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Monday Morning
3 SEPTEMBER 2007

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Good morning, everyone! It is indeed a great pleasure to welcome you to the John E. Dolibois European Campus, to Luxembourg and to Europe. All of us at MUDEC, the faculty and staff, are happy that you are here and wish you a most rewarding, meaningful and enjoyable stay. The next four 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 guiding you as you go through this European experience, it is really your responsibility to get the most out of it. So, take advantage of the marvelous opportunity you have to study and to live in Europe. Plan well and ascertain that you are allocating your time, your energy and your resources wisely, effective and efficiently. Your commitment to academics is essential and the most important of all.

Our orientation program is designed to provide you with useful information, with opportunities to become acquainted with MUDEC and Luxembourg and to help you with the process of “bonding”; essential for you to feel “at home” at MUDEC, as quickly and easily as possible. Your positive attitude, your punctuality and your team spirit were and are much appreciated. Even the weather cooperated well. Luxembourg has shown itself from its best side. We have spent many days and hours planning the orientation program and the various excursions for you and are gratified to see how much all of you enjoyed them.

A special “thank you” goes to the faculty and staff members who participated in the different orientation activities. They gave up part of their weekend to make this possible. It was a wonderful and most enjoyable “MUDEC family” experience for all of us.

With the beginning of our second decade here in Differdange, we had moved to our beautiful chateau in the summer of 1997 and started our program here with the fall term of this year, we have implemented a number of important changes to make your European experience even more divers, richer and more complete. Much thought, effort and time had been invested by the staff to facilitate this about. In this context I would particularly like to mention and to recognize Mr. Raymond Manes for his important contributions to this process. Thank you, Mr. Manes.

With the much appreciated support of the Miami administration, the MUDEC Subcommittee, the Academic Review Committee and the Luxembourg Office we were able to implement curricular changes to make your studies at MUDEC even more academically and European focused. Our traditional Wednesday evening lecture series and the lecture-free Thursday afternoons we are introduced to provide faculty and staff with opportunities to further enrich your academic experience through faculty and Center planned and conducted excursions, visitations and conferences.

The introduction of our new Mini Study Tour courses into our curricular offering provides you with the opportunity to participate in two study tours in any given semester. They are designed to complement, to enhance and to broaden your classroom learning and through this they will add new dimensions to your intellectual growth.

This summer we have hired “Monsieur” Stéphane, our very own “MUDEC” chef. Prior to this we had used an external firm to arrange our menu and to prepare the meals for us.

With our new and very own chef we can now integrate our meal plan and service more directly into your European experience by being able to add a “culinary” dimension to it.

This Wednesday evening we will hold our traditional host family reception. This semester it will be combined with our tenth anniversary celebration. The reception is always a very enjoyable event, hosted by you the students, and gives you an opportunity to express your gratitude to your host family. The host families have already received written invitations from us. However, it would be good if you would also extend your own personal invitation to your family. For the reception I would suggest that you wear something appropriate for the occasion (skirts, slacks or jeans and blouse or sweater for the ladies and slack or jeans, shirt or tie for the gentlemen). In compliance with our rule that we do not permit the consumption of alcoholic beverages on campus, other than on MUDEC sponsored events, wine will only be served in moderate quantities (i.e. the European way) and may only be consumed in the auditorium or foyer, not in the cave. Juice and mineral water will also be served.

We are pleased and honored that Her Excellency, Mme Ann L. Wagner, the Ambassador of the United States to Luxembourg and officials of the City of Differdange and the Presidents of a number of American Associations will join us in celebrating the 10th anniversary of our presence in Differdange.

As you know, the success of our program rests on three solid pillars, which in their entirety represent the foundation of your European experience. They are in sequence of priorities: 1) Your and our commitment to an excellent, timely and relevant academic program, 2) the opportunity to experience European family and social life and 3) Center sponsored and individual travels.

For you to benefit from your European experience and to get the most out of it, it is of utmost importance that you manage your resources wisely and that you allocate your time and your energy according to the priorities established by the MUDEC program.

To assure the continued excellent academic reputation and success of our program, it is essential that you accept and abide by the attendance, conduct, and social rules we have established and discussed in our orientation lectures.

I feel that we are off to a very good semester and would like to thank you again for your attentiveness, your cooperation and for your positive attitude. With all of us working together we will have a great semester and academic year.

Again, I extend to you my warmest welcome to MUDEC, to Luxembourg and to Europe. I am delighted that you are here and wish you most wonderful, enlightening and enriching semester and European experience.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller
Dean



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

MOIEN (said 'moyen') = HELLO

WEI GET ET (said "vay gade ut) =
HOW ARE YOU

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Schueberfouer (Shepherd's Fair)...

Celebrating its 667th year, this annual fair on the Glacis in Limpertsberg operates every day from the late afternoon until 1am (and until 3am on Fri and Sat). The fair **ends September 11th**, finishing with a fireworks display at **22h**. See www.fouer.lu for more info on bus lines, times, etc!



Sales TODAY Only...

Braderie (sidewalk sale) will be held ONE day and ONE day only - **today, Monday September 3rd**! All stores in Lux City (also in Diff) will majorly discount end of season items for all revelers to revel at...and buy!

VINO, Vidi, Vici...

Join wine lovers near and far at this popular Grevenmacher wine festival on **Sept. 7, 8, and 9!** Taste wine, listen to music, watch the amazing firework show (Sat, 21:45), or catch the parade (Sun, 15h)! Consider taking a boat trip, seeing the famous butterfly garden, or tasting more wine from a cellar along the Moselle.



www.grevenmacher.lu

Gooooaaallll...

This Saturday, Sept 8 is the Lux/Slovenia game at the Josy Barthel Stade in Lux City at 20:15. To arrive before kickoff, plan on taking the 18:32 train from Diff and a Line 7 bus to the stadium. You can purchase tickets without a problem at the stadium prior to the game!

Summer in the City...

As part of the Summer in the City program, "Meluxina" is sure to impress! Running **Sept 8-18** at Neumunster Abbey, there will be a daily open-air concert at **19:30** followed by a water and laser light show about the Lux legend of the water nymph Melusina to be projected onto the Bock casements. **Tickets are FREE, but, due to limited space, need to be reserved at any vendor given on the site under "Infos Pratiques."** www.meluxina.lu See the site or Nicole for directions!

Gwen Stefani in Lux...

Gwen Stefani will be performing at the Rockhal on **Sun, Oct 7** with tickets at the slightly hefty price of 47€. Check out more info on her concert and others at www.atelier.com.

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

It's Chow Time!...

You can CHOOSE your meal preference (veg, non veg, or weekly special) on a daily basis. HOWEVER, you MUST reply the **Thursday of the week** before with your selections. Also, say your name like Beyonce at the lunch counter to get your order!

Blue Residence Forms...

Make sure you remember to register with your local town hall. Directions on how to complete the process are in your orientation packet. **You MUST show Crici your blue form you receive from your town hall upon registration by Friday, Sept 7th!**

Visa, Not Mastercard...

If you do not have a visa OR your visa expires before the end of the semester please see Crici.

Host Family Reception...

This is your chance to play the host for *your* host family on **Wed, Sept 5th at 19h30** in the chateau. Remember...this is *not* a dinner; only drinks and cookies will be served.

MUDEC Choir. What, What...

Plan on attending the choir meeting if you are interested in joining this **Tues, Sept 4 at 18h in Charles the Bold!!!** All talent levels are welcome. Get involved and get ready to sing your heart out!

Thursday Field Trips – ACT NOW...

Don't forget to accept an email invite ASAP to one of this week's mandatory field trips on **Thursday!!!** Remember that if you are in ART188 you must go to your exhibit, while the others have an option to go to Lux City or Metz, France!

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. Please nominate yourself by emailing Nicole by **Mon, Sept 10**. One-minute speeches and voting will take place on **Tues, Sept. 11** in the dining hall.

Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Alexander Collins, Anna Lochtefeld, and Allison Schiesl on Sept 3, Ryan Bowden on Sept 5, and Jennifer Hitchcock and Amanda Toland on Sept 6!** Also, very Happy BELATED Birthdays to **Chris Moore on Aug 29 and Justin Sims on Aug 30!** ☺ Wish them an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Sept 3	
8:45	First Classes Begin
22:00	Center Closes
Tuesday, Sept 4	
Today	Proctor Applications Due
18:00	MUDEC Choir Info Meeting (Charles the Bold)
22:00	Center Closes
Wednesday, Sept 5	
13:00	Proctor Interviews Begin
19:30-21:00	Host Family Reception
22:00	Center Closes
Thursday, Sept 6	
14:00-16:30	ART188 Art Exhibit
14:00-18:00	Lux City Scavenger Hunt
14:00-19:00	Metz, France Guided Tour
<i>Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!</i>	
22:00	Center Closes
Friday, Sept 7	
Today	Town Hall Registration Form Due to Crici
17:00	Center Closes

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Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC. I am delighted that many of you opted to stay in Luxembourg this weekend in order to explore our beautiful host country, its traditions and life style. Some of you may have witnessed the commemorative ceremonies celebrating Luxembourg's liberation from Nazi occupation and repression 63 years ago. Our host country is eternally grateful to the United States for having come to Europe to bring liberty, justice, democracy and prosperity to Europe. This will never be forgotten.

Here in Differdange a special ceremony recognized the brave American soldiers of 63 years ago and at the same time celebrated Miami University's presence in this former city of steel. The City leadership acknowledged the great contributions Miami University has made and is making to the image and to the development of Differdange and expressed its gratitude and respect to all of us at MUDEC. After the ceremony the City Administration hosted a reception in our beautiful chateau.

Some of you will have done your first independent traveling this weekend. I hope that you had wonderful experiences, that you traveled wisely and prudently and that all of you were great Ambassadors of the United States.

Last Wednesday's host family reception was a great success. Everyone enjoyed the welcoming and relaxed atmosphere and the beautiful setting of our "salle des fêtes" in which the reception was held. Your charm and warm hospitality, your friendly and attentive behavior and your attractive appearance were appreciated by everyone. Many of the host families mentioned to me how much they enjoyed the evening you had offered in their honor and how pleased they are with you. Needless to say, I was proud of you and thank you very much. **We thank Ambassador Ann Wagner for having joined us on this special event and for her informative, insightful, motivational and encouraging message she presented to all of us. We are also grateful to the Presidents of the various American organizations you had joined us that evening.**

We had our regular "beginning of the semester" faculty meeting this past Friday afternoon. It is always refreshing and most encouraging to see and to feel the excitement, the anticipation and the strong commitment our wonderful faculty bring to their teaching assignment. They are indeed most important contributors to the success of MUDEC and wonderful members of our community of learners.

Following our faculty meeting my wife and I held our traditional beginning of the semester faculty/staff and spouses reception in our apartment. For us personally it

is a great pleasure and privilege to be able to work with our most dedicated faculty and staff; our colleagues and friends.

Tomorrow, September 11th, Americans and all peace loving people of the world will commemorate the heinous and terribly brutal terrorist attacks on New York, the Pentagon, on the United States and on humanity and on the principles of democracy and freedom everywhere, six years ago. We owe and we would like to show our profound respect to the innocent victims, their families and friends and to the thousands of brave policemen, firefighters and civilians who risked and many lost their life in their heroic efforts to save the life of others. **I would like to ask you to join in a minute of silence held in our foyer at 12:40.**

That same evening MUDEC will be hosting a reception organized by the City of Differdange. In this reception, held in our "salle des fêtes" from 6:00 to 7:30 pm, the City Administration will introduce and present a special publication the City had commissioned on the occasion of Differdange's Centennial Celebrations. This event is open only to invited guests.

Our orientation speaker this coming Wednesday afternoon will be The Honorable Jean Asselborn, Vice Prime Minister of Luxembourg and Minister of Foreign Affairs. He is an outstanding individual and a most successful and highly regarded and respected politician. His topic "The Role of Luxembourg in European and Global Politics" will be of particular interest to all of us. In spite of its smallness, Luxembourg has an exceptionally good reputation as an honest broker and has become a key player in European and Global politics. His lecture presentation from 5:00 to 6:00 pm will tell you all about it. Following his lecture my wife and I will be hosting a post-lecture reception in honor of Mr. Jean Asselborn in our apartment from 6:00 to 6:30. We would like to invite fifteen students and some faculty and staff to this reception. Unfortunately space constraints impose a limit on the number of guests we can host. Please sign up with Nicole if you are interested in attending this reception. First come – first served.

A most sincere "thank you" is due to our Prof. Georges Backes who will be inviting his students to an evening with him in his beautiful apartment the evenings of September 13th, 17th and 20th. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact in a more personal environment.

We are delighted that you have opted to study at MUDEC this semester/year. Have a wonderful day and week.

Most sincerely,
Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

WEI WAR DEIN WEEKEND?
(said 'vay varh dine veekend') =

HOW WAS YOUR WEEKEND?

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Festivals Galore...

September 11th

Tomorrow is the final day of the Schueberfouer! Its last hurrah includes reduced prices and fireworks at 22:00.

www.fouer.lu

September 14th-16th

The "Riesling Open" Wine Festival takes place in four villages with 20 local vitners, music, and even a coronation event of the Reising Queen.

www.rieslingopen.lu

September 14th-16th

If you like old cars, visit the 'Trier Classics' exhibit in...Trier! For more information, go to their website at

www.trier-classics.de.

September 15th

The final event of Luxembourg's Summer in the City program features a myriad of musical performers on the Place d'Armes from 10:30-22:00.

www.summerinthecity.lu

September 15th-16th

'Heritage Days' is a tradition begun in France in 1984 and the Council of Europe made it official in 1991. This year the theme is "Religious Heritage." For more info on the HD program, visit www.gouvernement.lu/dossiers/culture_tourisme_lang/patrimoine or call the Lux Tourist Office at 22.28.09.

September 22nd – October 7th

The well-known Oktoberfest begins with official opening ceremonies by the lord mayor of Munich on Saturday, Sept. 16 at noon in the Schottenhamel tent.

www.oktoberfest.de/en

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Student Faculty Council...

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Wednesday's Lecture...

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, our **Wednesday** lecturer will be the Honorable Jean Asselborn speaking about "The Role in Luxembourg in European and Global Politics."

Please sign up with Nicole if you would like the opportunity to meet the #2 guy of Luxembourg in a post-lecture reception hosted in the Stiller's apartment!

Thursday Field Trips – ACT NOW!!!!...

Don't forget to accept an email invite ASAP to one of this week's mandatory field trips on **Thursday!!!** Remember that if you are in WCP352 you must go to your museum visit, while the others have an option to go to join that museum visit, go to Lux City or Trier, Germany!

Blue Residence Forms...

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Class Schedule Changes...

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Luxembourg Tour...

University of Lux is hosting a FREE English guided tour of Lux City on **Saturday, Sept 29th at 16h**. If you are interested, email Nicole by Tuesday, Sept 25th!

Rugby Lovers...

Rugby Club Luxembourg is looking for men and women itching to get involved. RCL is an expat club (lots of nationalities) with practices in Cessage on Tuesdays and Thursdays and games on Sunday. Consisting of more than rugby, RCL offers player dinners, ski trip, rugby ball, etc. If interested in playing, send an email to info@rcl.lu and them out at www.rcl.lu.

Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Megan Wright TODAY, Sept 10** and **Lindsay Camacho on Sept 16!** Also, very Happy BELATED Birthdays to **Ryan Sweeney on Sept 9!** ☺ Wish them an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Sept 10

18:15 Choir Rehearsal
22:00 Center Closes (Kina Drago)

Tuesday, Sept 11

12:40 Moment of silence in the foyer
22:00 Center Closes (Ricky Durbin)

Wednesday, Sept 12

17:00-18:00 **Lecture: Mr. Jean Asselborn**
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
22:00 Center Closes (Kelsey Baker)

Thursday, Sept 13

14:00-17:00 **WCP 352 Museum of History and Art**
14:00-18:00 **Lux City Scavenger Hunt**
14:00-19:00 **Trier, Germany Guided Tour**
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
22:00 Center Closes (Katelyn Turlington)

Friday, Sept 14

17:00 Center Closes

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Good morning, everyone and welcome back from your weekend travels. I am sure you enjoyed the beautiful late summer weather we had and trust that all of your experiences were pleasant, interesting and insightful. Please remember to always be wise travelers and great ambassadors of the United States. Many of the people you will encounter will never have met an American. On the other hand they may already have formed "their opinion" of what and how Americans are. Much of this may be the result of American TV shows, presenting Americans as being selfish and thoughtless, superficial and loud, violent, greedy and dishonest. This is indeed a most unfortunate and incorrect misrepresentation. **You have the wonderful opportunity to show your fellow travelers that Americans are kind, thoughtful, friendly, helpful, considerate, generous, interested, caring and sharing. What remarkable, important and rewarding task. Best wishes for much success to all of you, our true American Ambassadors. Three cheers to you!!!**

Our first orientation lecture this past Wednesday has been a great success. Mr. Jean Asselborn, Luxembourg's Vice Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs, provided us with an impressive summary of the important role Luxembourg plays in European and Global Politics. Its commitment to European integration, its exceptional reputation as honest broker, its multilingual population and its exceptional ability to relate to and to understand the aspirations, concerns and the real opportunities and threats of its political partners has placed our host country in a most important and remarkable position, far exceeding its size and economic and political power.

During the reception and when Mr. Asselborn left MUDEC he mentioned to me repeatedly how much he enjoyed his visit, how impressed he was by your attentiveness and the excellent questions you asked and how pleased he was by the warm reception he had received. In fact, he told me that he would like to come back to MUDEC at least once a year. His press office has already sent us some photos of his visit. We shall post them for you. It is evident that he enjoyed his visit and his interaction with you. We have gained another wonderful friend. Thank you so much for your support.

We have another very timely, important and complex topic covered in this coming Wednesday's lecture. The orientation speaker will be Prof. Barry Feistein, Senior Lecturer in International Law, School of Law, Netanya Academic College and Senior Fellow and Member of the Board of Governors, S. Daniel Abraham Center for Strategic Dialogue, Netanya Academic College, Israel. His topic "The Origin of the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and Possible Solutions" is indeed very timely and important. This orientation lecture will give us insights into this complex issue and the difficulties of finding acceptable and supportable solutions. This is an exceptional opportunity to learn more about one of the most serious trouble spots in the world. I encourage you to participate actively in the question and answer session.

My wife and I will host a post lecture reception for Prof. Feinstein in our apartment from 6:00 to 6:30. Space

constraints limit the number of students to fifteen. Please sign up with Nicole if you are interested in joining us. There will also be several faculty members present.

The various activities we arrange for you on our non-instructional Thursday afternoons are designed to provide you with opportunities to explore and to become acquainted with various topics, with Luxembourg and adjacent regions, with museums and other places of interest and importance. I urge you to take advantage of the different programs we offer. **This Thursday afternoon we are offering you another series of special events and activities.** There will be an excursion to Bastogne, where the most decisive battle of the Ardennes offensive was fought, an excursion to a Luxembourg winery, and a visit to the Museum of History. I would like to thank the faculty and staff for organizing and conducting these visits. All of us involved enjoy being part of this.

We are always looking for opportunities to reach out and be of service to the community. This Thursday evening we will make our beautiful campus available to the City of Differdange. This is a function in which the City will officially present its "Centennial Publication," a book containing chapters on the various historic events Differdange experienced during its 100 years of having been named a city. In essence, it covers the span from iron ore mining to steel making to becoming a university town of which Differdange is particularly proud. What a history, what a story, and what a wonderful contribution Miami University's Luxembourg campus has made. We are happy to make our campus available for this public function, but regret that students cannot participate in it.

The City of Differdange will be holding a number of public celebrations this weekend. If you plan to be here I would like to encourage you to attend some of them. It will give you insights into how Europeans celebrate, and will also enable you to connect with our host city.

Monday evening of next week all of us will be attending a wonderful concert in Luxembourg's marvelous Philharmonie, one of the most beautiful concert halls in the world. To recognize the beginning of our and the University of Luxembourg's new academic year we have received free tickets for all of us. The concert will also give you an opportunity to meet and to interact with some students of the University of Luxembourg. The Solistes Europeen under the direction of Jack Händler will be playing works by Ludwig van Beethoven. We are most grateful to our Prof. Georges Backes and to Mr. Eugene Prim for having arranged and for making free tickets available to us. We will arrange bus transportation to the concert. que

All of us are happy to have you here. I wish you an enjoyable and productive week.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrases of the Week

WANN ECH GELIFT
(said 'VONGECLIFT') = PLEASE

MERCI
(said 'MAIRSEE') = THANK YOU

GÄR GESCHIT
(said 'GAIR GASHIT') = YOU'RE WELCOME

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Pump up the Jam...

Every Tuesday night, Liquid, located in the Grund, holds FREE jazz jam sessions at 21:30. Chchchcheck it out.

Wednesday Night LIVE...

German band, September Collective, is playing d:qliq in Lux City this Wed night for 10 € at 21h.

Plum Festival (Questchefest)...

Bettembourg's Quetschefest will take place Sept 22-23!

Expand your horizons...

Want to learn more about oil painting, jewelry making, tai chi, or yoga? English-speaking classes offered in Lux City at 10€/hr starting Oct 1. Register ASAP at www.theseconddegree.com to reserve a spot!

Bike Rentals in Luxembourg City...



Hurry...while the sun is still (sort of) shining! Rent a bike and explore more of Lux City and the Grund! Rental shop is next to Scott's Pub in the Grund. A bike for 1 hr=5€, ½ day=12,50 and full day=20€. Students get a 20% discount for a day rental! M-Su 10-12 and 13-20.

Bike Rentals in Esch-Alzette...

Want to rent a bike for *free* in Esch-Alzette? Go to the City Hall in Esch or a place called "Click" at 97, rue de l'Alzette to give them your name, address, 20 euro (which will be reimbursed), and in return they will give you a key that unlocks any bike locked up around the city. You can ride it wherever and for as long as you would like – months even! – and then just take the key back to the CLICK location for your money back.

Check out the website below for more info and a map of all of the bike up lock up spots.

<http://www.esch.lu/Default.aspx?id=21dc654a-064d-48a0-acce-3b0b4e9ab354>

Movies, movies, movies...

Check out www.utopolis.lu for movie listings/times at the Utopolis in Lux City. Take the #18 bus to Kirchberg.

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Student Faculty Council...

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Wednesday's Lecture...

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, our **Wednesday** lecturer will be Professor Barry Feinstein speaking about "**The Origin of the Israeli – Palestinian Conflict**".

Please accept your email invitation if you would like the opportunity to meet Mr. Feinstein in a post-lecture reception hosted in the Stiller's apartment!

Thursday Field Trips – ACT NOW!!!...

Don't forget to accept an email invite ASAP to one of this week's mandatory field trips on **Thursday!!!** Wine visit is full! Options now include a **museum visit** or visit of **Bastogne, Belgium!**

Coffee Talk with Crici Dumont...

To touch base with you about your lives thus far, and specifically your housing arrangements, Crici mandatorally requests you to **sign up for a 10 minute time slot on HER DOOR through next week!**

Solistes Européens...

Get ready to enjoy an amazing concert at the Luxembourg Philharmonie with MUDEC students, faculty, staff, and friends! The concert will be on **Monday, Sept 24 at 20:00** and will feature music of Beethoven. Organized buses will leave at 19:00 from the Chateau with return stops in Lux City, Bettembourg, and Differdange.

Tennis Tourney Tickets...

See Nicole if you are interested in attending a tennis match of the Fortis Championships Lux from Sept 22-30!

Luxembourg Tour...

University of Lux is hosting a FREE English guided tour of Lux City on **Saturday, Sept 29th at 16h**. If you are interested, email Nicole by Tuesday, Sept 25th!

Bend it like Beckham...

Interested in practicing weekly with a local soccer team? See Nicole if you are so inclined!

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A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Adriane Neidhard on September 18** ☺

Wish her an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



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Monday, Sept 17

LAST DAY TO ADJUST CLASSES
LAST DAY FOR SFC NOMINATIONS
Center Closes (Proctor Katelyn Turlington)

22:00

Tuesday, Sept 18

12:00-12:30 SFC Platform Speeches – Dining Hall
22:00 Center Closes (Proctor Kina Dragoo)

Wednesday, Sept 19

17:00-18:00 **Lecture: Mr. Barry Feinstein**
18:00-18:30 Post-lecture Reception
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
22:00 Center Closes (Proctor Ricky Durbin)

Thursday, Sept 20

14:00-17:30 **Museum of the History of Luxembourg**
14:00-18:30 **Moselle Vineyard Visit**
14:00-19:00 **Bastogne, Belgium Guided Tour**

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22:00 Center Closes (Proctor Kelsey Baker)

Friday, Sept 21

17:00 Center Closes

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Welcome back to MUDEC and to the fourth week of the semester. I mention this to point out how quickly time passes and to suggest that you need to plan all of your academic, cultural and social activities in order to get the most out of your European experience.

This past weekend Differdange held a series of events to celebrate its Centennial as City. I was very busy representing MUDEC in various functions. Where ever I went I received most favorable comments about our presence in Differdange and how much we contribute to the City's positive spirit and development. Thank you for your help in and with this.

Last night we made our beautiful dining hall available for an elegant and very festive formal dinner. Visiting delegations from sister cities in Germany, France, Italy and Portugal created an international atmosphere. I was able to arrange that our American faculty and spouses would also be invited. They added a very special American dimension to this evening.

The next formal dinner at the château, to which all of you will be invited, will be on October 23rd when we will welcome a group of visitors from Oxford and the States, guided by my personal friend and older "brother" Charlie Teckman and his charming wife Joan. At this dinner we will also be joined by some of the many friends we have in the community and by members of the Miami Alumni Association, Luxembourg Chapter.

Last Wednesday's orientation lecture by Prof. Barry Feinstein gave us an opportunity to become better acquainted with the complexities of the Israeli – Palestinian Conflict and the brutal, restless and tense situation we observe in the Middle East at large.

We have another exciting week ahead of us. It will afford you many special and even exceptional opportunities to experience and to participate in various aspects of Luxembourg's cultural and political life.

To recognize the beginning of the new academic year we have again received free tickets for all of us, students, faculty and staff to attend tonight's concert performed by the Solistes Europeen in Luxembourg's magnificent concert hall, the Philharmonie. In total we have received 124 tickets

for this concert. The price of each is approximately Euro 40.00. What generous gift and what recognition MUDEC receives. An enthusiastic expression of "thank you" is due to Mr. Eugene Prim, the President of Luxembourg's Music Association and to our own Prof. Georges Backes.

Tomorrow evening we will host a group of some 60 visiting Americans of Luxembourg origin, another result of the extensive contacts we develop and foster. All of this contributes to the program we can offer here in Luxembourg. The group will be lead by Luxembourg's Consul in Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson. As is customary in Luxembourg, we will offer a "vin d'honneur" and invite those of you interested in meeting our visitors to join us.

Wednesday's orientation lecture will be offered by our very own Prof. Emile Haag. The topic "History of Luxembourg and Luxembourg's Contribution to the Process of European Integration" will be of great interest to us. We will offer a post lecture reception for students and faculty in our apartment. Please sign up with Nicole if you are interested in joining us. The first fifteen to sign up will be on. Your signature is your commitment.

The highlight of the week will be our visit to the European Parliament in Strasbourg this Thursday. Mme Hennicot-Schoepges, the former Luxembourg minister of education and other resorts, and a personal friend and friend of MUDEC has invited us to visit her at the Parliament. As a very special treat we have also been invited to join her for lunch in the restaurant for the members of the European Parliament. As you will be representing Miami University it is important that you dress according to this special occasion. You need to bring along your passport. This will be an all day event. The buses leave MUDEC at 8:10 am sharp and will return around 9:00 pm.

We look very much forward to next week's visit by Dr. Jeffrey Herbst, Miami University's Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs. You will have an opportunity to meet and to listen to him. He will be speaking to you on Tuesday evening.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

Ech wënschen dir ee schéinen Daag
(said 'Esh venshen a shainen daach
(the 'ch' like a hairball sound) =

HAVE A GOOD DAY!

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

An Apple "Gala"...

Enjoy the apple festival of Steinsel taking place Sept 29-30. At the festival you can find a plethora of apple products – baked, fried, fresh-pressed, preserves, as well as other harvesty selections such as stew, pumpkins, and potatoes. Visit www.steinsel.lu for more info.



MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Concert TONIGHT!...



The heavily anticipated Solistes Europeen concert is TONIGHT! Look your best to enjoy a beautiful night of music at the

Philharmonie in Lux City. **Buses leave at 7PM** from the Chateau to make the 8PM concert. Please know if you're on Bus 1 or Bus 2 for a seamless departure after the concert.

Student Faculty Council...

The first meeting of the Fall 2007 Student Faculty Council will meet **every Wednesday from 14-14:45** to discuss projects, opportunities, and issues to make this the best semester possible! This is a democratic forum open to our beautiful public (that's you!) - opportunity for all, responsibility from all, and community of all!

Wednesday's Lecture...

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, our **Wednesday** lecturer will be Professor Emile Haag speaking about "The History of Luxembourg."

Please accept your email invitation if you would like the opportunity to meet with Prof Haag in a post-lecture reception hosted in the Stiller's apartment!

Parliament Visit...

Get pumped for our visit to the EU Parliament in Strasbourg **this Thursday!** This incredible opportunity will begin with an **8am** departure from the Chateau. If you live in Lux City, take the 7:20am train.



BRING YOUR PASSPORT!

Another Free Concert!...

The Luxembourg National Orchestra will play at the Philharmonie **this Friday at 20:00** with a run through of Verdi's La forzi del destino. Contact Nicole by **this Wednesday** for a free ticket!

Let's go for a hike...

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to go on a hike with fellow students through beautiful Luxembourg! The hike will be led by Mr. Roland Hoff on **Sat, Sept 29 OR Sun, Sept 30** –you choose! If interested, email Nicole!

Cooking Classes...

"Culinary Aspects of West European Cultures" is a new non-credit class available **every Tuesday night at 19h** in a real Luxembourgish kitchen in Lux City! You will learn about a new type of cuisine and the relating culture each week (Lux, Italian, German, French, and Spanish), then cook and eat the fruits of your labor! There will be a 25euro fee per class. Please email Nicole with interest! Bon appétit!

Coffee Station - Chugachugachuga...

The coffee machine IS here and already making cups of joe for you to enjoy! Fanny and the coffee will be in the dining hall **everyday 9:30-10:30 and 15:00-16:30!**

Luxembourg Tour...

University of Lux is hosting a FREE English guided tour of Lux City on **Saturday, Sept 29th at 16h**. If interested, email Nicole by **THIS Tuesday, Sept 25th!**

Oh, Let 'Em Cut...

Please let students with 12:30 class get lunch line priority!

MUDEC Ornament...



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Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Jen Hilton and Travis Smith on Sept 26** and **Kristen Hay and Colin Keane on Sept 27** 😊 Wish them an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Mondav, Sept 24

19:00 **Buses depart for Philharmonie – Lux City**
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Sept 25

22:00 Center Closes (Katelyn Turlington)

Wednesday, Sept 26

Last day for FREE Friday Phil ticket
14:00-14:45 Student Faculty Council Meeting
17:00-18:00 **Lecture: Professor Emile Haag**
18:00-18:30 Post-lecture Reception
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
22:00 Center Closes (Kina Dragoo)

Thursday, Sept 27

8:00-21:00 **EU Parliament Visit – Strasbourg, France**
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Sept 28

17:00 Center Closes

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Monday Morning
1 OCTOBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning, everyone! I trust you enjoyed the beautiful fall weather we had this weekend and that all of your experiences were pleasant, interesting and rewarding. **A special thank you is due to our friend Roland Hoff who had taken a good number of students on hikes through Luxembourg on Saturday and Sunday.** Knowing Roland very well, I can well imagine how informative and interesting these hikes were. Thank you so much, dear and generous friend Roland.

Today we are starting the second third of our semester. Your commitment to your academic responsibilities is of paramount importance and must have highest priority. I encourage you to use your time and energy wisely to assure that this is the case.

It is a particularly great pleasure for us to extend our warmest "welcome to MUDEC and to Luxembourg" to Dr. Jeffrey Herbst, Miami University's Provost & Executive Vice President. During his short but quite busy visit he will be meeting with officials of the Luxembourg government, the University of Luxembourg, the American embassy and also with you; the students, faculty and staff. We are delighted that he will be with us and wish him a most rewarding, productive and enjoyable visit and stay.

Dr. Jeffrey Herbst will hold a general session to meet with all of you in our salle des fêtes on Tuesday at 18:15. This meeting is in lieu of and replaces our regular Wednesday orientation lecture.

An enthusiastic expression of gratitude goes to Prof. Georges Backes for having hosted his students at his home on three evenings. From own experience I know how much the students enjoy his warm and generous hospitality. Thank you, Georges.

This past week has been a particularly busy and exciting week for us. **Monday's concert performed by the Solistes Europeen in Luxembourg's magnificent Philharmonie was a musical delicacy. An enthusiastic thank you is due to Mr. Eugène Prim and Prof. Georges Backes for having arranged for us to receive a total of 115 free tickets.**

A sincere thank you is due to Professors Blaisdell, Corbett, Nelson and to Nicole for having attended a planning meeting for this semester's "Disputatio", to be held at the University of Luxembourg the evening of Tuesday, November 20th. The topic of "Immigration" to be discussed among students from MUDEC and the University of Luxembourg is quite current and of great importance on both sides of the Atlantic. It will be an interesting discussion and debate and a wonderful opportunity for our students to interact with the students of the Uni Luxembourg.

Last Tuesday evening we hosted a group of 60 Americans of Luxembourg decent who had visited Luxembourg for ten days. We had established contact with the America-Luxembourg Society in Wisconsin and with Mr. and Mrs. Hansen, the Luxembourg Consul in Chicago to arrange this. It was an enjoyable evening. Our guests were most pleased to have visited us and appreciated our warm MUDEC

hospitality. These new contacts are important to us as they **enable us to make new friends and to introduce new dimensions to our program.**

Our first Student/Faculty Council meeting on Wednesday afternoon was very productive and I thank Scott Dulaney, Mike Carey, Katelyn Turlington, Greg Holger, and Anna Lochtefeld for their commitment and for their interest to be involved. We have identified exciting projects on which they and all of you can work.

An enthusiastic thank you is due to Prof. Haag for the most interesting and informative lecture he presented on the "History of Luxembourg and Luxembourg's contributions to the process of European Integration" in Wednesday's orientation lecture. Our host country plays a disproportionately important role and has provided the dynamic leadership to bring this ambitious integration movement to fruition. What great success story.

Our excursion to and visit of the European Parliament in Strasbourg all day Thursday was an unforgettable and most informative and pleasant experience. An enthusiastic and most sincere and profound expression of gratitude is due to Mrs. Hennicot-Schoepges, a close friend and generous supporter of our program for her warm welcome, for her impressive presentation and for having hosted us most royally for lunch in the Parliamentarian's restaurant. It was a delicious treat. As former Minister of Higher Education here in Luxembourg and as present member of the European Parliament Mrs. Hennicot has always had a great interest in our program and has supported it in various ways. **She and her staff members mentioned repeatedly how much they were impressed by you. Thank you for having been excellent ambassadors of Miami University and of the United States.**

Friday night's concert in the Philharmonie, to which we had again received free tickets, was another enjoyable musical evening for the fifteen of us who had attended. Thank you Mr. Prim and Prof. Backes for having arranged this for us.

Next week you will be going on your respective study tours. They are designed to provide you with information, observations and with varied opportunities to supplement and to reinforce the formal class room learning you have experienced so far. Your professors and the staff spent much time, effort and commitment planning them for you.

As a reminder, it is expected of all of you to act appropriately and responsibly and to represent Miami University well, at all times and in all places. Your conduct is governed by the Miami University Code of Student Conduct. You have been and you are a great group. My reminder is intended to point at the privileges you have and at the responsibilities these privileges carry, individually and collectively.

We are pleased to have you here at MUDEC. I wish you a good day, a great week and an enriching and enjoyable study tour.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

HOLZ UPAKKEN
(said 'HOLTZ OO POCKEN') =

KNOCK ON WOOD (OR TOUCH WOOD)

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Live Theater in Lux City...

One of Shakespeare's most loved and best-known plays, **MACBETH**, is to be retold in **FRENCH** in Place Guillaume in Lux City **every night THIS Monday – Friday**. Ticket info and show times at www.ccrn.lu.

Pump up the Jam...

Every Tuesday night, Liquid, located in the Grund, holds **FREE** jazz jam sessions at 21:30. Chchchcheck it out. www.liquid.lu

Pappendag/Fête des Pères...

Luxembourgers celebrate Father's Day on the first Sunday of October (ie **October 7**). Don't forget to wish the host dads a happy dad day!

La Nuit des Musées...

Luxembourg will be holding its own "night of museums" **NEXT Saturday, Oct 13!** Tickets are only 10€ if purchased in advance or 12€ at the door, and gives you access to every museum in Luxembourg City, all open from 18h until 1h. There will also be free shuttles transporting cultured individuals to and from each venue. Get your fill of art for the **YEAR!!!** Visit www.nuit-des-musees.lu for the program.

Bike Rentals in Luxembourg City...



Hurry...while the sun is still (sort of) shining! Rent a bike and explore more of Lux City and the Grund! Rental shop is next to Scott's Pub in the Grund. A bike for 1 hr=5€, ½ day=12,50 and full day=20€. Students get a 20% discount for a day rental! M-Su 10-12 and 13-20.

Bike Rentals in Esch-Alzette...

Want to rent a bike for *free* in Esch-Alzette? Go to the City Hall in Esch or a place called "Click" at 97, rue de l'Alzette to give them your name, address, 20 euro (which will be reimbursed), and in return they will give you a key that unlocks any bike locked up around the city. You can ride it wherever and for as long as you would like – months even! – and then just take the key back to the **CLICK** location for your money back.

Check out the website below for more info and a map of all of the bike up lock up spots.

<http://www.esch.lu/Default.aspx?id=21dc654a-064d-48a0-acce-3b0b4e9ab354>

Movies, movies, movies...

Check out www.utopolis.lu for movie listings/times at the Utopolis in Lux City. Take the #18 bus to Kirchberg.

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

NO FOOD/DRINKS...

No food or drinks are allowed in the classrooms, computer lab, or library!!!

Pretty clear cut, no exceptions. We must be respectful of the individuals who are now cleaning up after you (eek!) and of the chateau itself!

Coffee Station - Chugachugachuga...

The coffee/tea station has been a great success! **HOWEVER, THE MESSY AFTERMATH HAS NOT! IT IS OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELVES, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO SPILLS AND CUPS/SPOONS BEING CORRECTLY DISPOSED OF!**

MUDEC T-Shirt Design Contest...

Your Student Faculty Council needs your help in creating this semester's MUDEC t-shirt! Please give or send Greg Holger (holgerfg@muho.edu) your original t-shirt design ideas by **lunch THIS Wednesday, Oct 3** in order to have them considered for a t-shirt that 100 students will model forever and always!

~~Wednesday~~ TUESDAY Lecture...

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, our **TUESDAY** lecturer will be Miami Provost Dr. Jeffrey Herbst from **18:15-19:15!**

No Wednesday Lecture...

Because of our Tuesday lecture, there will be **NO** Wednesday lecture.

Cooking Classes...

October 9th will be our first "Italian" themed cooking class. We have reached our maximum of participants! **SOOO**, if you would like to participate in the future, stay alert to further communication on dates and featured country cuisines!

MUDEC Ornament...



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Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** goes out this week to **Stacy Haberstroh on Oct 1 and get this – Shane Bradwell, John Davidson, and Kate Gilbride ALL on Oct 5!** ☺ Wish them an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Sept 24

22:00 Center Closes (Ricky Durbin)

Tuesday, Sept 25

18:15-19:15 **Lecture: Provost Jeffrey Herbst**

Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!

22:00 Center Closes (Kelsey Baker)

Wednesday, Sept 26

ART – Gofflot – Belgium

MUS – Backes – Germany

HST – Gordon – Avignon

22:00 Center Closes (Katelyn Turlington)

Thursday, Sept 27

ENG – Corbett – London

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Monday Morning
8 OCTOBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC. What marvelous fall weather we had the last few days. I am sure that it added to the four studies tours in which you participated. I understand that all of the study tours went very well, that they were interesting and successful. They are special opportunities to enhance and go beyond your formal classroom learning. Much effort went into planning and conducting them and I would like to thank Professors Corbett, Vankrunkelsvan, Backes, and Gordon and our staff members Mr. Manes, Mrs. Dumont, Miss Cozzi and Mr. Peters for their administrative support and Mrs. Stephany for having done many of the required reservations.

Today, Sunday, we celebrated the traditional "Thanksgiving Day" in our Lutheran church in Luxembourg. A day to reflect and to recognize with a profound sense of gratitude and appreciation the many blessings and privileges we enjoy and often times take so much for granted day in, day out. Family, friends, freedom, democracy, security and peace, a comfortable, interesting and rewarding life, wonderful and fulfilling work, good health and happiness, and a mind and heart to appreciate and to be thankful for the good and privileged life we live. Maybe you would want to reflect upon the many blessings and privileges you enjoy every day and express your gratitude to those who make it all possible for you. I feel that one can never be too thankful and appreciative.

Our host country Luxembourg commemorated and celebrated its "Jour de la Commemoration" with parades and memorial ceremonies that same day. Luxembourg remembered the victims of Nazi occupation and repression and the years of suffering and loss of freedom the Luxembourgers had to endure. You will hear more about this terrible time of repression in our panel discussion in two weeks time.

Yesterday, my wife, a small group of friends and I went on a hike from Schengen, in Luxembourg, into France and Germany and experienced and celebrated the new Europe which grew out of the centuries of constant war and strife characteristic of Europe's past. We crossed borders without knowing where they were nor feeling foreign in our neighboring countries. This is the new Europe to the creation and formation of which the United States have contributed so very much. The sacrifices made by American soldiers and by the United States at large in liberating Luxembourg and much of Western Europe have born wonderful fruits and have created a peaceful, prosperous and democratic continent. The sacrifices made, as painful as they were, had not been made in vain. Thank you, the United States of America.

We thank Provost Herbst for his visit this past week. It was a busy and productive visit with various important and very successful meetings and discussions in Luxembourg and here at MUDEC. These visits are very important and much appreciated by us as they communicate the keen interest and the great support we receive from the Oxford campus and here in Luxembourg. Again, thank you very much for your recent visit, Provost Herbst. It was wonderful to have had you here.

This week we have various activities scheduled for you. I encourage you to take full advantage of them.

Tonight the American Embassy is sponsoring a special showing of a new film "Luxembourgers living in the United States". It will be shown in the Utopolis in Luxembourg City. We thank our own Prof. Stephanie Shaheen for having arranged tickets for her student in SOC 337 and ITS 315. We are very fortunate to have received additional tickets for students, faculty and staff. Their Royal Highnesses, Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Maria Teresa will also be in attendance. Hopefully there will be an opportunity to meet them. I shall try to arrange this.

This Tuesday evening a group of students will be invited to join Prof. Marie-Josée Wollwert, our former professor of Sociology. She has invited our students to her home to provide them with insights into European culture and to show them and to prepare with them a traditional Italian dinner. Having been a guest in the Wollwert home a good number of times I know that this will be a cultural, a culinary and a very personal experience for our students. Prof. Wollwert has graciously offered to arrange these evenings throughout the semester. Thank you so very much, dear Prof. Wollwert and Felix.

This Wednesday's orientation lecture will feature Prof. Jean-Paul Lehnens from the University of Luxembourg. His lecture on "Human Rights" is a very timely and important one. A few years ago he had received the "International Lions" award for his great commitment and contributions to human rights. Following the orientation lecture my wife and I would like to invite fifteen students and MUDEC faculty to join us in our apartment for a "post lecture" reception from 6:00 to 6:45. We will also be joined by H.E. Ambassador Carlo Krieger, Luxembourg's ambassador to China. What a wonderful occasion to gain additional insights into the human rights situation in China, a topic of great interest and concern.

This Thursday, Prof. Guy DeMuysier will host an evening at his home for his POL 270 students. Prof. DeMuysier will show slides of Soviet Dissident art he had collected during the time he was Luxembourg's ambassador to the Soviet Union, Finland, Poland and Mongolia. His commentary about his experience in the Soviet dictatorial system and the close contacts he maintained with dissidents will provide deep insights into life in a dictatorship. The presence of H.E. Eduard Malayan, Ambassador of Russia and the expose he will give on Russian foreign policy will add a special dimension to the afternoon. From previous experiences I know how much the students and the other invited guests enjoy and appreciate this very special opportunity to experience traditional European hospitality and grace.

I do wish you a great day and a wonderful week. I and the faculty and staff are delighted to have you here at MUDEC. Please do not forget to express your sincere gratitude and your profound sense of appreciation to all those who made and make it possible for you to have this wonderful and exciting experience.

Most sincerely,
Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

SCHWÄTZT DU ENGLISCH
(said 'SHWETST DUE AINGLISH') =

DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Free Concert TONIGHT...

The Philharmonie will be featuring performers from the European Music Academy **TONIGHT at 20:00** with pieces by Faure and Barok. Free tickets compliments of the University of Luxembourg!

Contact Nicole **ASAP** for a free ticket!

Pump up the Jam...

Liquid, located in the Grund, holds FREE jazz jam sessions at **21:30 on Tuesdays** and FREE blues jam sessions at **21:30 on Thursdays**.

Chchchcheck it out. www.liquid.lu

La Nuit des Musées...

Luxembourg will be holding its own "night of museums" **THIS Saturday, Oct 13!** Tickets are only 10€ if purchased in advance or 12€ at the door, and gives you access to every museum in Luxembourg City, all open from 18h until 1h. There will also be free shuttles transporting cultured individuals to and from each venue. Get your fill of art for the YEAR!!!

Visit www.nuit-des-musees.lu for the program.

Vianden Nut Festival...

THIS Sunday, Oct 14 marks the "Viener (Luxembourgish for Vianden) Nëssmoort," a popular festival in Vianden offering a variety of walnuty goodness – baked, brandy, liqueur, and sparkling wine. A picturesque setting with live music, food stands, and a castle! More info, including history, at www.tourist-info-vianden.lu (link to "Manifestations").

Gooaaaaalllll...

NEXT Wednesday, Oct 17 at 20:00 is the Lux/Romania game at the Josy Barthel Stade in Lux City. To arrive before kickoff, plan on taking the 18:32 train from Diff and a Line 7 bus to the stadium. Tickets are 8,12,15, or 30 euro and can be purchased at the Emile Weber travel agency in Esch OR at the stadium **PRIOR** to the game!

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Miami Scheduling Thursday...

Scary, but true, scheduling for next semester is **THIS THURSDAY!!** If you would schedule at 8AM in Oxford, then plan on scheduling here at 2PM, but do check Bannerweb individually just to be sure...

Special Utopolis Screening TONIGHT...

If you are in Prof Shaheen's ITS 315 or SOC 337 classes, then remember that **TONIGHT** is the sneak preview of "Luxemburg, USA," arranged through the US Embassy. Bus leaves the Chateau at **5:30PM** with the movie at **7:30PM!** FYI, there is a Subway and other

eateries at the movie complex for a possible pre-
preview dinner!

Cooking Classes...

Tuesday, October 9th will be our first "Italian" themed cooking class. If you've previously registered, stop by Nicole's office for directions!

Wednesday's Lecture...

As Dr. Stiller mentioned, our **Wednesday** lecturer will be Professor Jean-Paul Lehnrs from the Univ of Lux speaking about "Human Rights."

Please accept your email invitation if you would like the opportunity to meet with Prof Lehnrs AND Mr. Carlo Krieger, Lux's current Ambassador to China, in a post-lecture reception hosted in the Stiller's apartment!

Thursday Hike...

Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to go on a hike in the Differdange area, discover some Roman ruins, and bask in the fleeting sunshine! The hike will led by Mr. Roland Hoff **THIS Thursday at 15:00!** If interested, email Nicole!

Flights Home from PARIS...

Mostly for the Greece-goers, flights back home leave on **Friday, Dec 14** out of **PARIS**. If this includes YOU and if you would like to pay your way for a chartered bus ride that **EARLY** morning, email Neil Kretz at kretznr@muohio.edu **by Oct 18** to reserve a spot!

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THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Oct 8

17:30

Prof Shaheen function- ITS 315 and SOC 337

Bus leaves from MUDEC for Utopolis

22:00

Center Closes

Tuesday, Oct 9

13:30-14:30 and

17:00-19:00

SOC 337 Time Change

19:00-22:30

Culinary Class – Lux City

22:00

Center Closes

Wednesday, Oct 10

14:00-14:45

Student Faculty Council Meeting

17:00-18:00

Lecture: Prof. Jean-Paul Lehnrs

Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!

18:00-18:30

Post-lecture Reception

22:00

Center Closes

Thursday, Oct 11

14:00

Miami Scheduling

15:00-17:30

Differdange Hike with Roland Hoff

15:00-17:00

Mr. Scholer talk at Chi-Chi's – MKT 291

15:15-18:15

Prof deMuyser function – POL 270

22:00

Center Closes

Friday, Sept 28

17:00

Center Closes

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Monday Morning
15 OCTOBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning and welcome back after a truly marvelously beautiful weekend. I am sure that all of you enjoyed the beautiful fall weather and hope that all of your experiences were pleasant, rewarding and enjoyable. My wife and I spent the weekend in the charming and picturesque region of the Alsace and delighted in the slower pace of life, the regional cuisine for which the Alsace is also known, the beautiful and romantic towns and the history they embody and communicate. You may want to spend a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of big city life, to enjoy scenic regions, smaller towns and to “feel the pulse” of the country you are visiting.

One of the very unique elements of our program is the close interaction between students, faculty and staff and the way in which faculty and staff participate in and contribute to our students’ European experience. A special thank you is due to Prof. Guy deMuyser for having hosted his students in his charming home last week. The slide show on Soviet dissident art, the presentation by the Russian Ambassador to Luxembourg and the warm and generous hospitality extended by Prof. deMuyser made for an unforgettable and most enriching experience. Thank you, Ambassador deMuyser.

Our former Prof. Marie-Josée Wollwert had invited a group of students to her comfortable and beautiful home to initiate and expose them to the Italian way of family and social life. She and Félix had organized and had made preliminary preparations for the students to get “hands on” experience on preparing and cooking a traditional Italian meal. In the process they learned much about Italian traditions and customs and enjoyed an extensive and delicious meal and evening. Thank you so very much for having opened your home and hearts to our students, dear Marie-Josée and Félix. More evenings with focus on other European countries will follow.

Prof. Stephanie Shaheen and her husband Dieter hosted her students in SOC. 337 to a traditional wine tasting session including also some Luxembourg special food items. These are very special opportunities to learn and to interact beyond the traditional classroom setting. Thank you so much, Stephanie and Dieter.

We thank Prof. Jean-Paul Lehnert of the University of Luxembourg for his insightful, thought provoking and eloquent lecture on Human Rights. This is indeed a very complex topic of great importance to us as individuals, as citizens of a given country and of members of the global community.

With the beginning of the second half of the semester starts the second series of our spring courses. On this occasion it gives me great pleasure to welcome back to MUDEC Professors Michael Hakenberg and Paul Lesch. They are offering respectively POL 230.LTL, “Introduction to the European Union: Its Political Systems and Current Topics” and ENG 204.L “European Cinema: An Introduction”.

We have concentrated some of our attention and energy on intensifying our interaction with the University of Luxembourg. Through this we are able to provide you with a wider choice of options regarding your “out of classroom”

learning and thereby intensifying your European experience. There are many opportunities made available & I do encourage you to take advantage of them.

Tonight the University of Luxembourg will host a lecture presentation by Kate Adie, a prominent British newscaster. Her topic “Reporting the News” should be of particular interest to students who think of making journalism their career. The lecture will be at the University of Luxembourg and will begin at 7:00 p.m. I intend to attend this lecture and could take four people with me. I plan to leave at 6:00 p.m. Please let me know if you are interested in listening to Kate Adie.

This Wednesday afternoon we will have our traditional panel discussion on “Nazi Occupation of Luxembourg and the Luxembourg Resistance Movement.” It is always a very touching and moving experience for our students as they listen to the remaining witnesses of this time of horror and inhumanity dig deep into their memories in order to share with our students their personal experiences of injustice, brutality, intimidation, and suffering. We are most grateful to Professor Haag for organizing this event. The panel discussion will go from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. Also, we will have a post lecture reception from 6:30 to 7:00 on the landing.

On Thursday afternoon Prof. Emile Haag will show “Shindler’s List” in preparation for the upcoming study tour to Cracow, Auschwitz and Prague. You are encouraged to watch and reflect upon this powerful movie.

This Thursday evening MUDEC will host a conference on Poverty, Social Exclusion and Misery Next to Us, organized by KIWANIS International. The conference will be held in French. We make our chateau available as a courtesy to and a sign of our willingness to support cultural and educational activities here in Differdange.

This coming weekend MUDEC will be hosting Miami University’s Student Teaching European Program (STEP), bringing to Luxembourg Miami student teachers gaining their teaching experience in Europe.

Next week we will be welcoming Prof. Charley Teckman and members of the Miami University Alumni Tour to Luxembourg, Belgium and France. We will have a program for the group and will also host a formal dinner for our visitors and special friends from the community. We look forward to this visit.

Our “formal MUDEC dinner” will be held on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22nd. Our dining hall will be beautifully decorated for this festive event.

I do wish you a pleasant, enjoyable and productive week.

Most sincerely,
Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

VIEL GLECK
(said 'FEEL GLECK') =

GOOD LUCK!

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Reporter to Report to Uni Lux TONIGHT...

Kate Adie, one of BBC's chief news correspondants, will be visiting UniLux **TONIGHT at 19:00** with the lecture "Reporting the News."

Dr. Stiller will be going and has generously offered 4 spots in his car! He'll be leaving at **18:00** to be on time!

Gooooaaalllll...

THIS Wednesday, Oct 17 at 20:00 is the Lux/Romania game at the Josy Barthel Stade in Lux City. To arrive before kickoff, plan on taking the 18:32 train from Diff and a Line 7 bus to the stadium. Tickets are 8,12,15, or 30 euro and can be purchased at the Emile Weber travel agency in Esch OR at the stadium PRIOR to the game!

Movies, movies, movies...

Check out www.utopolis.lu for movie listings/times at the Utopolis in Lux City. Take the #18 bus to Kirchberg.

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Mamer Trip...

This Thursday, Oct 18 from 14:30-16:00 Professor Gordon will be taking his HST 360 class to the Islamic Cultural Center (mosque and school). **Email Nicole by 14h TODAY** if you are not in the history course, but would still like to participate!

Football Americano...

MUDEC soccer scrimmage. **TODAY. 17:00.** Centre Sportif. Be there!

Wednesday's Panel Discussion...

As Dr. Stiller has mentioned, this week's panel discussion topic will be "Nazi Occupation of Luxembourg and the Luxembourg Resistance Movement." Witnesses/survivors of the horrific events of the occupation will join us to give from **17:00-18:30** to recount their first-hand stories.

Please accept your email invitation if you would like the opportunity to meet with these individuals in a post-lecture reception on the landing from **18:30-19:00**.

Kiwanis Conference at the Chat...

There will be a Kiwanis conference at the Chateau **THIS Thursday at 20:00**. The topic of discussion will be in French and about poverty and social exclusion. You are more than welcome to join!

Cooking Classes Numero 2...

November 6th will be our second cooking class with Professor Wollwert in the context of Luxembourgish cuisine! The first 8 to email Nicole have a spot!

Visit to Clervaux Abbey...

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Marine Ball Tickets...

Saturday, Nov 17 at 18:00 YOU are invited to the Marine Corps Ball! It will take place at the Casino 2000 in Mondorf with tickets at 85 euro cash. Email Nicole by **FRIDAY** with interest or questions!

Buses and Planes back to the US...

I know it is very early to start thinking about the end of the semester...but, in order to plan accordingly, we will need to get a head count of how many people will be flying out of the same city (Brux, Paris) to get back home. The cost per student depends on the number of students interested in the destination. Email Nicole by **next Wednesday, Oct 24** with your flight plans if you want to take advantage of this convenience!

Mingle with Miami Student Teachers...

11 student teachers from Miami who are spending the semester teaching at U.S. schools in Germany that are located at American military bases will be attending a seminar at MUDEC on Saturday, October 20, led by their university supervisor, Dr. Jeffrey Wanko. They are arriving on Thursday and Friday and will be staying through Sunday morning.

Participants include...

Rachel Cox, Fonda Held, Jennifer Klee, Hope Maglich, Erin Munsie, Jessica Neuman, Kate Osborne, Jackie Skaja, Monica Ungers, Kate Weiant, and Eric Weisgarber

Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Peyton Stanforth on October 21!** ☺ Wish him an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Oct 15

17:00 MUDEC Soccer at Centre Sportif
19:00 Kate Adie to speak at UniLux
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Oct 16

22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday, Oct 17

14:00-14:45 Student Faculty Council Meeting
17:00-18:30 **Panel Discussion**
Please remember attendance is taken and is mandatory!
18:30-19:00 **Post-lecture Reception - Landing**
19:00 **Prof Shaheen function - Dining Hall**
20:00 Lux/Romania Football Game
22:00 Center Closes

Thursday, Oct 18

14:30-16:00 **Prof Gordon Mamer Visit - HST 360**
14:00-17:00 **Prof Haag "Schindler's List" - HST 270**
20:00 Kiwanis Conference - Dining Hall
22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Oct 19

17:00 Center Closes

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Monday Morning
22 OCTOBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning and welcome back. It got colder this weekend, reminding us that times pass on as we move through the different seasons of the year. I trust that your weekend was pleasant and that it was filled with interesting experiences. My wife and I had visited the exhibition "Constantine the Great" in Trier, an enormously interesting and fascinating exhibition and demonstration of the power, vision and talent Konstantin exercised in consolidating the Roman Empire, in building the City of Constantinople and, most importantly in helping Christianity to become established in Europe. We found it particularly fascinating to see and to talk to some of the many visitors coming from various European countries to visit this exhibition, dedicated to the ancient builder of a unified Europe. By coincidence, the EU meeting in Portugal this past Friday brought Europe further along a common goal and destiny. What needed force, strife and war to bring about a unified Europe during the time of "Constantine the Great" is achieved today through democratic and peaceful means.

You may already have heard of the tragic train accident that had occurred in Oxford in which Joey Eger, a Western College student, was killed. Joey was enrolled in and scheduled to participate in our spring 2008 program. Prof. Muriel Blaisdell mentioned to me that she knew Joey, that she had looked forward to having him in her class and also that he was perfectly suited to participate in, to contribute to and to benefit from our program. Our profound sympathy goes to Joey's family and friends. The reason for this accident and Joey's so untimely death are not yet known. I urge you to be careful and prudent wherever you are, whatever you do and to rely on your good judgment at all times.

We had again a very busy week, last week with various meetings, functions and visitors. On Monday night I attended a very interesting conference at the University of Luxembourg. Kate Adie, one of the BBC's best known journalists, gave an interesting and eloquent talk on journalism and the changing technology and environment in which news gathering and presentation are made.

We thank Prof. Emile Haag for having organized and conducted last Wednesday's panel discussion on "Luxembourg's Resistance to the Nazi Occupation of Luxembourg - a testimony to human courage, strength and determination". Unfortunately, only two of the four panel discussants who had been invited were able to attend. Another sign that time passes and that it becomes increasingly difficult to find living witnesses of this terrible time of inhumanity, brutality and terror. The testimony we heard from Mr. Raths and Mr. Majerus should strengthen our resolve to stand up for democracy, liberty and justice and to fight the forces of nationalism, of terror and inhumanity wherever they may appear.

A sincere thank you is due to Prof. Stephanie Shaheen and her husband Dieter for having invited the students of her IST class to a wine and cheese tasting session last Wednesday evening. These are special opportunities to interact far beyond normal classroom learning.

Thursday evening MUDEC hosted a conference organized by the Kiwanis Club and the City of Differdange. The conference on "Poverty, Social Injustice and Misery" was attended by some 90 people and resulted in meaningful reflections and discussions. Hosting conferences and meetings gives us an opportunity to show that MUDEC is part of Differdange and that we are involved in the community. This is much appreciated by all.

This weekend we hosted a meeting of Miami University's Student Teaching European Program (STEP). It was interesting to meet the ten students who are presently doing their student teaching at various military bases in Germany. Like all Miami students, they displayed an impressive level of interest, commitment and enthusiasm. Prof. Wanko, who is here at MUDEC with his family this semester, had conducted the weekend meeting, including excursions through Luxembourg.

Thank you, Prof. Backes, for having taken several of your students on a hike through northern Luxembourg this past Saturday. The beautiful fall weather and the interesting observations they made and the interesting people they met added much to their Luxembourg and European experience.

We have another very busy week coming up. Tonight MUDEC will be hosting a meeting and conference by the Christian Socialist Workers Party, the CSV. The meeting will be attended by Minister Biltgen, the President of the Party and Minister of Culture, Higher Education and Research. In his capacity of Minister of Higher Education he is very important to us. We receive great interest and support from the ministry.

Thank you, Prof. Blaisdell for inviting your students to an evening with you. I know that this will be much appreciated and Renate and I are most pleased to be included.

Prof. Charley Teckman and the participants in this year's "Miami Alumni Association European" tour will be visiting MUDEC on Tuesday afternoon and evening. Among our visitors will be the parents or relatives of: Philip Beeson, Maggie Convy, Ricky Durbin and Matthew Millett. We extend to them and to all of our visitors our warmest welcome and wish them a wonderful time at MUDEC. I encourage all of you to say hello to them and to make them feel comfortable in our beautiful chateau. The following program has been established for them:

3:30 arrival at MUDEC and welcome by Ekkehard Stiller (vin d'honneur will be offered)

4:30 to 5:30 Lecture by Emile Haag "The Role of Luxembourg in the Process of European Integration"

5:30 to 6:00 visit of chateau and interaction with our students

6:00 reception for members of the alumni tour and invited guests

6:30 formal dinner in our salle des fêtes (for invited guests)

MUDEC students will be represented by the members of the Student/Faculty Council and the four students whose relatives are part of the visiting alumni group.

Prof. Charley Teckman had been director of MUEC in 1979/80, a crucial time for our Luxembourg program. His vision for and strong commitment to MUDEC assured the continuation of the Luxembourg program. Thank you, Prof. Teckman.

Professors Dominique Dimmer and Carline Ewert are taking their students in upper level French to attend a theater performance at the Théâtre des Capucins. Thank you, Dominique and Caroline for organizing the special event.

On Thursday afternoon, Prof. Michael Hakenberg will take his students in POL 230 to visit the European Court of Justice and he and his wife Waltraud will host them in their beautiful home for dinner following the visit to the ECJ. I know the students will enjoy this visit and the generous and warm hospitality of the Hakenbergs. Thank you, Waltraud and Michael for your kindness and generosity.

On Thursday we are also welcoming Prof. Ellen Hill of Miami University's College of Education and Allied Professions. She is here to visit the International School of Luxembourg. We wish her a pleasant and productive stay.

Next week you will be on your All Saints break. I wish you safe travels and wonderful experiences. Please focus on wise traveling and be prudent and careful in all places and at all times. Walk away from situations that make you feel uncomfortable, keep a low profile and stay away from places that are known to be frequented by Americans. Particularly the volatile political situation in the Middle East makes this essential. So, please be careful and prudent.

I wish you a pleasant day, a great week, good luck in your exams and safe travels.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller



Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week

SCHÉIN VAKANZ
(said 'SHANE VACONSSE') =

HAVE A GOOD VACATION!

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Timing is everything...

CLOCKS ARE CHANGING THIS SATURDAY NIGHT!

Don't forget to FALL BACK this weekend. On Saturday night/Sunday morning you will have to turn your watches and clocks back 1 hour. Example: 3am becomes 2am. This is essential especially for weekend travelers as you must follow the correct schedule to make your trains. Let the hibernation begin!

Volunteer Opportunity...

The **International Bazaar of Lux** at the Lux Expo Center is an annual event with ~40 countries represented and the American booth needs our help! Each stand sells food and goods and it is run completely by volunteers with the proceeds benefiting over 100 charities throughout the world. Volunteers are needed **Wed (Nov 28) and Fri (Nov 30) for shifts anytime between 9:00-17:00** for setup and on **Sat (Dec 1) and Sun (Dec 2)** for the actual event. Please contact Nicole **by Fri** if you are interested!

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MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

MUDEC T-Shirt Design VOTING TODAY...

The designs have come in and they are undeniably AWESOME! The next step in establishing a Fall '07 MUDEC T-Shirt is to take a vote by the entire student body! Voting will take place **TODAY at 12:00** while waiting in the lunch line. Just one vote please!

Bible study...

Kelsey Baker has organized a Bible study that will be held **THIS Tuesday from 19:00-20:00** in Charles Temeraire (orange seats). Everyone is welcome!

Buses and Planes back to the US...

Email Nicole by **THIS Wednesday, Oct 24** with your flight plans if you want to take advantage of the coach bus going to Brussels for the December 14 flights!

No Wednesday Lecture...

Indeed, there will be no Wednesday lecture because...

Happy Halloweeny...

Get ready to celebrate Halloween the MUDEC way with a **cookout** on **THIS Wednesday at 17:30** at the

chateau backyard! Hosted by your fantastic SFC, we will have hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, and candy, as well as a **COSTUME CONTEST!**

BWHAHAHAHAHAHA!

Disputatio with UniLux...

As Dr. Stiller has included in his commentary, we will be participating in a "disputatio" with University of Lux students **Tuesday, November 20th at 19:00** on their turf. The topic of debate/discussion will be "Issues in Europe and North America: Borders, Immigration, and Groups" – a high profile topic that trickles down to effect each and every one of us in one way or another. Please sign up with Nicole!

Fall 2007 Yearbook...

Exciting news! A yearbook is in the works, so if you would like to offer help, email your SFC rep Greg Holger (holgerfg@muohio.edu) **ASAP!!!**

Visit to Clervaux Abbey...

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Your Refrigerated Food...

As we will all be gone for the duration of All Saint's break next week, the kitchen refrigerators will be cleared out of any perishable items left. So please and consume or dispose of any food that will get bad over the week. Also, be mindful not to store food in your lockers!

Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Tiffayn Price (Oct 22) and Caroline Gould (Oct 23)**! Lucky enough to have a birthday during break include **Therese Fialko (Oct 30), Erin Wehmer (Oct 30), and Neil Kretz (Nov 11)**! Wish him an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Oct 15

12:00 SFC T-Shirt Vote – lunch line
12:35 **Moment of Silence for Joey Eger**
17:00 MUDEC soccer – Centre Sportif
17:30 **Prof Blaisdell get-together – WCP 351**
20:00-22:00 CVS General Meeting – dining hall
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Oct 16

16:00 Teckman Group Visit
19:00-20:00 Bible Study – Charles Temeraire
18:00 Teckman reception and dinner – dining hall
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday, Oct 17

Email Nicole for Dec 14 Brussels bus
14:00-14:45 Student Faculty Council Meeting
17:30 **Halloween Party!**
18:00 **Profs Dimmer and Ewert play – FRE 411/310**
22:00 Center Closes

Thursday, Oct 18

14:00-20:00 **Prof Hakenberg ECJ Visit – POL 230**
22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Oct 19

17:00 Center Closes

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***Monday Morning*
5 NOVEMBER 2007**

Montag Morgen

Good morning and welcome back to MUDEC. I trust that you had a wonderful All Saints vacation and that all your experiences very pleasant and interesting. As you make your plans for the remaining weekends of this semester you are well advised to set aside a couple of weekends for a stay in Luxembourg. This will give you a chance to rest up, to catch up and to work ahead, to save money and to get to know our so charming and beautiful host country. Please use your time wisely. We are so glad that you are here and would like your stay and your experience to be enjoyable, meaningful and rewarding in every respect.

I will be on the Oxford campus this week. Please contact me via Mr. Manes or Dr. Stroinigg if there is anything I can do for you while I am there. It will be another busy visit for me and I look forward to meeting with many of our so supportive colleagues and friends. All of them are most interested in our program and happy to be part of MUDEC have and are contributing to our success. We are indeed most grateful for this.

The week prior to the All Saints break had been very busy and several kudos are due to faculty and staff. On Monday night we had hosted a conference organized by the CSV, an important partner in our program. Your cooperation in keeping the library quiet was much appreciated.

Tuesday's visit by Prof. and Mrs. Teckman and their Alumni group was a great success. The gala dinner we had arranged and offered for them and for MUDEC faculty and staff, members of the MUDEC student/faculty council and special friends we have in Luxembourg had been enjoyed by all. A special thank you is due to the MUDEC staff for having decorated our dining hall so beautifully and to Stéphane and Franky Manes for the delicious meal they prepared and to Marie, Mena and their familis for the attentive and excellent service they provided. It was a wonderful and very festive event, enjoyed by all.

A thank you is due to Professors Dimmer and Ewerts for having taken their students to a French play in Luxembourg City. These are special events and opportunities to apply the language skills they have acquired.

We thank Prof. Michael Hakenberg and his wife Waltraud for having organized the visit to the European Court of Justice, where Mrs. Hakenberg is the Registrar of the Court, and for their warm and generous hospitality they had extended to Prof. Hakenberg's students in their charming and comfortable home.

As Mr. Manes had already informed you with the end of the four mini study tour courses prior to the All Saints vacation we have restructured our class schedule. On an experimental basis we have made one Friday an instructional free day, giving you a three day weekend. This is a privilege extended to you with the expectation that you will take advantage of it but that you will also show responsibility by not extending the long weekend beyond the three days we have granted.

While you were on your study break we were pleased to welcome Dean Carine Feyton, Dean of Miami University's

School of Education and Allied Profession. MUDEC supports various programs of Miami School of Education. Her visit was designed to learn more about our Luxembourg campus and our interaction with the educational community of Luxembourg.

This week we will have a visit by Dean Marek Dollar and Prof. Anna Dollar. As Dean and Professor of Miami University's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences they are here to become acquainted with MUDEC and with some of the many friends and partners we have here in Luxembourg. This visit is of particular interest to us as it will also explore areas of future cooperation between MUDEC and the University of Luxembourg and some of its research institutes. We wish them a most rewarding, interesting and pleasant stay at MUDEC and in Luxembourg.

An enthusiastic expression of gratitude goes to Prof. Georges Backes. This past week he had given us thirty Crescendo cards allowing the holder free access to all cultural performances and events held in Luxembourg. Nicole Cozzi will make them available to you. They need to be returned to Nicole the day after you have used them. This is indeed a wonderful and much appreciated opportunity to participate in Luxembourg's rich and diverse cultural life.

This Friday all of you will be going on your respective study tours; BUS 371 (International Business) to Berlin, Frankfurt and Mainz, History 270 (The Rise and Fall of Adolf Hitler) to Cracow and Prague, History 360 (European Islam) to Granada and Cordoba, and WCP 351 (Early Modern Science in Italy) to Florence and Rome. These are interesting destinations allowing you to gain additional insights into the subject matter you have studied. As participants in our MUDEC study tours you become ambassadors of Miami University and of the United States. In this role you also have the responsibility of representing your University and the United States in the best possible way. It is expected of you that you attend all of the planned activities, that you are attentive, courteous, respectful and cooperative at all times and in all places. Much effort has been expended in planning the various study tours and programs and much gratitude is due to your professors and to the MUDEC staff.

This Thursday and Friday we will represent and will recruit for Miami University at the annual Student Fair held at the Luxembourg exhibition halls for European high school students interested in pursuing university studies in the United States. It would be good if a couple of you would participate in this. You would be in the best position to talk about our great University and the excitement to study at Miami University. Please contact Nicole if you are interested.

I wish all of you a good week and enriching and wonderful experiences on your respective study tours.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week



Mir si frou datt dir rem hei sidd!

(said 'Mear ze froh dut dear [rr]jem hi zit')

= **We are happy that you are back!**

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Free Melusina Jazz Night...

WPRjazz is in its fourth year of supporting young jazz composers, with this year's main event featuring The Jeff Herr Corporation and David Laborier Quartet. Be at the Melusina (Bus 6 to Tour Jacob in Lux City) **this Wednesday, Nov 7th at 20:00**. ENTRANCE IS FREE!

Photo Exhibit...

The American Women's Club of Luxembourg invites YOU to vote at their photo contest (**Nov 5th – Nov 16th**) at the l'espace Royal Monterey of Fortis Banque Luxembourg. This official "Year of Culture" event is entitled "Merci Luxembourg/Thank You Luxembourg" to show appreciation to Lux for their kind hospitality to "estrangers." Over 70 amateur photographers submitted pics of what they feel represents the beauty of Lux.

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MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Luxembourgish Cooking Class...

Reminder that **TOMORROW, Nov 6th** will be our second cooking class with Professor Wollwert in the context of Luxembourgish cuisine! Those individuals who have already signed up with Nicole must make sure to fill out a cashless payment form and see Nicole if directions are needed!

Diff School Visit...

TODAY volunteers will be visiting Differdange's elementary school from 13:45-16:00 to work and play with the kids! Email Anna Lochtefeld at lochtefelda@findlay.edu with last minute interest!

Bible study...

Kelsey Baker has organized a Bible study that will be held **THIS Wednesday from 20:00-21:00** in Charles Temeraire (orange seats). Everyone is welcome!

MUDEC T-shirt Update...

Please stay tuned to Greg Holger either **TODAY or TOMORROW** as to when you can sign up with your size and t-shirt color preference (red or green). In addition, instead of payment for these rad shirts, the SFC will be asking you to donate 3€ to Toys for Tots!

No Wednesday Lecture...

Yeah, you read it ladies and gentlemen – our short week will not include a Wednesday lecture.

Wine and Cheese at Chi-Chi's...

The Miami Alumni Lux Chapter will be hosting an "Oxford Evening" on **Monday, Nov 19 at 19:15**. For only 5€, YOU are invited to mix and mingle with alumni at a wine and cheese party at the Chi-Chi's at Place d'Armes in Lux City! Email Nicole with interest!

Postcards for Senior Citizens...

Our SFC has decided to organize a way to reach out to our community! In Nicole's office there is a list of names and addresses from the Senior Citizen home in Niederkorn. Please choose a name from the list and send them a postcard from your weekend travels. This is also a great opportunity to use your foreign language skills!

Happy Birthday Wishes...

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THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

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13:45 Diff Elementary School Visit
17:00 MUDEC soccer – Centre Sportif
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Nov 6

19:00 Luxembourgish Cooking Class – Lux City
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday, Nov 7

14:00-14:45 Student Faculty Council Meeting
20:00-21:00 Bible Study – Charles le Temeraire
22:00 Center Closes

Thursday, Nov 8

22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Nov 9

DEPART FOR FIELD STUDIES UNTIL NOV 14!!!

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Monday Morning
19 NOVEMBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning, everyone! I hope you had a good weekend and wish you and all of us a happy Thanksgiving week. **We, the MUDEC family, will be celebrating Thanksgiving Day with a traditional Thanksgiving Dinner.** While you will be far away from home, you will feel part of and comfortable in the special community in which we share, the extended MUDEC family. In previous years some students have told me that the MUDEC Thanksgiving Day celebration was the best they ever had.

Our Thanksgiving Dinner, held in our beautifully decorated dining hall, will feature a traditional meal with all the trimmings and pumpkin pie. In addition, the Student/Faculty Council has organized and will hold a raffle with wonderful prizes, the proceeds going to Toys for Tots. Thanksgiving Day gives all of us an opportunity to reflect upon and to give thanks for the countless blessings and privileges we enjoy each day and to pray for and hope that the future will bring peace, justice and a better life for all. As we reflect upon the wonderful and privileged life we are able to live, we have indeed much to be grateful for. I know you realize this, but would still like to encourage you to express your gratitude to those who make all of this possible for you, your family and friends. A thankful word or note, a warm smile or another sign of appreciation will always be welcomed.

I had a very good and productive visit to the Oxford campus. It is wonderful and reassuring to see how many friends and supporters we have on Miami's main campus. All of them are pleased with our program and all of them send you warmest greetings. Our program could not exist and would not be so successful if we did not have this strong and encouraging interest and support. With this also goes our responsibility to uphold the high standards our program has attained. This is a responsibility and commitment we have to accept individually and collectively. In fairness to all, no exceptions can be made.

From your professors and from some of you, I had heard that the different study tours went very well and that you have been excellent ambassadors of Miami University and the United States. Thank you for your cooperation. Much work, time and effort were expended by faculty and staff to organize and to conduct the various tours and the feeling of success is a great reward for them.

The visit by Dean Marek and Prof. Anna Dollar two weeks ago has been very successful. They and Mr. Manes had visited some of the many contacts we have in Luxembourg and were able to explore new opportunities for Miami students and faculty to benefit from our presence in Luxembourg. All this is already in preparation for our closer interaction with the University of Luxembourg in the future.

A weekend ago we had a most enjoyable visit from Matt and Karin Osborne (a MUDEC merger) and their two delightful daughters Annie and Grace. Matt was the Student Activities Coordinator here at MUDEC from 1997 to 1999 and is now working as political officer at the American Embassy in Madrid. Matt was here on site during the transformation work that needed to be done prior to our move to Differdange in the late summer of 1997. He did a great job

in making sure that the transformation work progressed well and used his time to establish many good contacts here in Differdange. It was wonderful to have seen them again and to have met their beautiful and pleasant two daughters.

Tonight, all MUDEC students have been invited by the members of the Miami University Alumni Association, Luxembourg Chapter to join them at a special event, the **OXFORD EVENING** at Chi-Chi's, located at the Place d'Armes, Luxembourg City). This special event will feature a **Wine & Cheese Reception** for MUDEC students, beginning at 7:00 pm. **Please sign up with Nicole if you are interested in joining.** This will be a wonderful opportunity to meet and to interact with Luxembourgers who have studied and graduated from Miami University.

Tomorrow night, a group of MUDEC students will engage in a debate "Disputatio" with students of the University of Luxembourg. The topic to be discussed "Immigration, Border Controls and Integration" is of particular importance and timeliness on both continents. For us and for the participating students from the Uni Luxembourg it affords a wonderful opportunity for intellectual and social stimulation and interaction. This semester the debate will be held on the campus of the University of Luxembourg.

On Friday night we will make our beautiful dining hall available to the **America-Luxembourg Society for their Thanksgiving Dinner.** For us it is an opportunity to express our gratitude for the interest and support we received here in Luxembourg.

On Saturday and Sunday evening MUDEC will host a guitar concert organized by the Boy Scouts movement, Differdange to celebrate its 75th anniversary. Again, we make our beautiful chateau available as a community service and to say thank you to Differdange for the interest and support we receive.

I am pleased to announce already that we will have a very special and timely lecture on Monday afternoon, December 3rd. Mr. Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb, former Premier Minister of Belgium will be talking to us about the present political situation in Belgium and the challenges and consequences of the political stalemate Belgium experiences. This is indeed a very unique opportunity for us and we thank Prof. Guy Vanhaeverbeke for having arranged this for us. By coincidence, the Nothombs were involved in writing the initial constitution of the Kingdom of Belgium.

With the completion of the mini study tour courses we have rearranged our class schedule to give you several three day weekends. This was done to accommodate your discovery of Europe but also to give you additional time to complete your academic work and to prepare for our exams. **This change has been made on an experimental basis and will be discontinued if there should be signs of abuse, i.e. extending the three day weekend.** We count on your sense of responsibility and cooperation.

I wish you a good week and a great Thanksgiving Day and evening, here at MUDEC.

Most sincerely,
Ekkehard Stiller

Luxenglish Phrase of the Week



SCHÉINEN THANKSGIVING
(said 'SHANEN THANKSGIVING') =

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Volunteer Opportunity...

The **International Bazaar of Lux** at the Lux Expo Center is an annual event with ~40 countries represented and the American booth needs our help! Each stand sells food and goods and it is run completely by volunteers with the proceeds benefiting over 100 charities throughout the world. Volunteers are needed **Wed (Nov 28) and Fri (Nov 30) for shifts anytime between 9:00-17:00** for setup and on **Sat (Dec 1) and Sun (Dec 2)** for the actual event. Please contact Nicole **ASAP** if you are interested!

Differdange Concert at the CHATEAU...

Our lovely chateau will be hosting a concert of American guitar player, Andy McKee, taking place **THIS SATURDAY at 20h** at the price of 10€. Tickets can be reserved at www.lgsd.lu/andymckee.html and you can learn more at www.andymckee.com !

ANOTHER Differdange Concert!...

L'Harmonie Municipale Differdange will be having a concert **THIS SATURDAY and SUNDAY at 20h and 17h, respectively**. Entrance is 5€ and location is the Salle de Musique on rue Emile Mark (the main street of Diff). Support our local music scene!

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

Diff School Visit...

TODAY volunteers will be visiting Differdange's elementary school from 13:45-16:00 to work and play with the kids! Email Anna Lochtefeld at lochtefelda@findlay.edu with last minute interest!

Wine and Cheese at Chi-Chi's TONIGHT...

The Miami Alumni Lux Chapter will be hosting an "Oxford Evening" on **TODAY, Nov 19 at 19:15**. For only 5€, YOU are invited to an all you can eat mixer with alumni at Chi-Chi's at Place d'Armes in Lux City! **LAST CALL!!!** Email Nicole with interest!

Last Day for T-shirt Sign-up...

TODAY is the last day to sign up for a t-shirt! To do so, find the sheet outside of Nicole's office and choose a size – that's it! Upon receiving it, instead of payment the SFC will ask you to donate 3€ to Toys for Tots!

Disputatio with UniLux...

The highly anticipated "Disputatio" is taking place **THIS TUESDAY, Nov 20th at 19:00** at UniLux. All participants, please plan on taking the **17:32 train from Diff to Lux City and then the #3 bus to UniLux**.

No Wednesday Lecture...

Nope, non, nein.

Bible study...

Kelsey Baker has organized a Bible study that will be held **THIS WEDNESDAY from 18:30-19:30** in Charles Temeraire (orange seats). Everyone is welcome!

MUDEC Thanksgiving Feast...

It is time to give thanks – especially all of us who are lucky enough to be involved in the MUDEC family and have the opportunity to be here! To formalize this gaggle of "thanks," we thought it would only be appropriate to eat ridiculous amounts of our traditional delights at a formal dinner in the dining hall on Thanksgiving (**THIS THURSDAY**) beginning at 18:00. This also means lunch will NOT be served on Thursday. Please remember to thank our wonderful cook, Stephane, as well as Marie and Mena for their contributions to our comfort and happiness here!

- Please fill out a cashless receipt by **TUESDAY morning** if you will have a guest attending.
- Let Fanny know by **TUESDAY morning** if you have alternative plans preventing you from attending.

Toys for Tots Fundraiser...

Your fabulous SFC is organizing a fundraiser for Toys for Tots!!! Our goal is 500 euro so we have planned for you an exciting raffle (prizes include gift certificates, t-shirts, etc) and the winners will be chosen during the Thanksgiving Dinner! **Start buying your tickets NOW from Nicole** – 1 for 1 euro and 6 for 5 euro! It's for a great cause and you may just get an awesome prize!

Solistes Europeens Concert NEXT Monday...

Ding! Time already for round two of attendance to a Solistes Europeen concert at the Philharmonie in Lux City! Enjoy the sounds and sights of this concert next **Monday, Nov 26 at 20h**. Sign up with Nicole to get a free ticket! www.philharmonie.lu

Postcards for Senior Citizens...

Our postcard progress has heightened since our field study return. However, there are more to send!! Stop by Nicole's office for a resident to write to at the senior citizen home in Nieder Korn!!!

FRENCH Cooking Class...

The last remaining cooking class to be held will scrumptiously entertain the food stylings of our strike-friendly neighbor – FRANCE! Sign up ASAP for the **December 4th** class!

Happy Birthday Wishes...

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **Kina Dragoo on November 21!** Wish her an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!" We hope all of your birthday wishes come true!!!



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Nov 19

12:20 Disputatio prep meeting – Maisy Dumont
13:45 Diff Elementary School Visit
19:15 Chi-Chi's Wine and Cheese
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Nov 20

17:32 Depart for Disputatio
19:00 Disputatio at UniLux
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday, Nov 21

14:00-14:45 Student Faculty Council Meeting
18 :30-19 :30 Bible Study – Charles le Temeraire
22:00 Center Closes

Thursday, Nov 22

18:00 THANKSGIVING DINNER
22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Nov 23

FREE DAY!

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Monday Morning
26 NOVEMBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning, everyone: I trust you had a good weekend and that all of your experiences had been pleasant and interesting. Welcome back to the last two weeks of instruction, this semester. **I wish you much energy and concentration as you are finishing papers and projects and as you are preparing for your final exams** and, ultimately, for your return to the States. **As you reflect upon your stay at MUDEC and in Europe, I hope that your experiences have been most enriching and enjoyable. For us it is a great pleasure to have you at MUDEC and to observe the marvelous changes you have experienced during your presence in Europe.**

What a wonderful Thanksgiving Day Dinner we had! The beautifully decorated dining hall, the delicious meal and the festive atmosphere made for a very special, enjoyable and memorable evening. **An enthusiastic “thank you” to all who have helped with the arrangements, the staff, Mrs. Nelson and my wife for having decorated the dining hall so beautifully, to Marie, Mena and their family for having helped with the decoration and the serving and to our chef Stéphane and his assistants Franky Manes and Ramon for the delicious meal they had prepared. A very special thank you is also due to Mrs. Maga Erpelding for having baked the delicious pumpkin pies. We were pleased that several parents, relatives and faculty that joined us in our celebration of “Giving Thanks” and of sharing some of our blessings with others.**

The raffle was a fun and very successful event. The Euro 350 that had been raised will be donated to Toys for Tots, a community activity initiated and organized by American Marines in all countries in which they are stationed. The money will be used to purchase toys for underprivileged and needy children. What noble undertaking and example of American generosity and humanity! A thank you is due to the members of the Student/Faculty Council for having organized this.

A special thank you is due to Mr. Toni Scholer and the Miami University Alumni Association, Luxembourg Chapter for hosting the wine and cheese reception for our students this past Monday. I was pleased to see a good number of our students participate in this and to interact with Luxembourgers who had studied and graduated from Miami University. Many of them have since moved into leadership position in Luxembourg and are of great help to us. Thank you, dear friends.

Last Tuesday’s Disputatio at the University of Luxembourg was a very interesting and stimulating event. The opportunity to meet and to discuss the challenging problem of immigration with a select group of international students provided us with new perspectives and a better understanding of the complexities of the challenging problem of immigration and integration, experienced by many of the industrialized countries. **A special thank you is due to the Professors Blaisdell, Corbett, Gordon and Nelson and to the students who**

represented MUDEC at this session. I was pleased to see and to experience this student debate and interaction.

On Friday evening we hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for the America-Luxembourg Society. Our dining hall was again beautifully decorated and the evening enjoyed by all. Another thank you is due to the staff and my wife for decorating our dining hall and for helping with the hosting of this event.

On Saturday evening we hosted a guitar concert organized by the Differdange Boy Scouts group to celebrate its 75th anniversary. An audience of some 200 enjoyed a wonderful concert performed by Andy McKee. It was a great performance and event and, for us at MUDEC, a way to express our enthusiastic spirit of cooperation and commitment to be part of the community of Differdange.

Our last orientation speaker this semester will be Mr. Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb, member of a prominent Belgian family and former Prime Minister of Belgium who will be speaking to us this afternoon. His Topic “The Political Stalemate in Belgium: Its Origin, its Reasons and its Consequences” are of particular significance to our neighboring country but also to Europe as a whole. It will be interesting for us to learn more about this unusual and challenging political situation. Following this very special lecture we will be holding a reception in honor of Mr. Nothomb’s visit and lecture. Please sign up with Nicole if you are interested in joining.

An enthusiastic “thank you” is due to Prof. Stephanie Shaheen for hosting her students this evening and to Prof. Annette Rausch, who will be hosting her students this Wednesday.

This coming weekend Luxembourg will hold its traditional International Bazaar in support of various national and international organizations. Some 45 nations will set up stands to sell their national specialties and thousands of visitors will come to enjoy this wonderful atmosphere, to taste national delicacies and to purchase national products, all in support of humanitarian projects and efforts. Stephany Shaheen and I will be working at the American stand and look forward to being part of this marvelous international setting and the evident joy and goodwill shown by everyone. **If you are here in Luxembourg this coming weekend I suggest that you may want to visit the international bazaar. It would give you an opportunity to purchase souvenirs and Christmas presents.**

I wish you a good day and a great week and much success as you finish your assignments and preparation for the upcoming final exams.

Most sincerely,
Ekkehard Stiller

Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week



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(said 'ESH ZEEN MID') =

I AM TIRED

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

Christmas Lux Style

'Tis the season to go to Christmas Markets and experience Luxembourg! Visit <http://www.winterlights.lu> for a Lux Christmas and cultural activities calendar including info on the markets in the city (dates/times), as well as museum exhibitions and concerts. The market in Lux City begins this **Friday, Nov 30 from 11-20h!** A St. Nick Parade will be on **Sunday, Dec 2 at 14h** starting from the gare area and will last until 5pm ending in the city center.

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Headliners at the Atelier

Sparta (indie) and Gotthard (classic rock) will be rockin' out at the Atelier in Lux City **this Saturday and Sunday, respectively**. Visit www.atelier.lu for tickets and info!

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

IMPORTANT - Housing Evaluation

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Belgian Speaker TODAY

Mr. Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb, a former Prime Minister of Belgium will be speaking to us in the dining hall **TODAY at 17:00**. His Topic "The Political Stalemate in Belgium: Its Origin, its Reasons and its Consequences." **Please sign up with Nicole if you are interested in joining a post-lecture reception with Mr. Nothomb on the landing!**

Philharmonie TONIGHT and NEXT MONDAY



TONIGHT'S concert (Solistes Européens – Haydn and Schubert) will begin at **20:00** for those of you who signed up already!

ALSO, sign up for a concert of Mendelssohn and Beethoven **Monday, Dec 10** – this will be your last opportunity this semester to go to chill at the Phil!!!

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Bible Study

Kelsey Baker has organized a Bible study that will be held **THIS TUESDAY from 19:00-20:00** in Charles Temeraire. Everyone is welcome!

Origami Class!

Take time out to be creative with ORIGAMI! With our very own Cynthia Kelley **THIS WEDNESDAY from 17:00-18:00** in the dining hall, you can learn to make a holiday card or thank you note, ornament, house, peace crane, and MORE! Paper will be provided or bring a cool old magazine to recycle!

Miami COULD. GO. ALL. THE. WAY!!!

Miami Redhawks are headed for the MAC Championship to face Central Michigan in Detroit this Saturday!!! Visit www.muredhawks.com to stay updated and click [here](#) for a fun Miami football homage of their road to victory (and a plug to buy tickets, of course)!!!



FRENCH Cooking Class – ONE MORE SPOT

There is only 1 more spot for our final cooking class **next Tuesday, December 4th**! Sign up with Nicole ASAP!

Hogwart's Prom

To celebrate and reminisce on the unbelievable semester we've all experienced, your SFC has organized a Hogwart's themed prom for you all in the dining hall **next Wednesday, December 5th** in the early evening. Food will be had and pictures will be taken!



Toys for Tots Fundraiser UPDATE

A **HUGE THANKS** goes out to all of those who donated money and time towards our very successful Toys for Tots fundraiser!!! On the night of Thanksgiving, we hit the 350€ mark! I can already hear a HIP, HIP, HOORAY! Understandably, money is tight at the end of the semester, but thank you again for digging into your heart and your pocket for the benefit of others! *That said, please don't hesitate to donate any last minute contribution to this great cause!*



Happy Birthday Wishes

A big MUDEC HAPPY BIRTHDAY goes out this week to **no one!** Wish no one an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!"



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Mondav, Nov 26

17:00 **Speaker Nothomb – dining hall**
20:00 Philharmonic Concert Begins
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Nov 27

19 :00-20 :00 Bible Study – Charles le Temeraire
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday, Nov 28

14:00-14:45 Student Faculty Council Meeting
17:00-18:00 Origami Lessons – Dining Hall
22:00 Center Closes

Thursday, Nov 29

22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Nov 30

FREE DAY!

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Monday Morning
3 DECEMBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning, everyone and welcome to the last week of instruction this week. **I wish you energy, focus, concentration and much success as you prepare for your final examinations.** We have kept the Center open until 10:00 p.m. throughout the semester but not too many students had taken advantage of this. I encourage you to utilize our campus more intensively this week. To accommodate your preparations for next week's final exams we shall open the **Center on Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. and encourage you to take advantage of this.** The cleaning staff will not be on duty. For this reason it is essential and expected that you will take particular care of keeping our Center clean and attractive. As a reminder, you can also use all class rooms throughout the week, whenever they are free.

The International Bazaar held in Luxembourg's Exhibition Halls was another great success. What a wonderful display of international diversity and at the same time respect and goodwill we could observe and experience. Some 45 nations, representing all five continents displayed and offered for sale some of their national products and specialties. Literally thousands of people came to enjoy this wonderful atmosphere, to taste national delicacies and to purchase national products, all in support of humanitarian projects and efforts. **I could not help but reflect how beautiful our world would be for everyone and everywhere if we could create a world in which we respect and support one another, in which we exercise tolerance and thrive on the diversity of the human race. What can we do to help in bringing this about? Are you ready for it? All of us can make a positive difference. This is a great challenge but the satisfaction and rewards derived from it are immeasurable.**

We thank Mr. Charles-Ferdinand Nothomb for his informative and insightful lecture on the political dilemma Belgium faces presently. Particularly in light of the present situation in Belgium, we can look at the growth of the European Union from its six founding members in 1957 to the 27 countries belonging to the EU today, as a most remarkable and outstanding success.

A sincere thank you is due to Professors Rausch and Backes for taking their students to the Christmas Market in Trier this coming Thursday afternoon. It will be an enjoyable experience and exposure to the spirit of celebrating the holiday season in Germany.

A very special "thank you" and recognition is due to Prof. Marie-Josée Wollwert, and her partner Felix who have on several occasions invited students to prepare, to taste and to experience various European national culinary specialties and with this to learn about and to experience various national cultures and meals. This is indeed most generous and exceptional and we thank Prof. Wollwert and Felix for this with great enthusiasm, gratitude and respect. Prof. Wollwert taught Sociology at MUDEC for almost twenty years and ended her teaching assignment last year.

We thank Mrs. Cynthia Kelley for having offered an Origami session for student interested in learning more about this Japanese art of paper folding.

The Student/Faculty Council is organizing a Hogwart's Prom in our dining hall this Wednesday evening. It should be a fun and very enjoyable event. Just as a reminder, the possession and/or consumption of alcohol on the MUDEC campus is not permitted.

St. Nicolas, the patron Saint of children, will be celebrated in Luxembourg this Thursday, December 6th. By custom and tradition Luxembourg children receive presents and everyone enjoys specially baked "boxe mannercher" on this St. Nicolas Day. **If you have smaller children in your Luxembourg host family you may want to buy some chocolates or other sweets for them. I know this would be much appreciated.**

As you look back on your experience at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in 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 to you in your future life. It was a great pleasure for us to have you participate in our program.

I wish all of you much success as you prepare for your final exams next week. Please, use your time wisely. We would like you to do well. You have been a very good group of students. We appreciate your commitment and your cooperative spirit.

Have a pleasant day and a productive and great week.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Luxembourgish Phrase of the Week



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ST. NICHOLAS' DAY

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*Lux City

EVERYDAY 10h30-20h www.winterlights.lu

*Trier, Germany

M-SA 10h-20h30 SU 11h-20h30 www.trierer-weihnachtsmarkt.de

*Brussels, Belgium

Outdoor skating rink

M-TR 11h-20h F-SU 11h-22h www.plaisirsdhiver.be

*Metz, France

EVERYDAY 9h30-19h30 www.mairie-metz.fr

*Strasbourg, France

EVERYDAY 10h-20h www.noel-strasbourg.com

Helping the Lux Economy

Need to find last minute "Europe gifts" to bring home? Certain stores and shopping malls will be open on in Lux City on **Sunday's from 14h-18h** until Christmas!

Saint Nicholas Day

In Europe, the tradition of St. Nick is observed on the saint's feast day, not Christmas. On the night of **December 5**, St. Nick visits kids' houses to leave candy and gifts. To learn more, visit <http://www.luxembourg.co.uk/xmas.html>.

Christmas Caroling with Voices International

Voices International is a Lux choir group made up of 18 different nationalities, one of which is American because of Ryan Fennell – a MUDEC alum! They will have "A Decade of Carols" concerts in Lux churches. Admission is free, but charitable donations will be accepted!

Saturday, 8 December, Bonnevoie Church at 19:45

Sunday, 9 December, Koerich Church (near Steinfort), 17:00

Friday, 14 December, St. Jean Church (Lux Grund), 20:00

Sunday, 16 December, Steinsel Church, 18:00

MUDEC ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

IMPORTANT - Blue Residence Forms Needed

Remember those blue residence sheets you had to get from your local town hall during the first week of the semester? Well we need them back to "unregister" each and every one of you. **Please turn your blue residence sheet to Crici ASAP!**

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hold valuable information for future students so please take the time!

LAST Philharmonie NEXT MONDAY



NEXT Monday, Dec 10 will be your last opportunity to see a beautiful concert at the Phil in Lux City! The concert will begin at **20:00** and will feature works by Mendelssohn and Beethoven. **SIGN UP WITH NICOLE BY THIS THURSDAY!** www.philharmonie.lu

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LAST Bible Study

Join Kelsey Baker among others for the LAST Bible Study - Christmas themed, **TODAY, Dec 3 from 15:30-16:30** in Charles Temeraire, with dinner after! Everyone is welcome!

Hogwart's Prom

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Happy Birthday Wishes

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THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Dec 3

15:30-16:30 LAST Bible Study
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday, Dec 4

19 :00 French Cooking Class
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday, Dec 5

17:30-21:00 Hogwart's Prom
22:00 Center Closes

Thursday, Dec 6

LAST DAY TO: Sign up for Philharmonie Tickets
22:00 Center Closes

Friday, Dec 7

8:00-17:00 Center Open

Saturday and Sunday, Dec 8 & 9

12:00-20:00 Center Open for Finals Prep

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Monday Morning
10 DECEMBER 2007

Montag Morgen

Good morning, everyone! I wish you **good luck and much success** in your exams this week. This is **your opportunity to show and to demonstrate how much you have learned this semester**. As you reflect upon this semester you will realize that you have learned, seen and experienced much and that in the process you have grown and matured academically and personally. For all of us at MUDEC it was a privilege and fun to see you go through this experience and to have been part of it. At this point I would like to thank and recognize the faculty and staff for their commitment and involvement. Similarly, I would like to express our gratitude to our many friends and supporters on the Oxford campus. We simply could not offer our program without their active interest in and generous support of our program. **Thank you to all of you, our wonderful and special friends on both sides of the Atlantic!**

Congratulations to the recent recipients of our various scholarship awards: Kelsey Baker and Kenny Kuhl on receiving the Rebecca Andrew and Christopher Eggerton Award; **Michael Fink and Hayley Kilroy** on winning the Maria Bach Dunn Scholarship Award; **Sara Hathaway and Evan Spanogians** on receiving the MUDEC Faculty/Staff Scholarship Award; and **Katelyn Turlington** on having received the Ruth and Lee Dutton Scholarship Award. Congratulations and our best wishes go to our two students who graduated this semester: Colin Keane and Adriane Neidhard.

I would like to thank the members of the MUDEC Student/Faculty Council, Michael Carey, Scott Dulany, Greg Holger, Anna Lochtefeld, and Katelyn Turlington, for the various events they have organized. The two successful fund raisers for "Toys for Tots" and for "SOS Faim" did not only demonstrate American generosity and goodwill but actually will make the difference in the lives of children, here in Luxembourg and of women and their families in Africa. I thank all of you for your generous support of this.

As has become customary, we are again collecting old clothing for distribution to needy people in Luxembourg and Europe. I encourage you to place your no longer needed, but clean clothing, in the boxes provided for this purpose. Thank you!

We have had another **good semester and I would like to thank you, the students, the faculty and staff of MUDEC for the commitment, the cooperative spirit, the positive attitude and the cheerful disposition** you have shown throughout the semester. Only a little more than three months ago I had welcomed you to MUDEC and the community of learners for which it stands and which it represents. You have become part of it, you felt comfortable in it and you have contributed to it. In the process you have learned to function in a community, you have developed a keener sense of tolerance, consideration, thoughtfulness and you have formed wonderful new friendships.

Many faculty and staff members have invited students to their homes or to restaurants and have provided them with a "being at home in the MUDEC family" experience

throughout the semester. To all of them goes our profound sense of gratitude. We also thank Prof. Georges Backes for again having organized free tickets to various concerts performed in Luxembourg's magnificent Philharmonie.

At the end of this semester we are also saying "good bye" to Prof. Mary-Jean Corbett and thank her for her many contributions to MUDEC, for her friendly personality and her active involvement in the Center's life. **All the best for your future, Prof. Corbett. We shall miss you.**

Upon your return to the States most of you will be confronted with a reverse culture shock, sometimes more intense than what you experienced the first weeks in Luxembourg. While you return to an environment (friends, lifestyles and events) close and familiar to you before you left, you will notice that you have changed during your stay at MUDEC and in Europe. Your European experiences have broadened and deepened your horizon, your perspective and your knowledge. You have changed while everything else back home had stayed the same. So, your patience may be tested at times during your first few weeks back in the States.

There is an active MUDEC Alumni Club on the Oxford campus. I encourage you to become an interested and active member of it. Even more, I ask you and encourage you to become active in recruiting future MUDEC students. From your own experience you know that it takes mature, committed, and cooperative students to contribute to and to benefit from the success of our program. Immature, selfish and thoughtless students lessen the fun for everyone. **Dr. Stroinigg and her staff of the Luxembourg Office will be happy to coordinate your involvement in the recruitment of new students.**

My wife and the faculty and staff of MUDEC join me in wishing you much success in your exams, safe travels, a joyous Holiday Season, a happy, prosperous and peaceful New Year and all the best for your future. May it provide you with many opportunities to live up to your potential, may your life be filled with the true sense of success, happiness and fulfillment and may you provide the same to others. This is my most sincere wish.

All the best,

Ekkehard Stiller

P.S. I would like to suggest that you thank your parents and family for having made your European experience possible for you. In due time, it would be wonderful and most appreciated if you would also express your gratitude to MUDEC in form of financial support. Please, earmark your tax deductible contribution for the benefit of the MUDEC Scholarship Fund. Any contribution is most welcome and appreciated. Our objective is to make scholarships available to qualifying students coming from economically less privileged families. Thank you for your support.

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Dear Students,

Your semester here in Luxembourg has almost come to an end and I hope you had an great time and that you maximized your experience over the last four months!

EVENTS IN LUXEMBOURG

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*Trier, Germany

M-SA10h-20h30 SU11h-20h30 www.trierer-weihnachtsmarkt.de

Voices International Caroling

Voices International choir is performing "A Decade of Carols" concerts in churches across the country. Free admission, but charitable donations accepted!

Friday, 14 December, St. Jean Church (Lux Grund), 20:00

Sunday, 16 December, Steinsel Church, 18:00

FREE Live Music

For some last minute Grund action, check out Liquid for free jazz and blues shows **Mon-Thurs at 21:30**.

www.liquid.lu

MUDEC ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

SFC T-shirt Pick-up

Your awesome MUDEC 2007 t-shirts have arrived! Please stop by Nicole's office to donate 3 euro to Toys for Tots and SOS Faim and to retrieve said shirt!

Final Curtain Call

With the semester quickly coming to an end, there are a few "winter cleaning" items that you must attend to. PLEASE:

1. **Empty your mailboxes in the cave**
2. **Consume or dispose of food in the kitchen**
3. **Clear your lockers of all personal contents by 17:00 on Wednesday**

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Sell Phones

Get it? ☺ Sara Hathaway is your intermediary of your cell phone exchanges. She will be in the dining hall **during lunch Mon, Tues, and Wed** to collect phones, chargers, directions, etc. Phones sold to spring semester students will bank you a 20 euro equivalent check!

No More Room!!!!

As you pack up, if you would like to donate clothes, books, toiletries, medicine, travel books, etc please leave these items in a box near the cave kitchen. You may also choose to leave certain things with your host family or for your friends coming next semester.

Airport Bus Schedule

Brussels and Paris Buses

LEAVING Lux City Gare (00:00)

LEAVING Differdange (00:30)

Happy Birthday Wishes

A big DECEMBER MUDEC HAPPY

BIRTHDAY goes out to **Sean Manion (Dec 15), Maggie Convy (Dec 16), Ricky Durbin (Dec 18), Kyle Kurowski (Dec 23), & Jade Ashley (Dec 26)!**

Don't forget to wish them an enthusiastic "Joyeux Anniversaire!"



THIS WEEK AT MUDEC

Monday, Dec 10

10:45-11:45

COFFEE BREAK – Dining Hall

14:00-17:00

Book Buy Back - Laurent

20:00

Philharmonie Concert

22:00

Center Closes

Tuesday, Dec 11

9:00-10:00

COFFEE BREAK – Dining Hall

14:00-17:00

Book Buy Back - Laurent

22:00

Center Closes

Wednesday, Dec 12

LAST DAY TO:

Sign all cashless forms!

LAST DAY TO:

Clear lockers!

LAST DAY TO:

Sell books back!

11:00-11:45

COFFEE BREAK - Cave

14:00-17:00

Book Buy Back - Laurent

22:00

Center Closes

Thursday, Dec 13

Center open until airport bus pick-up

Friday, Dec 14

00:30

Chateau Closes