outside of my office door, no questions asked.

Happy Birthday to you...

All the best to Amy Nelson who turns 21 on Tuesday.

This week at MUDEC

Monday

19:30 MUDEC Bible Study

Tuesday

18:30 Holocaust Panel Discussion

Wednesday

10:00 – 17:00 Mr. Hoff's Language Lab

19:00 Chez Stiller (Sign-Up)

22:00 Center closes

Kennt Dir Lëtzeburgesch?

(Do you know Luxembourgish?)

Déieren – Animals

E Päerd – A horse

En Iesel – A donkey

Eng Kou – A cow

E Schwäin – A pig

En Hond – A dog

Eng Kaz – A cat

Who's putting an NCAA tournament pool together for MUDEC?

Don't Forget – Treat your Passport like your fiancé, DON'T LOSE IT!

MEINDEG MOIEN

15 March 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! What beautiful weather we had this weekend. It could not have come at a better time and I hope that it "picked you up".

Miami's basketball team is scoring the points, winning the games and making headline news. Congratulations and three cheers for the team from Miami University and for MUDEC!!!

It is a pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Drs. Annette and Eddie Tomarken this week and to wish them a pleasant stay. Dr. Annette Tomarken is on a partial leave from her assignment as Luxembourg Coordinator and Dr. Eddie Tomarken is a visiting scholar at MUDEC. While they are here both will lecture to the students in Dr. Dowhower's class. Please, say hello to them and make them feel welcome.

Tomorrow night Prof. Schmit has her students over to her place. I know it is always a great and culinary experience. Thank you, Prof. Schmit and have fun, everyone.

For those not in Prof. Schmit's class, we have a special treat. Former American Ambassador, Mr. Edward Rowell, will speak to us on "European Developments seen through the eyes of an American diplomat." Ambassador Rowell is a career diplomat with enormous professional experience, extensive insights and outstanding communication skills. I know you will find his lecture stimulating, informative and eloquent.

The lecture will be held in the Charles the Bold classroom at 6:45 p.m. I am pleased that I could arrange this lecture for you and look forward to seeing you there.

On Thursday Mr. Adolph Haislar, Assoc. Vice President for Auxiliary Services, will visit MUDEC. We also extend a warm welcome to him.

On Thursday night we have our wine appreciation evening with Prof. Alain Meyer. His topic on red wines is always of great interest and his commentary and the samples are enjoyed by all. To participate you must have signed up with Matt. The event will begin at 18:30.

On Friday afternoon we host the Femmes Luxembourgaises. A group of some 40 ladies will be here to visit our beautiful campus and to learn about our program and Miami University at large.

I am delighted that you are here and wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Student Faculty Council Meeting...

The Student Faculty Council will meet today at 3:00 p.m. in Dr. Stiller's office.

An Evening of Wine Tasting...

There are still a few more spots available for this Thursday's Evening of French Reds. The cost is 300 francs which covers bread, wine, and cheese. Sign up with Matt if interested. There are also about ten of you who have still not picked up your refund for the white wine tasting. Stop by.

Return Trip...

Students who have open ended tickets for a return trip on Icelandair should seriously consider booking and confirming your return date ASAP, as the planes are filling up. Icelandair no longer has an office in Luxembourg, so you must call them in Frankfurt (0800 36 31) or Paris (0800 36 30). Both of these numbers should be toll free.

A MUDEC Tradition...

We are pleased to offer you an opportunity to tour the Bofferding Brewery in Bascharage this Friday afternoon at 13:30. This afternoon is free, but you must sign up by Wednesday to ensure a spot on the bus. The event will be over at 15:15 so you would still have time to head out on your weekend excursions. Come out and see how Bofferding beer is brewed, and of course sample the wonderful product!

Drying Out...

Please do not hang your wet clothes on the electric wires in the laundry room, nor in any of the bathrooms in the Château. Thank you for your cooperation.

MUDEC Bowling Night...

We have the opportunity to go bowling again this Tuesday evening at 20:30. If you have not participated, come out and join the crafty veterans for a fun evening and unique cultural experience.

Happy Birthday to you...

Happy 21st birthday on Wednesday to Chrissy Snow. Jack Tripper will be joining us for a drink at the Regal Beagle.

Health Update...

Students are reminded that if they are ever seriously ill during their stay here, the hospital in the neighboring town of Niederkorn is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Students in Luxembourg City may call '112' to find out which hospital's emergency rooms are open.

Prom Night...

Mark your calendars for Thursday night, April 29th. We will be holding our End of the Semester Ball on this evening. This is always a memorable

time together as we celebrate with our entire group. Your host families will be receiving invitations in a couple of weeks, but **please inform them of this date**, so that they may also mark their calendars.

Need A Lift...?

Here is an important number to jot down. Yellow T taxi service in Differdange has a **toll free number** that you can call if you are ever stranded anywhere in Luxembourg and need a ride. The number is **0800-22-44**. Luxembourg Taxi companies normally charge one price for the distance of the trip, regardless of how many passengers in the taxi.

This week at MUDEC (March Madness)

Monday

19:30 MUDEC Bible Study

Tuesday

18:45 Ambassador Rowell Presentation

20:30 MUDEC Bowling Night! (sign-up)

Wednesday

10:00 – 17:00 Mr. Hoff's Language Lab

22:00 Center Closes

Thursday

18:30 An Evening of Red Wine Tasting (sign-up)

Friday

13:30 Tour of the Bofferding Brewery (sign-up)

Kennt Dir Lëtzebeurgesch?

(Do you know Luxembourgish?)

Léif Wierder – Terms of Affection

Schnucki – Honey Dear

Pëppi – Baby-Doll

Séiss Modi – Sweetie Pie

Méng Flam – Lovey-Dovey

Ech hun dech gär – I Love You

Quote of the Week...

"I'm just trying to enjoy the experience because I probably will not be back this way again."

-Miami basketball coach Charlie Coles after his team upset Utah 66-58.

MEINDEG MOIEN

22 March 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good weekend. There are less than two weeks before the beginning of the Spring/Easter break and our study tours. Please, use your time and your energy wisely.

The event of the week is Friday evening when Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker will speak at our château. His topic: "Vision du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg dans le prochaine millénaire" will be of great interest. We do expect a considerable turnout from the community of Differdange but would like to invite you to listen to and to meet the Prime Minister. So, you are most cordially invited to attend this conference. It will be given in French and some Luxembourgish.

I will leave for my regular visit to the Oxford campus on Wednesday evening. As always, I have a very busy schedule meeting with various university officials, faculty and staff members. Please, let me know if there is anything I can do for you while I am in Oxford.

I will have a message for you next week, to wish you safe travels and a great break. Today, I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Student Faculty Council...

There will be a brief student faculty council (SFC) meeting today at 3:30 in Dr. Stiller's office.

Happy Passover...

Any students interested in having a Passover Seder before spring break? Please contact Bobby Botnick.

Celebrate Good Times...

This Tuesday's party is planned and ready to go, but we need you to sign up ASAP. The party will again be at the Café PlusMinus in Oberkorn, in their large hall. The party will go from 7:30 until midnight and will include a d.j. and dancing! Cost is 400 francs, and please sign up with Christy Cappella or Bobby Botnick soon! We hope to see everyone there!

Any Talent out there...?

The SFC is trying to organize a talent show in the auditorium for after dinner next Tuesday. We need to know if we have any serious acts lined up. Please drop a note in the suggestion box detailing what you would do for the show. Get your act together, and the deadline is the end of this week to see if we have enough interest to put this on!

Scheduling...

We have received a lot of questions about scheduling for next fall on the Oxford campus. As soon as we have any information, we will pass it along to you. As MUDEC never has a lot of time to schedule due to field study and spring break, you should help yourself out as much as possible now by researching the classes you need, either via the web or by having a friend on the Oxford campus mail you a course book. Check out the web at muohio.edu/courselists/. To dispel any rumors, MUDEC students are not disadvantaged by being over here, nor do they receive any preferential treatment during scheduling. Actual scheduling takes place in July, and goes on a strict seniority based on number of credit hours.

Happy Birthday...

An amazing week for birthdays! Happy birthday today to Megan Chenevey, tomorrow to Jenny Donnelly, Wednesday to Kara Brueggeman and Stacie Horner, Thursday to Melissa Miller, and Friday to Page Hall. Whew!

Return Flights...

Last week we suggested that you go ahead and book your return flights home on Icelandair. As the Icelandair offices in Paris and Frankfurt have not been too forthcoming with assistance, we suggest that you fax Travel Unlimited and ask them to book your flight. See if they might even throw in the Luxembourg-Paris or Luxembourg-Frankfurt flight in for no additional charge. Their fax number is (513) 523-7777.

Red Wine Tasting...

Thank you to everyone who participated in the evening of red wine tasting, it was quite enjoyable. Unfortunately, due to the quality of the wines that Professor Meyer chose

(including the additional white burgundy), there will be no refund for the evening.

Football Fever...

Luxembourg plays Bulgaria in a European Cup qualifying game on Wednesday March 31st. Check it out if you are sticking around that evening.

This Week at MUDEC:

Monday

19:30 Bible Study (Charles the Bold)

Tuesday

19:30 Student Party at PlusMinus

Wednesday

10:00-17:00 Mr. Hoff's Language Lab

Kënnt Dir Lëtzeburgesch...?

Joreszäiten a Fester – Seasons and Holidays

D'Fréijor – Spring

De Summer – Summer

Den Hierscht – Autumn

De Wanter – Winter

Neijoeschdag – New Year's Day

D'Fuesent – Carnival

D'Ouschteren – Easter

Den éischte Mee – Labor Day (May 1)

Groussherzosgebuerstagsdag – Grand Duke's birthday celebration (June 23)

Krëschtdag - Christmas

MEINDEG MOIEN

29 March 1999

From the Director:

Good morning everyone: While I am in Oxford my thoughts are also with you, back home at MUDEC.

I wish all of you a good week and a most enjoyable, pleasant and safe Easter/Spring break and for a happy Easter and Passover. Have a wonderful time. All the best as well for a successful, informative, enriching, and enjoyable field study tour.

As you travel, please be prudent, careful and use your good judgement at all times. If you should encounter a situation that makes you feel uncomfortable or ill at ease – walk away from it. At this time of international tensions, keep a low profile and stay informed. Your families, your friends and all of us at MUDEC want you to be safe and look forward to seeing you back at the château on Monday, April 19.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Ekkehard Stiller

Security Update...

We know that everyone is wondering about the how the situation in the Kosovo might affect Americans traveling abroad. At present, there is simply a general alert for Americans abroad to travel with caution and keep a low profile. While there have been no specific threats aimed at Americans, and no specific security threats coming out of Greece, we just remind and implore you to always be on your guard, and to not get into situations where you feel threatened. We will of course let you know as soon as we hear any additional information.

Apology...

Our apologies for not alerting you to the 'spring forward' time change, but none of us knew until Saturday morning when it was too late. We hope that this did not cause you any inconvenience, or

that you were able to deal with it.

Talent Show Meeting...

We will hold a meeting this afternoon at 3:45 p.m. for all students who will be performing in Tuesday's talent show to see if there is enough interest in putting this on.

Return Flights...

Our records show a group of 25 students who are now booked on an Icelandair return flight out of Frankfurt on Monday May 17th. Due to the numbers, this would be the only date when it would be economical to hire a bus to take students to the airport in Frankfurt. Please let Matt know if you would be interested in riding the bus to Frankfurt on this day, and if we do opt for this, some of you may wish to try and change your return date to May 17th to take advantage of this.

Not Funny...

After calling out a plumber on Friday at great expense and inconvenience, it was discovered that a whole roll of toilet paper had been stuffed in one of the ladies' Cave toilets. Needless to say, this is not a cause for mirth, and we hope that this will not happen again. If there ever is a problem, please notify someone so that they can take care of it.

Spring Break...

The center closes at 19:30 on Wednesday, after the last class.

Anyone Know Mr. Barr?

We received a phone call from the Luxembourg airport informing us that luggage had arrived for a 'Mr. Barr' who had arrived in Luxembourg from Madrid via Brussels. If you know who this gentleman is, please inform Manon Pint.

Lost...

If anyone has seen a dark green/maroon reversible parka, please inform Robyn Homa. It was last seen hanging up in the Cave, and she would like it

back in time for spring break.

Email Virus Alert!

U.S. newspapers are reporting a very vicious email virus that is circulating. The message is titled 'important message from...' and then gives a name which is usually a friend or family member, someone known to the recipient. When this email attachment is opened, it automatically replicates itself and sends 40K messages to everyone in your address book, thus overloading the mail server. The message within the e-mail is short and innocuous: "Here is that document you asked for ... don't show anyone else ;-)" Attached to it is a 40,000-byte, or 40K, Microsoft Word document named list.doc. Please be very wary if you receive this, and delete the attachment without opening it.

Found...

One black camera case, and one 'McBride Mix '96' cassette tape in a U2 case. Please see Matt.

Lux Club Elections...

You will be receiving an e-mail detailing the upcoming elections for the 1999-00 (unbelievable eh?) Luxembourg Club on the Miami campus. We strongly encourage you to run. The positions available are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Social Chair. These club officers play an important role in If interested, you would need to send to the Lux Office in Oxford a short paragraph introducing yourself and stating which office you would like to run for, and what skills and ideas you would bring to this position. The easiest way would be to email Mrs. Lainie Kober at koberem@muohio.edu. You could also fax the Lux Office at (513) 529-5051.

Scheduling...

You will be receiving in your mailbox today instructions on registering for the fall semester 1999 on the Oxford campus. You have the option to register electronically with Ms. Debbie Davidson at davidsdk@muohio.edu. Until course books arrive next week, you can research your schedule at:

www.muohio.edu/registrar/courselists. While this is only preliminary scheduling and you may

send your course requests in through the month of June with no penalty, we would suggest that you email your requests either this week, or the week you get back from spring break. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Mme Kieffer Class Changes...

Madame Kieffer's FRE 102 and 411 students please read carefully! Class time changes.

FRE 102 – Meet Tuesday April 20th from 14:50-16:50 instead of on Thursday April 22nd, and meet on Tuesday April 27th from 14:50-16:50 instead of on Thursday April 29th.

FRE 411 – Meet Monday April 19th (today!) from 14:15-16:15 instead of Thursday April 22nd and 29th.

You say it's your Birthday...

No birthdays this week, but a whole slew of birthdays over Spring Break and study tour. Happy birthdays to David Herrmann (3rd), Jackie Piero (8th), Linsey Alison (11th), Jessica Howarth (11th), Dustin V. Dolatowski (13th), Kim Spangler (14th), and Matt Beecher (14th).

Cave Proctor Payment...

Cave proctors may pick up their paychecks for March in Mme Dumont's office.

Kënnt Dir Lëtzeburgesch...?

Wichtig Verben – Important Verbs

Goen – to walk

Reesen – to travel

Lafen – to run

Fueren – to drive

Denken – to think

Iessen – to eat

Drénken – to drink

Wëllen – to want

Kucken – to look

Schwätzen – to speak

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 (1970)

MEINDEG MOIEN

19 April 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC!

I am delighted and pleased that all of you had great experiences during the Spring break, that the three study tours went very well, and that all of us have returned safely and richer for the experiences we had. Professors Hey and Dowhower and Mme Dumont and Matt had mentioned that their respective study tours were very successful. So, what I am sharing with you applies to all of you. Claudine Stephany and I had a most wonderful and interesting experience leading the international business study tour and would like to thank the participants for their so positive and cooperative attitude, for their interest and for their outstanding "on-time" performance. We were complimented for being even more punctual than the Swiss. It was great fun and, together we learned and experienced much.

Much detailed work went into planning all three study tours. I would like to use this opportunity to thank the professors and the staff for the excellent and dedicated work in preparing the respective study tours and in giving up weekends to conduct these study tours. Again, I am delighted that all tours went so well and that they were very successful.

My visit to the Oxford campus was very busy but went very well. Without exception, everyone I met with was much interested in our program, appreciative of what we are doing and wanted me to convey their best regards and wishes to all of you. Our program is indeed very special. You the students, the faculty and staff make it this way. Thank you to all of you. I am privileged and grateful to be part of our extended MUDEC family.

The first evening in Oxford the former students had arranged a marvelous dinner dance at the Shriver Center. More than 150 students and some former faculty and staff attended. It was a wonderful evening and a confirmation of the special nature of our program and what it means to our students. To all the organizers a sincere "thank you" for a job well done.

I would like to share my details regarding my visit in Wednesday's general assembly meeting to which all of

you are invited.

In cooperation with the English department of the Centre Universitaire, Luxembourg and with the support of the British Council, Brussels we are holding a poetry reading with Duncan Bush and Sean O'Brien on Wednesday evening at 8 p.m. The readings will be followed by an informal session during which the poets will respond to individual questions. We are pleased to offer this to you and hope that many of you will take advantage of this special opportunity.

On Thursday evening, April 29th we will have our famous "end of the semester" dinner dance. This is the last time that all of us will be together as extended MUDEC family. We have made arrangements for the two core classes and for international business to meet on Friday, April 30th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Again, welcome back. There are only two weeks left in the semester. Please, use your time and your energy wisely as you prepare for the end of the semester and for your final exams.

It is great to have you here. Have a good day and a wonderful week.

Student Faculty Council Meeting...

We will be holding a student faculty council meeting today at 3:30 p.m. in Dr. Stiller's office. We will also hold a brief but important General Assembly Meeting on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

Attention French 411 students...

This is a reminder that you will be making up your class this Friday from 8:45-10:45 a.m.

Registration...

Remember that you should register for next semester's classes in Oxford by the end of this week. You received instructions in your mailbox on how to email Debbie Davidson with your course requests. You can research courses on the internet, or check out one of the 25 coursebooks that I now have in my office. Please see me if you have questions.

Return Flights...

Another reminder that if you would like to ride on a chartered bus to Frankfurt to fly home on Icelandair on May 17th, you must see me ASAP to make a

reservation. We only have one student signed up so far, and if we don't have a large enough group, we will not be able to have a bus. If you are interested in this bus option, please see Matt.

End of the Semester Dinner/Dance...

The dominant theme this week is the BALL! This is the highlight of the semester as we celebrate one final time together as a group. You will find ball invitations in your mailbox. The festivities will be from 18:30-01:00 next Thursday April 29th. We will be celebrating at the Parc Hotel in Dommeldange in the fantastic ballroom where we celebrated our 30th anniversary last semester. Tickets for the dinner dance are 600 francs for students, and 900 francs for everyone else (faculty, staff, host families, friends etc).

As we need to make meal reservations, it is imperative that you sign up with and pay Matt by **5:00 p.m. this Friday!** Please specify if you would like the normal meal or the vegetarian option, and if your host families will be attending, please bring their money and meal requests as well. We are looking forward to a great evening and hope to see everyone there!

From the Housing Coordinator...

- 1) If you would like your host family to attend the ball, please invite them personally. When you invite them, please let them know whether you plan to pay for their tickets, or if you would like them to come, but are unable to pay. This is sometimes a touchy subject, but please communicate your wishes to your host family.
- 2) You will soon be receiving a housing evaluation form in your mailbox. Please take the time and fill this out carefully. We appreciate your honest comments about your housing situation, as we try to improve for the future.
- 3) Please remember that you must turn in your blue registration form before you leave Luxembourg. This is very important.

Poetry Live...

MUDEC is proud to sponsor a British poetry reading at the Château this Wednesday at 8 p.m. A Welsh poet, Duncan Bush, and an English poet, Sean O'Brien, will be presenting their fascinating works, and we will then join the poets for a wine reception down in the Cave.

All students, faculty, and staff are invited to this unique evening, which is free of charge. We will be joined by Luxembourgish university students from the Centre Universitaire, and this is a great opportunity to meet students your age whose English is excellent! You may never have the chance to attend a poetry reading quite like this and we hope to see many of you there to welcome our guests.

Wine Tasting...

We also have an outstanding opportunity to tour an institute of viniculture this Friday afternoon in the border town of Remich, along the Mosel River. This event will be from 2-4 p.m. and would still give you time to head out on your weekend travels. The tour will contain some information about the vinting process, but will be primarily concerned with sampling the various products. Please sign up on Matt's door if you are interested.

You say it's your birthday...

Best wishes go out to Lindy Nagele on the 20th, and to Sarah Howard on the 22nd!

Donations if you please...

Before departing on field study, many of you may have seen the boxes of textbooks by the front door. We donated those books to a school district in the Slovak Republic that desperately needs supplies. At the end of the semester, we will again be asking for donations of any textbooks or clothing in good condition. We will set up boxes down in the Cave for this, but be thinking ahead to what you can donate to help others and to lighten your load!

Keep the Coordinator on the Cutting Edge...

Please donate to Matt any and all guidebooks that are in good condition without any of the pages torn out. This will help future students to take advantage of up to date European travel information!

Books Cont'd...

Although I had asked you not to, many guidebooks were taken out of my office over the spring break vacation. Please return these books to me ASAP and I can restock my shelves. Also, you need to return library books that you have checked out/taken over the semester. Thank you.

Books once again...

As there were many of your books strewn all over the Cave upon your departure, they have been gathered in the lounge between the offices of Manon and Matt. If you have lost a book, it may be there!

Graduating Seniors...

If any of you will be graduating after this semester, please see Matt ASAP.

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26 April 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and welcome to the last week of instruction at MUDEC. As you look back on your experience at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and Europe, I hope that your memories and the impressions you have formed are positive, that they have influenced your outlook and your comprehension of the world outside the United States, and that they will be of help in your future life. It was a great pleasure for us to have you participate in our program.

This week we will have the election of officers for the Luxembourg Club. This is an important organization to help you stay in touch and to represent MUDEC on the Oxford campus. I would like to encourage you to run for one of the offices if you feel that your participation can make the difference. I would like to ask all of you to play an active role in the recruitment of future MUDEC students. You are the best and most convincing promoters of our program and you know best what it takes to be successful in it and to make contributions to the success of it. You have an excellent track record. When you talk to potential students, please point out to them that our program is so successful because of our emphasis on academics and the marvelous opportunities MUDEC students have to discover Europe and themselves, to form very special friendships and to adjust to and to feel comfortable in Europe and its diverse cultures. You have experienced it personally and first hand. Your involvement in and support of our recruitment process are much appreciated.

Mme Dumont and I would like to thank you very much for the wonderful birthday surprise, the delicious cake and the beautiful flowers you offered us last Friday. We will never forget the warmth and the good cheer with which you wished us well. This was so kind and thoughtful of all of you. The surprise was a great success, it surprised us enormously and gave us much happiness, gratitude and a wonderful sense of being appreciated. Again, thank you very much.

On Thursday evening we will have our end of the semester dinner dance, the last time for our extended MUDEC family to spend an evening together. I wish all of us a most enjoyable, pleasant and wonderful experience.

The Right Honorable Joyce Quin, Her Majesty's Minister for Europe, will present the Winston Churchill Lecture 1999, tomorrow evening. We have received an invitation to attend the lecture "Britain in Europe." It will be held at the Salle de Fêtes of the Fondation J.P. Pescatore in Luxembourg and will begin at 8:00 p.m. Please, let Matt know if you are interested in this. He will give you directions how to get there. I am sure you would find this lecture to be interesting and relevant.

I wish you much success as you prepare for your final exams. We will keep the Center open this coming weekend. Take advantage of this.

Again, thank you so much for your thoughtfulness, kindness and generosity of last Friday. Mme Dumont and I are indeed most grateful.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

Ball Planning Meeting...

Anyone interested in planning the entertainment for the Ball is invited to the student faculty council meeting this afternoon at 3:30 p.m. in Dr. Stiller's office.

French and German work...

After a two week trip to the United States, Roland Hoff will be at the Château again on Wednesday to help you prepare for your French and German exams. Sign up on Matt's office door to reserve a time.

The Ball...

For those of you who have not paid yet, you must sign up and pay for the ball by the end of today. Also, please bring in the money for your host family if they are planning on attending.

Ball Schedule...

18:30-19:00 Arrival
19:00-19:25 Entertainment
19:30-21:00 Dinner
21:00-22:00 Awards and Scholarships
22:00-01:00 DANCING!

Parc Hotel Alvisse – Dommeldange
Route d'Echternach
Tel. 43 56 43

Ball Transportation...

MUDEC has rented buses to take you to and from the Ball. For those of you who live in Lux City, you may want to take CFL bus # 110 from the Gare, direction Echternach, or a taxi to the hotel. There will be one bus leaving the Château promptly at 18:15 for the hotel, arriving 18:45. This bus seats 65 or so. At the end of the evening, 01:00, there will be two buses that will take everyone to the Lux City train station where you can continue your evening. One bus will then head back to Differdange via Esch/Alzette, and Soleuvre for those who are 'partied out.'

Château Hours...

The Center will be open this weekend:
Saturday Noon until 5 p.m.
Sunday Noon until 8 p.m.

Registration...

Please register for classes by this Thursday. Short and sweet, just do it.

Return Flights...

Final reminder, if you are interested in riding on the chartered bus to the Frankfurt airport on May 17th you must inform me today. Slide a note under my door if I am not in. Due to logistical problems such as security, accountability, and fairness, we cannot allow you to simply stow bags aboard the Frankfurt bus. We hope to get 4-6 more students on this bus to make it economically feasible.

Happy Birthday to you...

Lindsey Belkin celebrates her birthday today. Andrea Holmes turns 21 on Friday, as does Natron Ray on Saturday. Happy Birthday!

Donations if you please...

Remember to donate clean clothes in good condition to needy families in Luxembourg, and to Kosovo refugees. Boxes will be placed in the Cave during exam week, and you may talk to Amanda Sikora if you are interested in specific donations for the refugees.

And all the little ants are marching...

We are aware of the problem, and are looking for solutions. You can help us as well by cleaning out all food from your locker, as well as cleaning up all food and drink spills from the Cave floor and the chairs.

Printer Problems...

We have ordered additional laser cartridges for the library printer that should arrive shortly. Please make use of the printer in the lab.

Soccer Update...

Unfortunately, the planned soccer game between MUDEC and the Lycée de Petange has fallen through due to a lack of venue (no available playing field), as well as a general lack of student interest on both sides (Beastie Boys Concert). However, there are various outdoor festivals going on this coming weekend celebrating Labor Day on Saturday, so there will be a lot going on during your last weekend in 'the Burg!'

Keep the Coordinator on the Cutting Edge...

On a similar note, I am interested in all of your travel books that are still in good condition. Please donate these to me in my office, which will aid future students.

Tidiness Issues...

You are a good student group, that is for certain, but many of you are becoming lax about leaving your books, book bags, and personal belongings all over the Château, making it difficult to keep things clean. Please be more careful about where you leave your things, and we may have to start a community box in the Cave for all of the personal belongings left all over the place.

Class Change...

FRE 307 with Mr. Putz will meet on Thursday morning from 9:00 until 10:30 to allow everyone to attend the start of the Ball.

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

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3 May 1999

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone. I wish you good luck and much success in your final exams. As we look back at this past academic year and semester we can say that it has been very successful and that we have had another great group of students participate in our program. Thank you so much for your so positive attitude, for your commitment and for your cooperative spirit. Our program is very special and we are pleased that you participated in it. For the faculty and staff it is a privilege to be part of it.

Thursday night's "end of the semester dinner dance" was a very enjoyable affair. Thank you so much to the organizers and performers for having added to the festive atmosphere and to all of you thank you for the great spirit you had. It was a wonderful evening we spent together, the last time as extended MUDEC family. Thank you also to the faculty and staff members who joined us this evening.

Kudos are also in order for the members of the student faculty council. We have had a number of exciting and meaningful projects, this semester. Your commitment to the Center and your outreach into the community were much appreciated and added to the European experience of all.

Congratulations to the recipients of our special awards and scholarships, Deborah Lieblich and Adam Hollingsworth for the Rebecca Andrew and Christopher Eggerton Scholarship, Jeff Griffiths, Roger Pryor, and Amanda Sikora for the Maria Bach Dunn Scholarship, Christy Cappella, Matthew Chandler, and Abbey Steele for the MUDEC Faculty/Staff Scholarship, Nathan Dedino for the Ruth and Lee Dutton Scholarship and Derek Csaszar for the Gudde Noper Award.

Several of our faculty and staff members are retiring from or leaving MUDEC at the end this academic year. They have been dedicated and wonderful colleagues. We will miss them and wish them the very best. Professors Ivan and Annie Lakos will no longer teach their courses in International Economics and Music Appreciation, respectively. They will continue to teach their course "European Cities in a Cultural Context". Prof. Camille Thelen will retire from teaching completely, as will Prof. Sarah Dowhower, who taught

the EDP core course this year. She and her husband Craig Edwards will return to the States. Thank you, Craig for having helped us on various occasions. Prof. Jeanne Hey, who taught the political science core courses this year, will stay on for one more year. Professors Hey and Klak will have a role reversal. This coming year Prof. Hey will do research and look after Jackson while Prof. Klak will offer the core course in geography.

Prof. Paul Nelson and his wife Sue will return to the States. Matt Osborne, who was a great Student Activities Coordinator, and his wife Kari will return to the States to continue graduate studies. Thank you, Kari, for the many times you helped us out with so many different projects. They all have made outstanding contributions to the success of our program. Our heartfelt expression of gratitude for their dedication, commitment, collegiality and friendship, and very best wishes for the future go to all of them. I hope we will be able to stay in touch. We will have our faculty/staff picnic on May 16, to celebrate the success of our academic year, to enjoy the fellowship and collegiality in which all of us share and to say "good bye" to those who will be leaving us.

To all of you I would like to express my sincere gratitude for the great attitude and cooperative spirit you had and for the contributions all of you have made to the success of our program. I would like to encourage you to join the Luxembourg club on the Oxford campus and to play an active role in recruiting students for our program. Amette Tomarken and Lainie Kober will be happy to assist you.

It has been a wonderful year. As you reflect upon your European experience I trust that you will return to the States with new insights and a greater appreciation of and familiarity with Europe, its history, culture and its people. I also hope that your sense of responsibility, reliability, friendship, fairness, commitment, and integrity will have become strengthened. I wish you much success in your future, happiness, fulfillment and satisfaction. May you have many opportunities to help make our world a more peaceful, fair and better one. Please, stay in touch with us.

All the best and God bless you. Most Sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

From the Housing Coordinator...

One final reminder to PLEASE turn in your housing evaluations as well as your blue registration form before you leave. Also, please turn in any unused laundry tokens that you may have and we will reimburse you for them.

Donations if you please...

There are two boxes down in the Cave outside of the student kitchen for donations of any clean clothes or books in GOOD condition. We will donate to the Kosovo refugees in Luxembourg as well as to poorer school districts in Slovakia. **As MUDEC does not have the facilities for a textbook buyback, you may wish to donate those to our library and to future MUDEC students. Return all library books!**

Exam Week Center Hours...

Monday-Wednesday – Center closes at 22:00
Thursday-Friday – Center closes at 17:00

Exam Week Meal Schedule...

On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, we will be serving LUNCH only. There will be no meal service on Thursday. Lunch service will start at 11:45, and obviously, priority in line is given to students who have 12:30 exams.

Examination Room Changes...

Please note that Dr. Nelson will hold his Monday marketing exam in both Charles the Bold and Charles the Téméraire, and Dr. Lakos will hold his Wednesday economic exam in the Villa.

Congratulations...

We salute our scholarship winners. You may see Dr. Stiller to pick up the cash part of your award starting on Tuesday morning.

Cave Proctors...

Proctors may pick up their final paycheck in Dr. Stiller's office also starting on Tuesday morning.

Last Call for Registration...

If you do not register with Ms. Debbie Davidson in Oxford by Friday, total responsibility shifts to you to register yourself upon return.

Keeping in touch with you...

IMPORTANT! We need to know where you will be this summer and fall. Please email your address info ASAP to Jeff Griffiths at jeffgriff@hotmail.com. He will put together a list of everyone's address, email address and phone number and circulate it to everyone. We need you to give us as much of this info as you

have, and please email Jeff today to give him as much time as possible to put everything together.

May 17th bus to Frankfurt...

The bus has been reserved for Monday morning May 17th to take those 13 of you who have signed up. **More are still welcome, so please see Matt ASAP to get onboard.** Please note that the bus will leave the Château promptly at 7:00 a.m. and will leave the Lux City Gare promptly at 7:30 a.m. for the trip to Frankfurt. Once again, we cannot take responsibility for luggage on the bus, or for students who are late for the bus for whatever reason.

Cookout Rehash...

Thank you to everyone for making Saturday evening's cookout so enjoyable and for cleaning up the outside very nicely. However, the student kitchen was a pig sty, and we'd like to thank Jackie Piero for single-handedly cleaning it up on Sunday. Thanks as well to Jeff Griffiths for his help. Three cheers to you!

Study Break...

Brain overload? Stop by either of the Octave fairs going on in Differdange (parking lot near train station) or in Lux City (Place Guillaume). There is plenty of solid and liquid refreshment available, and be to check out Magic City at the fair in Differdange. Bet you can't find your way out!

Upon Leaving...

Please do not leave on Thursday without first:

- 1) Saying goodbye to Matt, of course, but
- 2) More importantly, **cleaning out your lockers and the refrigerators.** This is so important as we try to clean the Cave and get rid of those pesky ants. Anything leftover will be discarded. Thank you in advance for your cooperation, and have a safe trip!

Student T-shirts...

The T-shirt design for your class has been chosen and is posted outside of Matt's office. Please check to make sure that your name is spelled correctly. Also, you need to pay either Bobby Botnick or Jeff Griffiths 400 LUF by Wednesday if you want a T-shirt ordered for you. You will NOT be able to order one this fall when you return to Oxford.

Quote of the Week...

"Here I am, safely returned over those peaks from a journey far more beautiful and strange than anything I had hoped for or imagined-how is it that this safe return brings such regret?"

-Peter Matthiessen (b. 1927) American Writer