

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone!

The faculty and staff join me in extending to you our warmest welcome and most sincere wishes for your studies and your stay at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in Europe. We are delighted that you are here and are committed to making your European experience a rewarding, meaningful, and enjoyable one. The next four or eight months are going to be some of the most exciting, fast paced and challenging ones in your life. While all of us at MUDEC are committed to helping and assisting you as you go through this experience, it is really your responsibility to make the best of it. In the context, let me share with you comments President Shriver had made on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary as professor: **“Two absolutely essential attitudes toward whatever you do... in the world of work (study) is that you do it with enjoyment and pride.”**

You are the first students to study at the Château de Differdange. I hope that you will feel comfortable and at home in the beautiful setting and atmosphere it provides. We are indeed privileged to call this historic building our home. **It is our individual and collective responsibility to keep the château and all of its furnishings in the excellent condition in which we find them today. Please, treat everything with due care, consideration, and respect.** We are delighted that we can share it with you and with future generations of students. There was much effort, money and time expended in transforming the building in order to provide the most modern infrastructure and conveniences, while at the same time

maintaining the chateau's beauty and its historic character and charm. Again, we are counting on each and everyone of you to treat the building, the walls, the beautiful wooden paneling, the furniture and all of the furnishings with due care and consideration.

Your European experience will make an enormous contribution to your intellectual and personal growth, development and maturation. Our orientation program is designed to provide you with information and opportunities to become acquainted with MUDEC and with Luxembourg in order for you to feel “at home” as quickly and as easily as possible.

I would like to compliment you on your keen interest and the splendid cooperation you demonstrated during our various orientation activities. Your attentiveness during our meeting and various visits, your punctuality and your team spirit are much appreciated by all of us. It was gratifying to see how much all of you enjoyed the activities and the weekend. Thank you for making the weekend so successful. A special thank you to the staff for making all of the arrangements and to the faculty and staff members for giving up part of the weekend to participate in the excursion through Luxembourg.

Some important announcements: We will have our first general assembly meeting on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:10. You are expected to attend this and all other general assembly meetings. They are designed to provide you with important information.

This Thursday evening (7:30) we will hold

our traditional host family reception. This reception is hosted by you for your host families. It will be the first reception we will have at the château. For this reason alone I would expect many families to attend. Although your families have received written invitations, I would like to suggest that you extend a personal invitation to your host family. I would also like to suggest that you wear something attractive to fit the occasion and the surroundings. This is always a very pleasant and enjoyable event.

Tuesday evening of next week, September 16, we will have our first orientation lecture. It will be given by Dr. Georges Mueller. The topic is "the history of the Château de Differdange".

On Tuesday evening, September 23, we plan to have a very special event: "An Evening with Ambassador Guy deMuyser." We will have dinner together, followed by a lecture on "Luxembourg, the Luxembourgers and Their Role in Europe."

Again, welcome to MUDEC and to the Château de Differdange and very best wishes for a marvelous European experience. Have a pleasant day and a great week.

### **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!

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy 20<sup>th</sup> birthday to April Huyck! We wish you all the best today!

### **LIBRARY PROCTORS**

Please sign up in Matt's office if you are interested in helping to proctor the library

### **DROP/ADD, CREDIT/NO**

The deadline to change your Mudec schedule is **THIS FRIDAY morning at 10:00 am.**

The last day to change a class from credit/no to a grade, or vice versa is the 16th of September (Tuesday). Please see Mme Dumont, in her ground floor office to make these changes, and remember that you **CAN NOT** drop under 16 hours.

### **Class Cancellations**

French 307 and German 321 will not meet today. These classes will be rescheduled at a later date.

### **INFO...**

Please keep an eye out for information in the cave. Many things are posted, including events, movies and concerts in Luxembourg. Also look for Oktoberfest info as it becomes available.

### **E-Mail Option**

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 to access it in the Library. The computer room computers are for e-mailing and word processing. As this is a 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.

### **Photocopier...**

The photocopier in the Library is the only one available for students' use. Access to the machine requires a code which is the last 4 digits of your social security number.

### **Fine Arts...**

There may be possibilities for students to take classes at the Luxembourg Conservatory of Music. Any students with a **serious** interest in this are encouraged to see Matt for more information.

### **Travel Advisory...**

Any students wishing to travel this Saturday and Sunday, and who have any questions related to Eurail/trains etc, please stop by Matt's office before you head out.

### **Final Charge**

We are off to a great start in this beautiful Chateau, but don't forget to be adventurous and go out in the community and get involved. Go for a swim, visit a pub for a cup of coffee etc, or go visit the sights of Luxembourg City. Make every minute of this short experience count!

### **THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:**

#### Monday:

8:45 Classes Begin

22:30 Fireworks at the Schouberfouer

#### Wednesday:

**15:30 General Assembly Meeting**

(Dr. Stiller will discuss internship possibilities in Luxembourg)

#### Thursday:

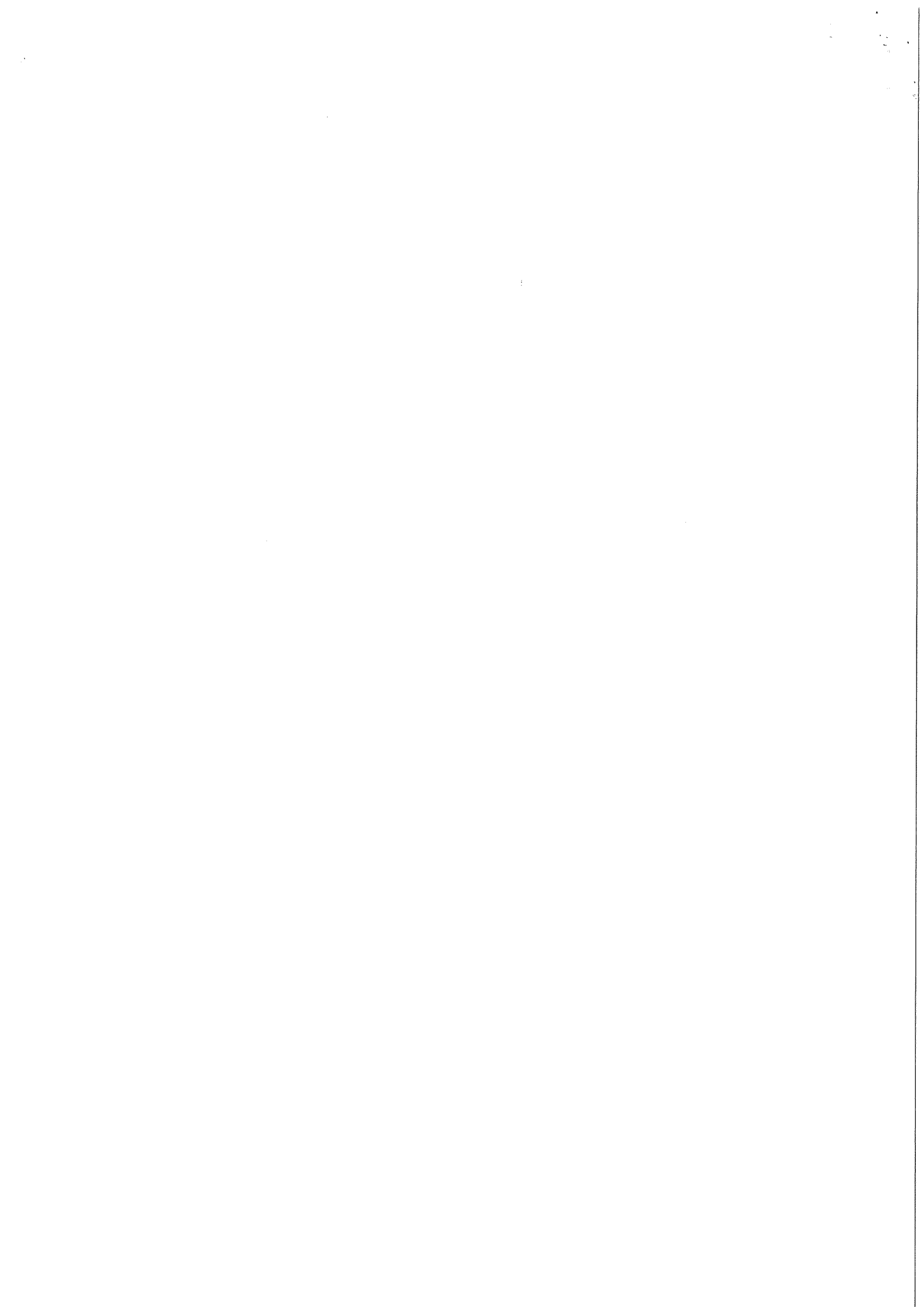
19:30 Host Family Reception for you and your host families in the Salle des Fetes.

#### Friday:

**13:30 Bus departs Chateau for a visit to Luxembourg City.**

14:00 Luxembourg National Museum and the Wenzel Walking Tour.

19:30 Welcome Party at the Pub 13 (optional).



From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a pleasant and enjoyable weekend. Welcome back to MUDEC and the third week of the semester. I am particularly pleased that in addition to the fun time at the Oktoberfest you also used your stay in Munich for cultural and intellectual enrichment.

Our hearts go out to Prof. Vankrunkelsven who's mother past away last Wednesday and to Mme Erpelding who lost her aunt, last week. We wish them and their families strength and courage as they have to go through the difficult time of accepting the loss of a loved one.

Yesterday we hosted the Miami University Alumni Association, Luxembourg Chapter annual picnic. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed the friendship and camaraderie, typical for this type of reunion. I was pleased that some of you joined the picnic. We had shown our new campus to all of the alumni members. As you can imagine, they were impressed by the beauty and physical attractiveness of your chateau and by the modern infrastructure we have. Without exception they acclaimed your chateau as the most beautiful and significant building Miami University has.

I enjoyed last Wednesday evening's impromptu get together of talking and singing on the terrace. As I had mentioned to you, this was the way in which we had visualized you to use and to feel comfortable in our magnificent building. All the hard and dedicated work has paid off which went into planning and preparing for the use of the chateau by you. It impressed me and I would like to thank you for having left the terrace as clean and orderly as you had found it.

I would like to congratulate Adam Auvil, Julie Chamberlain, Anne Wall, Scott Schaeffer and Anne Klein to having been elected to the Student/Faculty Council and would like to thank all who had declared their candidacy for the council. I look forward to working with the Student/Faculty Council.

As I had mentioned before, we are delighted that you feel so comfortable and so much at home in the chateau and that you treat it with the respect and appreciation it deserves. On the other hand, I noticed to my regret that someone had left shoe prints on the wall below the

computer tables in our computer room. I know that this was not done intentionally but would like to ask the person(s) responsible and all of you to refrain from putting feet against the walls or on any furniture. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tomorrow, we will have our "Evening with Ambassador deMuyser. I look forward to this evening and to Ambassador deMuyser's lecture on "The Luxembourgers and their Royal Family". Dinner will start at 6:45 p.m.

The University solicits applications for the Truman Scholarship. This is about the most prestigious scholarship you could possibly obtain. I would like to encourage you to apply if you are interested in a public service career and if you feel that your academic performance and your community involvement qualify you for this scholarship. One of our MUDEC students earned this scholarship and great honor to him and to Miami University, two years ago. Please, see me as soon as possible if you are interested. **Preliminary applications are due September 30.**

Next week you will be on your respective study tours. Much detailed work went into planning for them. They are an important component of your core course. Your participation in all scheduled activities is expected. I wish you interesting and wonderful experiences and safe travels. Please, keep in mind that you are representatives of Miami University and of the United States, with all privileges and responsibilities.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

**Student Faculty Council**

Co-Chair – Adam Auvil

Projects Chair – Julie Chamberlain, Anne Wall

Secretary/Treasurer – Scott Schaeffer

Service Chair – Anne Klein

**Please tell Matt your free times for the week so we can choose a meeting time convenient for everyone.**

**Attention ITS 141...**

The Friday lecture this week, on Paris and Versailles, will be given by Dr. Lakos.

\*A copy of last week's lecture by Mr. Palmer on London, Oxford, and Cambridge is being put on reserve in the library.

### **Common Concerns (Keeping the Chateau Beautiful)...**

Just a few reminders as we spend this time together in the Chateau.

- Refrigerators must be emptied each Friday. All food left over the weekend will be thrown out.
- Please empty all drinks before throwing them away. Half-full cans leak through the trash bags and onto the floor.
- No drinks are permitted above the Cave level. Drinks can be consumed during lunch in the Auditorium.
- Furniture must not be placed on the wooden benches in the Cave. The benches are simply not sturdy enough to support this extra weight.

### **From Madame Erpelding...**

Many host families have remarked how happy they are with each of you, but we wanted to remind everyone of a few things. Kitchen use and use of the family car are not in the housing agreement. Please check your Green Book manual for the terms of the house family contract. Kitchen and microwave use is available in the Cave.

### **Cave Proctoring**

Interviews for those who signed up to be Cave proctors will be this afternoon. Proctoring rules and responsibilities as well as your interview time will be in your mailbox. Interviews will be in Mme DuMont's office next to Charles le Temeraire.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy 21st birthday Wednesday to Grant Hamilton. Be gentle with him!

### **No Diaper Changing necessary...**

For Lux city students only... anyone interested in making a little extra cash babysitting should talk to Mme Erpelding. Ms. Cowell in Mamer has two boys (10, 13), who need babysitting some weeknights.

### **Academic Notes...**

Miami students must be signed up for a thematic sequence. If you are unsure about this procedure, please see Madame DuMont ASAP.

### **Schedule set for Spring Semester...**

Please note the new dates for the spring semester at MUDEC:

- January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1998 Students arrive
- January 8-10<sup>th</sup> Orientation program
- January 12<sup>th</sup> Classes begin
- February 21- March 1<sup>st</sup>, Carnival Break
- April 12<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Field Study Tour
- April 18<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> Easter vacation
- April 30<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Classes
- May 4<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Final Exams Week

### **On the air...**

Bethany Anderson will be on ARA radio's "American Coffee Shop" again this Tuesday morning, bringing the tunes to the Grand Duchy. Tune in to 103.3 FM

### **The joys of technology...**

E-mail and internet services will be down most likely for the next two days as the connection to our service provider is changed. Thank you for your patience.

### **THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:**

#### Tuesday:

18 45 An Evening with Ambassador De Muyser  
Dinner and Discussion

### **Carpe Diem...**

It's great to see that a few of you have used your free hours to hike in the North of Luxembourg and explore vineyards along the Moselle. Luxembourg is a wonderful country with scenery and activities for every interest. The Chateau is a comfortable place, but be adventurous and take advantage of your "home" for the next few months and discover why they call Luxembourg the "Green Heart of Europe." You don't want all of your European memories to be "Star Wars," "The Nutty Professor," and "Braveheart," now do you?

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! What a marvelous fall weekend we had here in Luxembourg. The weather was absolutely beautiful. I trust that you had a pleasant weekend, here in Luxembourg or wherever you were.

Ambassador deMuyser will host his students and several faculty and staff members tomorrow evening. His slide show and commentary on Soviet dissident art are always important experiences for his students. Thank you, Ambassador deMuyser.

Prof. Robert Smith will be back for a second visit. He will arrive tomorrow and will hold a second lecture, right after dinner.

A warm "welcome back" to Claudine Stephany who has returned from a two week vacation to New York and Miami University.

Anyone who had signed up for the fall semester only but would like to stay for the spring semester would need to let us know the first week of November. We may be able to accommodate a couple more students in the spring semester. If you are interested in this, please consult with your parents and with your academic advisor before making your decision. There may be a possibility that we can obtain some funding for someone who would like to stay but would not have the financial resources to do so. To qualify, the student would have to have a solid academic record and would need to demonstrate economic need.

This is a busy time for you as you study for your exams and as you write your papers. Please use your time and your energy wisely and distribute them prudently between your academic responsibilities and your other activities. It is perfectly normal that some of you may feel a little down at this time. The demands on your time and on your energy, the separation from family and

friends, the considerable cost of traveling, the gray skies we had the last week, the challenge of adjusting to a different culture and many other factors contribute to this. You will soon feel better. In the meantime, help one another by sharing a friendly smile or a happy thought. I am delighted that you are here. Please, let me know if there is anything I can do to be of help.

I just noticed that the e-mail is down this morning. I have called Restena, our service provider, and they are investigating this. We will let you know when the problem will be corrected. Just as a reminder, the Oxford campus also has occasional problems with the computer and e-mail system.

I will be on the Oxford campus the week of November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please let me know if there is anything I can do for you while I am there.

As you finalize your travel plans for next week, please keep in mind that wise traveling is not to cover the longest possible distance but rather to observe, to listen with open ears and eyes and to reflect upon the things you see and do. Wherever you go and whatever you do, please be prudent and careful at all times and in all places. Stay away from places where you feel uncomfortable or where you sense you should not be. Never let your guard down and watch your valuables. While it is not wise to travel in large numbers, it is advisable that you travel in smaller groups. There is safety in numbers. Also, take along emergency telephone numbers. I wish you safe and pleasant travels and wonderful experiences. Please, take good care.

Good luck in your exams and your other academic endeavors. Have a pleasant day and a great week.

**Attention ITS 141...**

The lecture this Friday on Bonn and Berlin, the two German capitals, will be given by Dr. Tony Steinhoff.

### **From Madame Erpelding...**

Attention year students... please confirm with me whether you do plan on staying the second semester.

Also, please be careful if you choose to take the 23:59 train home from Luxembourg City to Differdange. The CFL has said that they have had some problems in the past with unsavory people riding those trains. Don't be alarmed, just remember that as always, common sense should prevail. The earlier train leaves at 22:54.

### **Course Registration...**

Course lists for the Second Semester 1998 on the Oxford campus can be accessed on the World Wide Web at...

[www.muohio.edu/registrar/courselists/](http://www.muohio.edu/registrar/courselists/)

Although students can access this information electronically, Mme Dumont does have a few course planning books in her office that Claudine brought back from the US.

The format for MUDEC students to use when e-mailing course requests will be posted in the computer room, cave, and library.

### **Travel information...**

A reminder to please fill out the Tips for Fellow Travelers information in the Cave. We need info on everything from your weekend trip to Prague as well as your day trip to Mondorf or Grevenmacher.

Each week, information on events in and around Luxembourg city will be posted in the Cave. Please take the time to browse this information which contains everything from area concerts to museum exhibitions. This info comes from the Luxembourg News, which is a great English resource that we have in our library. You are encouraged to take advantage of this.

### **THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:**

Tuesday:

19 00 Lecture by Professor Robert Smith

### **Lost and Found...**

If anyone has seen a copy of Rick Steves' 1997 Europe through the Back door, that was last seen Friday morning in the Charles the Bold classroom, please return it to Dusty Dulin or Steve Collier.

### **From Dr. Lakos... Going Somewhere for the Toussaint Break?**

People have always been traveling. Ulysses was on his way for ten years to get home after the Trojan War. Columbus set out to find a sea route to India. Livingston went to Africa to baptize the natives and to save their souls. Stanley went after Livingston to find and save him. Hundreds and thousands of businessmen fly every year from airport to airport to make deals. Some people with much money and a strong taste for wine fly from Chicago and New York on special chartered planes to St. Amour on November 15 to celebrate the official opening of the Beaujolais Nouveau season. Opera lovers from the world over travel to Bayreuth to attend the annual performance of Wagner's Ring. Sports enthusiasts from far and near converge on places where world championships or the Olympic games are held. North Europeans flock to the Mediterranean to lie in the sun on the beach soaked in suntan oil like so many sardines. All these people are traveling with a purpose, whether as explorers, missionaries, journalists, or as traveling salesmen.

MUDEC students also travel—indefatigably—to Amsterdam, Interlaken, Nice, Brussels, Paris, Copenhagen, and to points East, West, North, and South. But with what purpose are they traveling? The stated goals of the MUDEC program suggest the designation that would indicate their purpose: TRAVELING LEARNERS.

-Ivan Lakos

### **Quotes 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

3 NOVEMBER 1997

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! Welcome back to MUDEC. I trust that you had a very good week and that you return to the Center with wonderful memories of pleasant and enriching experiences and with a renewed and vigorous commitment to our academic program.

Our concert, as a cultural introduction to Differdange, was a great success and was extremely well received by an overflow audience. Unfortunately this concert had to be held during the toussaint vacation. The Echternach International Festival Orchestra, comprised of Miami University and Luxembourg musicians performed a concert in Luxembourg on October 30<sup>th</sup>. We benefited from the orchestra's presence to offer our concert on October 31. I wish you could have been here. Many of our faculty members and the staff were present and enjoyed the concert very much.

Today, we will start our own "on site" meal preparation and service. I regret that I will not be here to participate in this event. As I had mentioned before the vacation, I will be on the Oxford campus this week and will return to MUDEC on Monday, noon. You can reach me through Mesdames Dumont or Tomarken if there is anything I can do for you while I am in Oxford.

We have planned a number of exciting events for November, and Matt will share them with you. I hope that you will be able to participate in many of them. To do so with a relaxed attitude and with good conscience, it is important that you allocate an appropriate amount of energy and time to your studies.

Please use both wisely and prudently.

While I am away, Miss Ulrike Neubauer from the University of Trier will be covering my two classes. Please welcome her with the warm hospitality and courtesy for which MUDEC and Miami University are known.

I will be thinking of you and look forward to seeing you on Monday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Have a pleasant day and a wonderful week.

**SFC Meeting**

We will have a Student Faculty Council meeting Wednesday at 3:30pm in the Maria Bach Dunn classroom.

**Attention ITS 141...**

The lecture this Friday will be on the three capitals of the Hapsburg Empire: Vienna, Prague, and Budapest. Dr. Lakos, a native of Budapest, will be the speaker.

**Common Concerns...**

-Please remember that you are responsible for cleaning all of your personal dishes and silverware in the student kitchen. This is your responsibility and not that of the cleaning personnel.

-Please be respectful of the librarian's office and do not enter when she is not around.

-In order to respect library study time, we ask that you please finish your lunch and vacate the dining room by 12:30pm each afternoon.

**From the Housing Coordinator...**

Welcome back from your travels, and remember that during the rest of your stay, please do not invite guests to your Lux home without first informing your host family, and getting their ok. You will receive an evaluation form about your housing situation. I rely on your information and as I have not lived with any of your families.

### **ARBED/Bofferding Brewery...**

We have the opportunity **this Friday Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>** to tour the Bofferding Brewery in Bascharage, as well as hear a short presentation on the ARBED steel factory's work at its Rolling Mill. These activities will last from 14 00-17 30, and are free and open to anyone interested. Please sign up with Matt if you would like to participate. Deadline is **Tuesday by 5:00pm.**

### **Scholarship Announcement...**

Miami is proud to announce the David Becker Memorial Prize which is open to all full-year students, and those planning to stay for the entire year. This 15,000 franc (\$430) 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.

### **Publicity...**

This Tuesday, the city of Differdange has commissioned a photographer to take a group picture of us in front of the Chateau that will be printed in an upcoming brochure. The picture will be taken at 14 50, and all are encouraged to attend.

### **Attention graduating seniors...**

If you are a senior, and will be graduating this December, please inform Matt as soon as possible.

### **An Evening of Wine Tasting...**

Former MUDEC professor and wine connoisseur Alain Meyer will be presenting an evening of French red wine tasting Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. This evening is limited to only 20 students, and the cost for the event is 300 francs, which includes bread, wine, and cheese. Please sign up with Matt if you are interested, and please have your money ready when you sign up. For fairness, this will be on a first come, first serve basis.

### **Is there any TALENT out there...?**

We will be holding our annual Talent Show on

**Wednesday November 19<sup>th</sup>.** Anyone who thinks that they have any semblance of talent is requested to "get your act together" and sign up with Julie Chamberlain. As always, good taste is both requested and expected.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy belated birthday October 30<sup>th</sup> to Erika Jaklic, and happy birthday next Sunday to Kerri Stoffregen and Amy Gabbard.

### **Class Change Announcement...**

Dr. Haag's **HST 472.L** (Rise and Fall of Hitler) will be changed next semester to **HST 375.L** (Russia and the USSR from 1855 to the present, and the rise and fall of Communism). If you are planning on staying the entire year, please see Mme Dumont if you would like to alter your schedule.

### **Post Toussaint...**

Don't forget to tell us all about your Toussaint travels on the "Tips" sheet found in the Cave. One report per travel group please!

### **Upcoming MUDEC events:**

- Nov. 4 Group picture at 14:50
- Nov. 7 ARBED/Bofferding Tour
- Nov. 13 Evening of Wine Tasting (20 students)
- Nov. 19 MUDEC TALENT SHOW!!
- Nov. 21 Nat'l Museum/Henry Moore Tour
- Nov. 25 Holocaust Survivor Panel Discussion
- Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Dinner at the Chateau
- Dec. 2 Lecture with British Ambassador Elam
- Dec. 4 St. Nicklaus/Holiday Tree Trimming
- Dec. 5 End of the Semester Ball

### **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

# MEINDEG METTEG

10 NOVEMBER 1997

## From the Director:

A good Monday and a very pleasant week to all of you! It is great to be back at MUDEC.

I had a very good visit to the Oxford campus. It was quite busy but all the meetings went very well. There is, as you can imagine, a great interest in our program. In all my meetings I mentioned how good a group of students you are, how comfortable you feel in the château and with how much respect, responsibility and appreciation you have become part of it. Needless to say, everyone on the Oxford campus is pleased that our move to the château has been so successful and that our program has gained new exciting dimensions because of it. I would like to use this opportunity to again thank the staff for the incredible effort it had made in planning for and in executing our move and to thank the faculty and all of you for the quick and so positive adjustments all of you have made. We have indeed a very beautiful campus and, most importantly, a very special community of learners. For me it is a great privilege to be part of it. Thank you.

I would like to hold a general assembly meeting this Wednesday at 3:30. There is much information I would like to share with you.

Again, it is great to be back. Have a pleasant day and a good and productive week.

### **General Assembly/SFC Meeting**

We will have a General Assembly Meeting this Wednesday at 3:30pm, followed by a Student Faculty Council meeting in the Maria Bach Dunn classroom.

### **Attention ITS 141...**

The lecture on Vienna, Prague and Budapest, that was postponed from last week, will be given this Friday by Dr. Lakos, who had spent his first 19 years in Hungary and Czechoslovakia. The final lecture of the series on Florence and Tuscany will be given next week on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup> by Professor Vankrunkelsven.

### **Common Concerns...**

- We are still having a serious problem with food being stolen in the student kitchen. This is truly incomprehensible that this still occurs. Please do not take food that is not yours. There will be roll of masking tape and a marker in the kitchen if you would like to mark your individual food items.
- A reminder that magazines and periodicals must not be taken out of the library at any time, and that all books must be checked out with the librarian or library proctor.

### **From the Housing Coordinator...**

You should have received a Housing Evaluation sheet in your mailbox. Please take the time to fill out these sheets carefully. We rely on your opinion and judgement to help future students.

### **Talent Show...**

The All-MUDEC talent show is right around the corner, next **Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. Get your act(s) together and please let Julie Chamberlain know what you plan to do for the show.

### **Attention Sophomores and Juniors...**

If you are interested in becoming an Undergraduate Summer Scholar (USS) for 1998, please see Matt for more information.

This program enables Miami undergraduates to do research or other creative activities in the summer under the supervision of faculty.

### **Scholarship Reminder...**

The deadline to apply for the David Becker Memorial Prize (15,000 francs, open to all year students) is **Friday November, 28<sup>th</sup>**.

You should have received information on the prize and the short essay that must be written. Please see Matt if you have any questions.

### **An Evening of Wine Tasting...**

Former MUDEC professor and wine connoisseur Alain Meyer is looking forward to hosting the 20 students that signed up for this **Thursday November 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**. I would suggest that you bring a notepad and pen to take notes on the various French Reds that you will be tasting. This is invaluable knowledge for the future, and as the evening progresses, it obviously becomes harder to remember everything you are sampling.

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy 21<sup>st</sup> Birthday this Friday November 14<sup>th</sup> to Colleen O'Connell.

### **Fall 1997 Examination Schedule:**

#### **Monday, 12/15**

0900-1100 EDP 230  
0900-1100 HST 341  
1230-1430 MGT/MKT 371  
1230-1430 ART 188  
1600-1800 HST 472

#### **Tuesday, 12/16**

0900-1100 ECO 344  
0900-1100 MUS 189  
1115-1515 FRE 310  
1230-1430 POL 223  
1230-1430 ENG 322  
1600-1800 SOC 337

#### **Wednesday, 12/17**

0900-1100 POL 270  
0900-1100 ITS 141  
1230-1430 HST 438

#### **Thursday 12/18**

0900-1100 FRE 101, 201, 307, 411  
0900-1100 GER 101, 201, 321

### **Quote of the Week...**

"The next best thing to being rich is travelling as though you were."

Stephen Birnbaum (b.1937) American editor

MEINDEG MOIEN

17 NOVEMBER 1997

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone: I trust you had a pleasant weekend. There are only four instructional weeks left in the semester. It seems as if time were just flying by. Please make sure that you use your time and your energy wisely as we approach the end of the semester. You are well advised to spend a weekend or two in Luxembourg, to catch up, to rest up and to enjoy some of the many things Luxembourg has to offer.

I had brought back some peanut butter for you from Oxford and will place it in the kitchen. It was done with fond thoughts of you. Enjoy!

On Tuesday evening we will have our memorial service to remember and to honor Rebecca and Chris who had died exactly two years ago and who had left an irreplaceable void in the lives of their families and friends. All of us at MUDEC were and are much affected by this. The memorial service will be held in the church across the street at 7:30. I hope that as members of the MUDEC community and family you will want to attend. I look forward to seeing you there.

We will have a general assembly meeting this Wednesday. There is important information I would like to share with you.

This Thursday and Friday Luxembourg will be the host to a very important meeting on how to combat unemployment within the European Union. As you know, Luxembourg holds the Presidency of the European Council of Ministers the second half of this year. In this very important role Luxembourg has initiated this very first meeting on how to

fight unemployment. The leaders of all fifteen EU member countries will be in Luxembourg to attend this important meeting. If you have some free time on Thursday or Friday, the Kirchberg, outside Luxembourg City, may be the place where you would want to be. If you go, don't forget your camera for some souvenir pictures.

We do have sets of very nice postcards of the château for sale. They are posted at Claudine's door. A set of four postcards costs LUF 50, a set of eight costs LUF 80. As a very special souvenir and requiring special effort to arrange for it, we also have for sale postcards of the château with a special postage stamp featuring the château de Differdange. These cards with a stamp have a collector's value and will make meaningful souvenirs for you, for your family or for your friends. The price of each is LUF 40. You can purchase any of the postcards from Claudine. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of MUDEC.

Next week Tuesday we will have the panel discussion in which former members of the Luxembourg Resistance Movement and inmates of Concentration Camps share their painful experiences with us.

On Thursday of next week, Thanksgiving Day, we will have our traditional Thanksgiving Dinner. It will be good for all of us to celebrate this special day within our MUDEC family.

As you see, we have a number of events planned for the next two weeks. Again, please use and schedule your time and your

energy wisely.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

#### **Talent Show cancellation...**

Due to a lack of interest, this Wednesday's talent show has been cancelled. We will have our regular lunch on Wednesday.

#### **Attention ITS 141...**

The final lecture of the course this Friday will be given by Professor Vankrunkelsven on Florence and Tuscany. Papers are due the week of November 24<sup>th</sup> and are to be left in Claudine's office.

#### **General Assembly/SFC Meeting**

We will have a general assembly meeting this Wednesday at 3:30pm followed by a student faculty council meeting. The SFC will be working on invitations and other preparations for the Ball.

#### **From the Housing Coordinator...**

You are reminded to please fill out the evaluations for your housing family situation and return them to Madame Erpelding.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy Birthday this Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> to Molly Bresnen. Happy Birthday as well to Jennifer Schell on Sunday the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Fall 1997 Examination Schedule:**

There has been one scheduling change in the exam schedule. The **Art 188** final will now be held on **Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** from 16:00-18:00.

#### **End of Semester Ball:**

We will be having our end of the semester Ball on Friday night, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Relais Gastronomique at the Train Station. This is a very special and enjoyable evening, and we hope that everyone will be able to

attend. Tickets for the dinner/dance are 900 francs per person, but because we have some money left over in our student activities fund, the cost for each student will be only 500 francs.

#### **Lost and Found...**

A pair of black, gold-rimmed glasses has been lost in the Cave. If found, please return to Brandon Shea.

#### **Upcoming at MUDEC...**

Tuesday:

19:30 MUDEC memorial service

Wednesday:

15:30 General Assembly meeting

16:20 Student Faculty Council

Tuesday Nov. 25:

Holocaust Panel Discussion

Thursday Nov. 27:

MUDEC Thanksgiving Dinner

#### **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 Germany's Black Forest:

It is strictly 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

1 December 1997

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone:

What a wonderful Thanksgiving Dinner we had! Everyone, students, faculty, staff, the alumni members and the musicians commented on how special an evening it was. The dinner was well prepared, the setting in our beautiful dining room was festive and the Big Band of Differdange provided a very pleasant and lively musical background. The musicians were pleased to play for such an appreciative and lively audience. I was proud of all of you. It was indeed a most enjoyable and unforgettable Thanksgiving dinner. As you can imagine, much preparation went into this. Needless to say, I am happy that the result was so wonderful.

I know that some of you had attended the Ghandi lecture and others had visited the International Bazaar this past weekend. It is good to know that you appreciate and participate in some of the many cultural and educational activities available to you, here in Luxembourg.

Tomorrow evening we have the privilege of hosting the British Ambassador and Mrs. Elam. His Excellency, Mr. Nicholas Elam will present a lecture on "Cultural Diplomacy". Ambassador Elam is a most eloquent and fascinating speaker with an excellent sense of humor. This is going to be a very special presentation. I know you will find it interesting, informative and enjoyable.

We shall have a general assembly meeting this Wednesday, to share information and to

provide answers to the questions you may have relating to the end of the semester and your return to the States.

On Thursday evening we will have our tree trimming party to which we have invited some fifteen children from underprivileged families in Differdange. It will be an opportunity for us to share with these children the joy of the holiday season. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, the families in Luxembourg celebrate St. Niklaus day, a day when children receive chocolates and small presents. If you have a child in your host family, I am sure it would be much appreciated if you gave some chocolate or a small present to him/her.

On Friday we will have our "End of the Semester" dinner dance. This is always a very festive and enjoyable evening in which all of us, students, faculty, staff and host families, will be together one last time before many of you return to the States.

We will open the Center this coming weekend. Although it is an inconvenience for us, we will also open the Center the following weekend, provided that everyone treats the Center appropriately. The opening hours will be posted. This is a special privilege extended to you as a sign of our appreciation for your responsive and responsible conduct. I hope that this will help you as you finish your course work and as you prepare for your exams.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

**Ball Sign-Up DEADLINE!!:**

If you are planning on attending the End of the Semester Ball, please sign up with Matt as soon as possible. The deadline to sign-up is **tomorrow (Tuesday) by 5:00 p.m.** This is pertinent as we need to know how many Chicken/Lasagna meals to order. The Ball will begin this Friday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., and will be held at the Relais Gastronomique next to the train station in Luxembourg City.

**MUDEC Tree-Trimming Party...**

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, this Thursday will be our Holiday party beginning at 7:00 p.m. We hope everyone will turn out to help decorate our tree, listen to Christmas music, share a glass of Egg Nog, and brighten the day of 15 local children.

**General Assembly/Student Faculty Council...**

There will be a General Assembly meeting this **Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.**, followed by a Student Faculty Council Meeting. At the assembly, we will discuss some pertinent information relating to the end of the semester, and we will try to answer some of your customs related questions dealing with your return home to the states.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!**

Happy Birthday next Sunday to Melissa Albert and Jared Bradel. Remember the Arizona!

**Only 24 Shopping Days Left...**

A reminder that Madame Barnett and Frau Rausch are organizing a trip to Trier, Germany to visit the Weihnachtsmarkt and other shopping possibilities. If you missed the International Bazaar this weekend, this is another great opportunity to stock up on Christmas gifts. **Saturday December 13<sup>th</sup>** is the date, and please let Matt know if you are interested.

**Textbook Return...**

Please remember to inform your professors as soon as possible whether you would like to donate your textbooks to the school, and to future MUDEC students!

**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 ripped out the several sections of Let's Go Europe 1997, 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.

**Tower Players International...**

If anyone would be interested in learning about improvisational theatre and improv games, Brad Miller will be hosting a small workshop at 7:00 p.m. tonight in the History Core Classroom.

**Upcoming at MUDEC...****Tuesday:**

An Evening with the British Ambassador, His Excellency Nick Elam

**Thursday:**

MUDEC Holiday and Tree-trimming Party

**Friday:**

End of the Semester Ball

**Signs of the Times...**

(As seen around Europe)

In a Warsaw 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 Nice 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

15 December 1997

## From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and welcome to the last week of the semester. I wish all of you much success on your exams.

It was wonderful having had you here at MUDEC. You have been a very special and a very privileged group of students. I am grateful for your so positive and cooperative attitude and for the opportunity to have had a share in your European experience. All of us at MUDEC, faculty and staff, are dedicated to our program and to your academic, physical and personal growth and development. We have had a wonderful and exciting semester together. As you reflect upon the last four months you will realize how much you have learned, seen, experienced and how much in this process you have grown and how much you have changed.

When you return to the States within the next days, weeks or at the end of next semester you will be able to say that you were the first student group to study at our new and so beautiful campus. A building filled with Europe's tradition and history and, at the same time, providing conveniences unknown to former MUDEC students. We have had a remarkably smooth and quick transition. I am indebted and grateful to the staff and to the faculty of MUDEC who have facilitated this and to all of you for having supported us in so many different ways. We indeed have a very special atmosphere here, and the term MUDEC family is not an empty term. It appropriately describes the respect, the care, the understanding and the tolerance with which all of us interact and the goodwill in which we share.

This past weekend, government leaders of the fifteen member states of the European Union and of other European countries, who aspire to become members of the European Union, met here in Luxembourg and charted and determined the future shape of Europe. This in itself is a monumental event and a testimony to the

commitment Luxembourg has and the important role it plays in the process of European integration and in the global community at large. Miami University is fortunate and privileged to be here in Luxembourg and I am delighted for all of you that you were here when all of this happened. Three cheers to Luxembourg, to Miami University and to all of you.

To those of you who return to the States, I wish safe travels and all the best for the future. To those who will return to MUDEC next semester, have a wonderful and a safe break. I look forward to seeing you back and would appreciate very much your help in making the new students feel comfortable and in helping them in their adjustment to MUDEC, to Luxembourg and to Europe.

I wish all of you a joyous and blessed Holiday Season and a happy, healthy, prosperous and peaceful New Year.

My most sincere wish is that your MUDEC experience will have shown you the importance of a community and the respect, consideration, tolerance, dedication and commitment it requires. May your lives be filled with happiness and with success and may you have many opportunities to bring happiness and success to others. I hope that we will be able to stay in touch and that your memories of MUDEC and of your European experience will be filled with fond thoughts and with very special feelings. I and all of us at MUDEC will miss you.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

### **Lunch Schedule...**

We will be serving lunch on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday this week at 11:30am. Boyle, Burd, Long, and McClamroch may begin lining up no earlier than 11:20am, thank you!

### **Cave Hours...**

The Cave will be open until 9:00pm on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night. The Cave will close at 5:00pm on Thursday and Friday. We ask that you please have your lockers/refrigerators cleaned out by **5:00pm on Thursday**.

### **Donations If You Please...**

Don't forget, you can lighten your travel load by dropping off any and all guidebooks 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 will be a box for Donations down in the Cave. Also, we collect used clothes for various charities in the areas. 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 (no small task!). To show our gratitude, we will be presenting the ladies with a bouquet of flowers at **6:00pm tonight**. 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.

### **Spring Addresses...**

I must have your Spring Addresses as soon as possible, so that the Luxembourg Office in Oxford may keep track of you.

### **Hail to the Victors...**

Congratulations to the Miami Student basketball team that beat the pants (and the dark socks) off of the Red Boys of Differdange 79-71. Kyle Schlegel led the way with 21 points and 3 pulled muscles.

### **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, the market is located in the big tent just down the hill from the Chateau. This Tuesday at 7 p.m. our friends from the Big Band of Differdange will be playing at the market.

### **Happy Holidays from MUDEC...**

You will find in your mailbox today, a set of Chateau post cards. This is a small gift from MUDEC to help you remember your time here, and to prove to your friends, that you really did live in a Castle.

### **Group Pictures...**

If you have not already done so, please stop in and pick up your free group picture.

### **Happy Birthday...**

The following people celebrate their birthdays the rest of December. Janice Mao-Dec 23, Renee Becker-Dec 24, Annie Wall-Dec 25, Lisa Ryan-Dec 27. Happy Birthday to you all!

### **If found, please return to...**

Joanna Leung has lost a black Minolta camera that was last seen Thursday in the library. Please let her know if anyone has found it.

### **Souvenirs, Novelties, Party Tricks...**

In addition to extra postcards for sale, Claudine also has limited edition Miami Luxembourg bumper/car window stickers. They're cool!

### **Signs of the Times...**

(As seen around Europe)

In a London Hotel (submitted by Yee-Hoi):  
"If you discover a fire – attack the fire, if possible, with the appliances provided but without taking personal risks."

In a Sicilian Hotel:  
"Please to bathe inside the tub."

In a Paris hotel elevator:  
"Please leave your values at the front desk."