

# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
12 January 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone! The faculty and staff join me in extending to you our warmest welcome and welcome back to MUDEC. We are delighted that you have decided to study at the John E. Dolibois European campus and wish you most rewarding, relevant and pleasant experiences at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in Europe. 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 and efficiently. Your commitment to academics is most important.

I would like to compliment you on and to thank you for the so positive attitude, the splendid cooperation and the keen interest you had shown throughout our orientation program and our orientation excursions on Saturday and Sunday. You were great. All of us had a very pleasant and enjoyable time as we started to become acquainted with one another and as we explored and enjoyed the beauty and charm of the country and the city of Luxembourg.

I would also like to recognize the staff for having worked very hard and thoroughly on planning the various orientation activities and the faculty and staff for having so actively participated in our orientation program. They gave up their weekend to be with all of you. Thank you very much and three enthusiastic cheers to you, to MUDEC and to Luxembourg.

Our orientation program will continue this week. As a reminder, participation is mandatory for all new students and the returning students are encouraged to attend. Tomorrow evening we will have our first orientation lecture, presented by Mr. Dan Picutta, the Deputy Chief of Mission of the American Embassy in Luxembourg. His lecture on "NATO – The Key to Transatlantic Stability" will be of particular interest to as you become acquainted with Europe, its history, its present challenges and opportunities. Mr. Picutta is a career diplomat with vast experience and excellent communication skills. There will be a question and answer period after his lecture. Following his lecture my wife and I will host a reception for Mr. Picutta and for a number of students, faculty and staff in our apartment. We would like to invite fifteen students and will invite others at future receptions. Please, sign up with Kelly if you are interested in joining us. The first fifteen to sign up will be on.

On Wednesday evening we will hold our traditional host family reception. This reception is offered by you in honor of your host family. While we have sent out invitations to all host families I do recommend that you extend another verbal invitation to your host family. This is an excellent opportunity for you to show your gratitude to your host family and to introduce some of your friends to them. As dress code I would suggest slacks (possibly a skirt for the women), blouse or shirt, jacket or sweater. You are encouraged to participate even if your host family is not present.

Our orientation activities will continue on Friday afternoon with a lecture on the history of Trier by Prof. Ivan Lakos and a visit and sightseeing tour of Trier, Germany's oldest city and former capital city of the Roman Empire.

Again, welcome to MUDEC and thank you for your great attitude and splendid cooperation. We are delighted to have you participate in our program and I feel that we are off to a great start. I wish you much success in your studies and most wonderful and enriching experiences at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in Europe.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

P.S. The Monday Morning is a weekly news bulletin, containing important information on a wide range of topics. Please read it thoroughly and enjoy it.

## **Student Faculty Council...**

If you are energetic, enthusiastic, and want to help set the program and tone for this semester, you are encouraged to run for the Student-Faculty Council. Descriptions of the positions are available on Kelly's door. Please nominate yourself by signing up on this description sheet before next Monday. One-minute platform speeches and voting will take place soon.

## **Schedule Changes and Academic Requests...**

The deadline to change your MUDEC schedule is noon, THIS FRIDAY, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Please see Mr. Manes in the ground floor office (right next to Dr. Stiller) to make these changes. ANY academic questions regarding class changes, credit/no, thematic sequence, etc. should be directed to Mr. Manes.

## **Proctor Interviews...**

Please sign up on Kelly's door if you are interested in being a Cave proctor. Pay is 5 Euros per hour. We rely on our proctors to keep the center running smoothly during non-business hours. Interviews will be held Wed., Jan. 14th starting at 14:00 (2pm). Please list the time that you will be available on Wednesday. Interviews last approximately 10 minutes.

## **Host Family Reception...**

Your host family should have received an invitation in the mail, but it would be appreciated if you would personally invite them to attend this reception (this Wednesday, from 19:30 – 21:00) with you.

## **Volunteers for the Host Family Reception...**

Please sign up on Kelly's door if you are interested in helping out with the service for the Host Family Reception. We need 5 students and you will be paid 5 euros/hr. for your services. Please meet in front of Kelly's office at 7:00 on Wednesday.

## **Class Changes...**

Please check and double check (with Mr. Manes) that any class changes you make do NOT affect a thematic sequence you may have.

### French Drill Instructors...

Please remember to meet with Madame Barnett after lunch today at 12:25 to pick up your drill packets and receive further instruction.

### Solistes Européens...

MUDEC has been given 40 concert tickets to the number 2 orchestra in Luxembourg. The concert will be on Monday January 19th at 20:00. Please sign up on Kelly's door and see her for directions.

### MUDEC is not on Kroger's Schedule...

During the first week of classes, MUDEC will open, as usual, at 8:00, but will close each night after the last class in the evening, except for the Host Family Reception on the night of the 14<sup>th</sup>. Please use this opportunity to make sure you know your way to and from your family's home while there is still daylight.

### Video Killed the Radio Star...

There will be an informational meeting this week for those who are interested in hosting their own radio show, please do not forget to sign up on Kelly's door for this exceptional opportunity!

### BannerWeb verification...

All students should check their class schedule on BannerWeb to verify that there are no discrepancies between what you are taking here, and what is listed on BannerWeb.

### Language Tutoring...

Mr. Hoff has generously offered to come to the Chateau on Wednesdays for any students needing help in German or French. You must sign up for tutoring by Tuesday afternoon, if there is no interest, Mr. Hoff will not come.

### Hiking this Weekend...

Mr. Hoff has also offered to take students on a hike this weekend. If you are interested in hiking on Saturday or Sunday, please let Kelly know asap. Please remember that when you do sign up that it is a binding commitment.

### May I Cut...?

Students who have a class immediately following lunch, as well as faculty and staff, are given priority in the lunch line. Please respect this courtesy and allow your classmates to move ahead in line if they have class within the hour. Also, to help Tuesday dinner run smoothly, **students in the Business Core should begin their supper at 17:45, and students in the Geology and German Cores should eat immediately after their class is finished.**

### The Wheels on the Bus...

Just outside of the housing coordinator's office (Crici's office) is a map of all Luxembourg City bus routes, as well as individual bus timetables. You can also find a plethora of bus information (including lines and timetables) at [www.autobus.lu](http://www.autobus.lu).

### Good Housekeeping...

Remember that it is your responsibility to clean up after yourselves. Leave everything the way you found it...or cleaner! If we keep the cave clean it is more enjoyable for everyone. Please also be aware that refrigerators are generally cleared of any perishable foods on Fridays.

### Calling all Herbivores ...

All students have until THIS FRIDAY to make a FINAL decision regarding your meal preference for lunches and dinners here

at the chateau. If your name is on the Vegetarian List on Kelly's door by this Friday at noon then you are officially classified as MUDEC vegetarian. Otherwise you will be served regular meals throughout the entire semester. Please remember to see Mr. Manes with an extra photo to pick up your vegetarian card.

### Sot et op Lëtzebuergesch (Say it in Luxembourgish )...

Moien - Hello (you can use this word the whole day long)

#### **But you can also use:**

gudde moien = good morning  
gudden owend = good evening  
gudde mëtteg = good afternoon

### Luxembourg on the web...

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### Happy Birthday...

Belated birthday wishes go out to Elizabeth Johnson, who celebrated her birthday on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Happy Birthday today to Anne Rochford and Jennifer Dzegan, to Christina Dimengo on the 14<sup>th</sup> and to Laura Kunzman on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday, it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

### Lost and Found...

A pair of beige gloves and a green winter hat were found. Please come to Kelly's office to claim them. Lost and Found is located in Kelly's office; however, if it is a book or notebook, it is usually left exactly where you last left it.

### THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

#### Monday

19:35 Center closes

#### Tuesday

17:45 Dinner

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18:45 Tuesday Evening Lecture begins with DCM Piccota

*Please remember that attendance is mandatory!*

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#### Wednesday

12:30 Travel Orientation with Kelly (Auditorium)

19:30 – 21:00 Host Family Reception (Auditorium)

#### Thursday

17:20 Center closes

#### Friday

11:30 Lecture on Trier given by Dr. Lakos (Auditorium)

12:20 Depart by bus for Trier (Sandwich provided)

after the Orientation we will stop at the Trier

train station (approx 17:30) before heading back to

Lux City (approx 18:30) and Differdange.

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## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone and welcome to the second week of the semester. I trust you had a good weekend and that your weekend travel experiences were pleasant and interesting. May all your academic and personal experiences be wonderful and exciting in every respect.

Today, Martin Luther King Day, we recognize and celebrate the enormous contributions Martin Luther King has made to society, to human dignity and to human rights. Americans and all peace loving people of the world pay homage to the slain civil rights leader who succeeded in using peaceful means to encourage social change and to make American society a more just and equitable one. We admire his courage, his determination and his commitment to peace, to justice and to humanity. May his work, his commitment and his selfless efforts strengthen our resolve to exercise tolerance, respect, consideration, sharing and caring.

Our trip to Trier and our excursion back into its rich and varied history were very successful because they were well planned and because everyone cooperated. So, it is with much gratitude that I recognize the faculty and staff's efforts in planning and in conducting this and our other orientation activities and you, for who all of this was done, for your interest, your attentiveness and for your cooperation. I hope that the perfect planning and execution of our orientation activities demonstrated to you how important it is to prepare for your travels. A special thank you goes to Professor Lakos for his interesting summary of Trier's history on Friday and to the faculty and staff for accompanying and leading the excursion to this historic city.

Last Tuesday's orientation lecture by Mr. Don Picutta, DCM of the American Embassy in Luxembourg, was most informative, eloquent and helpful to all of us as we attempt to understand why there are different perspectives regarding the situation in Iraq. The reception my wife and I offered in honor of Mr. Picutta gave the attending students an additional opportunity to ask questions. My wife and I will host receptions at our place after all future orientation lectures. Please, sign up with Kelly if you are interested in joining. The first fifteen will be invited. In fairness to all preference is given to those of who have not attended previous receptions.

Wednesday's reception, which you had offered in honor of your host family, was a great success and was enjoyed by all. I was most pleased to hear from the families how happy they are with you and how pleased they are to be part of MUDEC's extended family. You were gracious and excellent hosts. Needless to say, I was proud of you. Thank you for representing Miami University so well.

Tomorrow evening's orientation lecture will be held by our very own and famous Prof. Emile Haag. His summary of Luxembourg's rich history will provide great context to your experience in Luxembourg and Europe. Please sign up with Kelly if you would like to join us at the post-lecture reception we offer in honor of Prof. Haag.

We thank Mr. Roland Hoff for having taken a large group of students on a hike through the Muellerthal on Saturday and for

having invited some for lunch at his charming home on Sunday. These are indeed wonderful opportunities to become more familiar with Luxembourg and its life style.

There are many opportunities for you to participate in community activities in Differdange or in Luxembourg City, ranging from taking music lessons to playing in a band, to working in a radio station to being involved in community services. Please see me or any of the staff and faculty members for more information. I am also looking forward to working with the Student/Faculty Council in coordinating some of these activities.

To get the most out of your stay at MUDEC and in Europe, it is very important that you allocate your time, your energy and your resources in appropriate proportions. All three components of our program, studies and learning, host families, and traveling have their place and all three contribute to your European experience. However, of utmost importance is your commitment to our academic program. Please use your free time between classes and at least some of the evenings to do your academic work. All of the classrooms can be used as study rooms whenever they are not in use.

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

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

## **Student Faculty Council...**

This is your last chance to sign-up!! One-minute speeches and voting will take place on Wednesday, January 21st immediately following the travel safety assembly.

## **Solistes Européens Concert TONIGHT...**

Reminder: The David Geringas and Solistes Européens concert will take place TONIGHT at 20:00 at the Conservatoire. Please be there on time and see Kelly for directions.

## **Grand Theatre Concert...**

On Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a piano recital by Nelson Freire, at the Grand Theatre. Please sign up with Kelly if you are interested in attending this concert, you will also need to pick up a special card to attend this concert. He will be playing works from Bach, Beethoven and Chopin. Please plan on arriving at 7:00 p.m.

## **Travel Assembly...**

The Safety Assembly will be this Wednesday right after lunch. Our guest speaker is Mr. Kent Trogdon, Security Officer of the American Embassy in Luxembourg, Attendance is mandatory and is for your benefit and well-being.

## **BUS 371...**

Professor Stengelhofen's make up class will be held on Thursday, January 22nd from 12:40 pm - 13:55 pm.

## **Video Killed the Radio Star...**

We will be going to the radio station this Thursday at 5:15 to learn how to use the new equipment. Please be prompt, we will meet in Dr. Stiller's office. For those who are interested in hosting their own radio show, please plan on joining us.

#### **Post Lecture Reception...**

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#### **Je voudrais de l'argent...**

This is a reminder to those of you exchanging traveler checks at local banks: It is best to exchange large sums at a time rather than little amounts, as commission is taken from each exchange. ATM machines also charge a small fee for each withdrawal. Also remember to rip up or keep ATM receipts and all other receipts when you use your credit card. There is a possibility that your whole cc# is on the receipt!

#### **Movie Classics...**

The Cinémathèque Municipale in Luxembourg City is known for showing classics. On the schedule this week is:

1/19 18:30 – "True Romance", 20:30 – "The Haunting" (1963)

1/20 20:30 – "From Dusk Till Dawn"

1/21 18:30 – "Four Rooms", 20:30 – "Written on the Wind"

1/22 20:30 – "Natural Born Killers"

1/23 20:30 – "Lord of the Flies"

1/25 17:00 – "War and Peace", 20:30 – "To Be or Not to Be"

Please check the bulletin board in the cave for descriptions.

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#### **Congratulations....**

Goes out to Laura Kunzman, who won the cell phone for the semester.

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## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good weekend and that all your experiences were pleasant, interesting and enriching.

Our enthusiastic thank you goes to Prof. Emile Haag for his most interesting, comprehensive and eloquent summary of Luxembourg's rich history and its connection to Luxembourg's important role in the process of European Integration. The post-lecture reception in our apartment provided additional opportunity to ask questions and to interact with Prof. Haag.

Our hearts go out to Andrea Tallman and her family (her aunt Karen was a student at MUEC in 1977/78) on the loss of her grandfather last week. May they find the strength, and comfort to accept this painful loss.

The Tuesday evening orientation lectures are designed to expose you to various aspects of European society, culture, history, and politics. Tomorrow night we are pleased to welcome our very own Prof. Guy de Muysen, former Maréchal de la Cour Grand Ducale (chief of staff of the Grand Ducal Court), Luxembourg's Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Poland, Finland, Mongolia and to NATO and Belgium. His lecture "The Iraq War and War on Terrorism - A European Perspective" will provide an insightful and balanced perspective on this very complex and challenging situation and topic. Please sign up with Kelly if you would like to join the post-lecture reception we offer in our apartment. The first fifteen will be on.

As a member of the Board of Directors of the America-Luxembourg Society, I have received a list of American soldiers deployed in Iraq with the request that you, our students, write to them. Many of them experience great emotional and physical difficulties and all of them would appreciate receiving mail from you. Kelly Kohagen will post the names on our shared student drive. Regardless of your position on the war, I would like to encourage you to write a post card or a letter from Luxembourg and/or your weekend travel destination to one or some of the soldiers. I know it will be of great help to them and that it will be much appreciated. Please, look at this list and read some of the personal difficulties our soldiers have to cope with in a foreign and hostile environment and so far away from their loved ones.

I thank all candidates for the Student/Faculty Council for their interest in being involved and congratulate on having been elected Justin Mertz (Co-chair), Matt Mossbruger (Secretary/Treasurer), Laura Kunzman (Service) and Andrew Zehler and Anne Rochford (Project Coordinators). I look forward to working with them.

Megan Hudson, who is doing an internship in the American Embassy, is shown in this week's Luxembourg 352 weekly magazine. Well done, Megan.

Our computer intern Raghu, who has been with us from September, will be leaving us on Friday. Aurelie, who interned in our office this month will also be leaving us to return to her local high school. We thank them for their excellent work and wish them the very best for their future.

Vladislav Dubnia from the Ukraine, who had stayed with us this month, will return to the Ukraine this coming weekend. It was good to have had him at the Center. He mentioned repeatedly how much he enjoyed attending classes, interacting with you and becoming part of the Center's life. We wish him safe travels and the best for his future.

A number of you have signed up to offer a radio program in our local radio station, Challenger 102.2. This is a wonderful way to get involved in the community. Congratulations and thank you.

I have heard from many of your professors that you are a very good group of students. Thank you. I encourage you to maintain your positive, friendly and cooperative spirit.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Ekkehard Stiller

## **Orchestra Concert Next Week...**

The Camerata Salzburg and Murray Perahia concert will take place on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 at the Conservatoire. They will perform works from Mozart, Bach and Haydn. Please be there on time and sign-up on Kelly's door by Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

## **Calling all Actors...**

Samsa Film Production will be turning a low budget film in Luxembourg and needs your help! They would like a student to help them during rehearsal on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup>. The student will aide the British actors with different types of American accents. This is all on a voluntary basis, but you will receive free tickets to the premiere at Utopolis and can watch the shoot if it does not interfere with your class schedule. Please let Kelly know if you would be interested in this wonderful opportunity!

## **European Bowling...**

If you are interested in participating in a Jeux des Quilles on Tuesday evening, please sign up on Kelly's door. The event will take place at the Petit Casino at 20:00. Instructions on how to play will be given by Francois Goergen.

## **Winery Tour...**

For those who have signed up to visit the Luxembourg Winery, please purchase your ticket from Kelly before Thursday (this will go on your bursar account). With the exchange rate, tickets will be \$36.00/person. The bus will be leaving from MUDEC on Thursday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 17:30.

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#### **Letters to Soldiers...**

On the Student Drive there is a list of soldiers, who are currently serving in Iraq. Many of these soldiers are not receiving mail or packages from family or friends. If you could please take the time to write at least one letter, it would be much appreciated and would bring smiles to their faces. For these soldiers, mail call is the most important part of the day – it's a great stress reliever and it takes their mind off things for just a little while. When you choose a soldier, please put your name to the right of his/her name so we know if a soldier is being written to.

#### **Senior Citizens...**

In Kelly's office there is a list of names and addresses from the Senior Citizen home in Nieder Korn. Our past Student Faculty Council has decided to take part in this annual activity to bring smiles to the faces of our friendly Luxembourgers. 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!

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Good morning, everyone! I hope you had a good weekend and that all your experiences were enjoyable, pleasant and enriching. As you explore Luxembourg and Europe remember the message Prof. Ivan Lakos had shared with you: "**The eyes only see what the mind knows**". This is indeed sage and most helpful advice.

Our Tuesday evening orientation lecture series is designed to expose you to various aspects of European society, culture, history, and politics. We thank Ambassador de Muysen for his eloquent, informative and insightful lecture presentation, last Tuesday. We are most grateful to him for having taken time out of his very busy schedule to talk to us. The post-lecture reception provided for additional discussion and fellowship.

Tomorrow night we are pleased to welcome our very own Prof. Michael Bachem as our orientation speaker. Prof. Bachem's lecture on "The Grimms' Tales in European Context" will provide you with unique insights into Europe's culture, its history, values and pedagogy. We are very fortunate to have Prof. Bachem share with us the story behind the fairy tales you have listened to, read and watch when you were younger. The post-lecture reception will give fifteen of you an additional opportunity to ask questions. Please, sign up with Kelly if you are interested.

Four students have signed up to offer their own program on the local radio station. You can listen to them (FM 102.2) at the following hours:

<b>Lundi</b>	1:00 - 2:00	Kim Reid et Brent Fannin
<b>Mercredi</b>	2:00 - 3:00	Nathaniel Gay
<b>Jeudi</b>	4:00 - 5:00	Caroline Ries

The four elements of liberal education: critical thinking, seeing things in context, interacting with other learners and acting and reflecting are of particular relevance to our program and to your academic experience. In preparation for our upcoming liberal education review we will have a faculty workshop to prepare for this review this Friday afternoon. I thank the faculty for their great contributions to the success of our program.

We have been invited to send five students to participate in an international conference on the Shoah the afternoon of Thursday, February 12th. The meeting will be held in Luxembourg. This is an outstanding opportunity to meet and to interact with other university students. The working languages are German and English. Posters will provide additional information. Please, sign up with Kelly.

The tense international situation makes it essential that we exercise caution, vigilance and prudence at all times. Please, be careful and thoughtful wherever you are, in Differdange, in Luxembourg and in Europe. Also, please alert us of anything that appears to be unusual and walk away from any situation that makes you feel uncomfortable. Also, stay away from any political discussion with anyone you do not know. Not everyone will share your thoughts or opinions nor will you be able to convince others that you are right and they are wrong.

If you travel in a group, please make sure that you are staying with the group and take note of the group's itinerary and activities. If you intend to separate from the group, please inform the group of this. Otherwise your fellow travelers may be concerned and worried. Also, please take note of where the group will be staying. It avoids unnecessary waiting and frustrations. In short, be a wise, conscientious and thoughtful traveler.

You are a great group and we are delighted to have you here. Thank you for your cooperative spirit, for your positive attitude, for your commitment and for being here.

Have a pleasant day and a great week.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

## Orchestra Concert...

The Camerata Salzburg and Murray Perahia concert will take place on Wednesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 20:00 at the Conservatoire. They will perform works from Mozart, Bach and Haydn. Please be there on time and sign-up on Kelly's door by this afternoon.

## SHOA Seminar...

A seminar on the history of the persecution of Jews will be held on Thursday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at the Deportation Museum in Luxembourg. The students will meet there with other international students, then have lunch in the Forum next to the Athenee and return to the Museum, where they will have presentations and a guided tour, small group discussions and a closing meeting. The whole event will last from 12 to 7pm. If you are interested, please see Kelly. The deadline to sign-up is February 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## Movie Night...

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## French and German Tutoring...

Mr. Roland Hoff, a friend of the center, has generously offered his time to anyone who would like additional tutoring in their French or German language courses. He is also an avid hiker and is more than willing to take students on hikes if he is asked

in advance. He will be visiting the center on Wednesdays throughout the semester. Anyone interested in taking full advantage of this excellent opportunity should make an appointment with Roland by signing up on Kelly's door.

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### Cave and Library Proctors...

The following are the cave and library proctors that were chosen for this semester – if for some reason you would need to get in contact with one of them:

#### Cave

Nathaniel Gay	Mondays
Britni Neiling	Tuesdays
Christie Roddy	Wednesdays
Matt Mossbrugger	Thursdays

#### Library

Erin Horan  
Nicole Koelle  
Katherine Anderson  
Christopher Whiteman

### The Rasmus...

Rasmus will be holding a concert this evening at Den Atelier in Luxembourg City. For ticket information please log onto [www.atelier.lu](http://www.atelier.lu)

### Chinois Chow Anyone...?

Le Tresor, the Chinese restaurant right across the street from the chateau, has offered our students a discount buffet lunch on Tuesdays. The buffet is all-you-can-eat, and the price is very reasonable, 8,30 Euros per person (including one drink – additional drinks available for an additional charge). Anyone interested should sign up on Kelly's door TODAY!!!! We need to provide an accurate head count by tomorrow morning so they know how much food to prepare. If you sign up PLEASE plan on going. They expect people to come between 12:00 – 12:35. We need a minimum of 10 people in order to have the buffet.

### “Smart” sweat?...

“The Smart,” a fitness center in neighboring Oberkorn, is offering a special offer to MUDEC students. The first visit to their fitness center is free. Coupons for a free visit to “The Smart” have a map on the back, and are available in Kelly's office.

### Luxembourg on the web...

For general info on local events, and all things Luxembourgish log on to [www.luxweb.lu](http://www.luxweb.lu). For movie times in the Duchy check out [www.cinema.lu](http://www.cinema.lu) or [www.cineweb.lu](http://www.cineweb.lu), and to find out where to go when, and what to eat when you get there stop by [www.nightlife.lu](http://www.nightlife.lu) & [www.restaurant.lu](http://www.restaurant.lu). Also on [www.station.lu](http://www.station.lu), you can find out about all of the above topics!

### The Lovely Laundry Lady...

Mme Backer, is offering a laundry service for our students. She will accept laundry from 8am to 8pm each day, and have it done for you sometime during the next day or two. Her charge is 7 Euros per load and she also irons! Please keep in mind that she only has one washing machine and one dryer, so if you drop off 2 or 3 loads it will take some time (also depends on who is ahead of you in line). She also does not speak English, only German, Luxembourgish, and a little French. Please see Kelly for further details and a german laundry vocab list if you are interested.

### Happy Birthday...

Happy belated Birthday to Julie Martin, who celebrated on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Birthday wishes this week go out to Carrie Shay on the 4<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday; it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

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#### Tuesday

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20:45 Center closes

#### Thursday

18:00 European Movie Night  
20:45 Center closes

#### Friday

17:00 Center closes

# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
09 February 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good and interesting weekend. The list of readers of our Monday Morning has grown considerable and we are pleased that so many of our friends are interested in staying informed of what is going on at MUDEC. Warmest regards and best wishes go to our many readers in Oxford, Ohio, in many other States and in various countries. We appreciate your continued interest in MUDEC and your active support of our program. Hardly a day passes without getting some e-mail or other communication from former students and from friends of the Center. Thank you. All of you are very near and dear to us.

We thank Prof. Michael Bachem for his well presented and informative lecture on Grimms' Tales. It was an interesting experience for us to learn more about the historic evolution of these well known tales and how they were passed on from generation to generation over centuries the centuries and millenia. The post-lecture reception at our apartment provided for additional discussion. Again, thank you very much, Prof. Bachem.

A good number of you attended Wednesday's wonderful concert featuring the Camerata Salzburg. We are privileged to receive free tickets to this and to other concerts by the Solistes Européens. A special thank you goes to Prof. Backes for having arranged this.

Tomorrow's orientation lecture looks toward the future. Most of you will already have asked yourself the question; "What after Luxembourg and graduation"? We will have a panel discussion on professional opportunities in Luxembourg. Four panelists (Megan Faust, former Miami and MUDEC student with a successful career in Luxembourg and Tony Scholer, Laurent Haag, and Jeff Arendt, Luxembourgers who have studied at Miami and are now making their careers in Luxembourg) will share their professional experiences with you and will field questions from you. This is an outstanding opportunity to obtain valuable information that may shape your future. My wife and I invite fifteen of you to our post-lecture reception. Please, sign up with Kelly.

On Thursday afternoon a group of you will participate in the Shoa conference in Luxembourg City. This is a great opportunity to meet and to interact with European university students.

Prof. Kathleen Knight-Abowitz will take her class to the Athenée de Luxembourg, the high school of which our Prof. Haag is director. The Athenée celebrated its 400 th anniversary last year and is Luxembourg's oldest high school. It will be of interest to observe how high schools function in Luxembourg and how high school life differs from the United States.

Prof. Stengelhofen will take his international marketing class to Euro-Composites, a very successful manufacturing firm in Echternach. This should be a very interesting experience. The owner has supported our program and Miami University in various forms. We thank him for his hospitality and generosity.

You have been invited to participate in an international Student Photo Competition. Additional information will be posted. I do hope that at least some of the more serious photographers will participate in this competition. Your life at the Center and in your host families, your experiences in Luxembourg and during your travels provide you with many opportunities.

Many of you receive scholarship support from private sponsors. It is appropriate and would be much appreciated if you would write a thank you letter to the generous donor(s). I have the addresses in my office. Please, come and see me about this.

As midterm exams are approaching I would again like to remind you that it is important for you to husband your time and your energy wisely. First priority must be given to your academic commitment.

I do wish you a pleasant day and an enriching week.

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## **Movie Night...**

This Monday at 20:00, we will be showing "Patton" in the dining hall.

## **Orchestra Concert...**

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## **European Bowling...**

If you are interested in participating in a Jeux des Quilles on Tuesday evening, please sign up on Kelly's door. The event will take place at the Petit Casino at 20:00. Instructions on how to play will be given by Francois Goergen.

## **Basketball Tournament...**

This Sunday at 17:00 is the Coupe de Luxembourg – Men's Semifinal Basketball Tournament. The game will be taking place at Le Coque (near Utopolis). Please be there to cheer Prof. Stengelhofen's team, the Musel-Pikes!

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## **Reserving Couchettes...**

Please remember that you need to reserve couchettes at least 24hrs. in advance. For high season periods (Carnival and Easter) you should reserve as soon as you know your departure date. If the trains are already full, try getting to your destination through another route or purchase a plane ticket from Ryan air or Easy Jet.

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Reminder: The five students who have signed up to attend the SHOA Seminar will meet in front of my office on February 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:10. Mr. Manes will then drive all of you to the conference.

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### **Hiking this weekend...**

A few students have expressed interest in hiking this Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, with Roland Hoff. Please sign up with Kelly if you would like to join. We will have a meeting on Wednesday during lunch to discuss the plans.

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

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### **Petrusse Express...**

Would you like to have a guided tour of the Petrusse and the Grund? If so, hop on the Petrusse Express! This little train will pick you up at the Place de La Constitution (Statue of the Golden Lady). The tour is only 50-60 minutes long; therefore, if you have a break during the day...it's a great activity to get you out in Luxembourg City and see a beautiful area. Please see Kelly for more info. It would be fun to get a group together and receive a group rate!

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19:45 German 322 make up class  
20:00 European Movie Night  
20:45 Center closes

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12:00 Knitting Group  
14:00 Yoga Class  
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18:00 Dinner  
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20:00 Jeux des Quilles

#### **Wednesday**

20:45 Center closes

#### **Thursday**

11:15 SHOA Conference  
20:45 Center closes

#### **Friday**

17:00 Center closes

# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
16 February 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good and enjoyable weekend. All of you will have exams this week. I wish you much success and hope that you will perform well.

**Today we welcome Laurent Peters, our new computer stagiaire (intern) from the Institut de Technologie, Luxembourg.** You will find Laurent to be a very pleasant and competent young man. Please, make him feel welcome and appreciated. Laurent will help us maintain our computer system.

Today **I would like to share two thoughts with you.** We are so successful and feel comfortable at MUDEC because of the sense of community in which all of us share. Part of this is based on **mutual respect and consideration.** Being punctual is an important sign of respect. **Please, make it a special effort to be in class on time and to stop all conversations as soon as class begins**

**Gratitude is an important part of human interaction and encourages good deeds and actions.** Last week I had suggested that scholarship recipients should write a thank you note to their sponsors and that I would have addresses and names of their sponsors **So far not a single scholarship recipient has come to see me about this.**

We have forty free tickets to tonight's concert performed by the Solistes Europeens. The program features Janis Vakarelis, piano and includes compositions by Modeste Moussorgski, Serge Rachmaninov and Piotre Illitch Tchaikovsky. These concerts and other activities are wonderful and culturally enriching events. Take advantage of them. Please, sign up with Kelly. Your signature is your commitment.

Tomorrow night's orientation lecture will feature our very own Professor Jonathan Levy. His lecture will be on "Environmental Concerns and Actions in Europe and, as a special addition, will also include a fascinating slide show and commentary on a personal visit to Nepal. Following his lecture, we will have our customary post-lecture reception in our apartment.

Crici Dumont has been informed by a friend that there is an opportunity for two or three of you to earn some extra pocket money on Saturday, March 6th. Please, see Crici for details.

Prof. Bachem would like to share with you information regarding an intensive Russian language program Miami University offers in Novgorod this summer. Please see him for additional information. We are also posting the announcement at the Center.

All of you will be traveling next week, carnival recess. Keep in mind that the distance traveled is by far not as important as what you see, what you learn and how much your experiences will mean to you. Walk away from any situation that makes you feel uncomfortable or insecure.

The present international situation requires of all of us to be cautious and alert at all time and in all places. Please, be careful in your travels and avoid drawing attention to

yourself. Stay away from places and functions known to be frequented by Americans and from places where many people meet. While train stations are necessary for you to travel, do not remain in train stations longer than you need to. While in Luxembourg, please alert us immediately of any suspicious presence or activity, do not invite strangers to visit you, do not share our access code and introduce any visitor you have (only family and close friends) to a MUDEC staff member.

We will circulate travel destination lists in our base courses. Please, share with us and with your host family where you will be spending next week and when you plan to return to Luxembourg. All of you need to be back when classes will continue on Monday, March 1st.

I wish you much success in your midterm exams this week and safe travels, interesting and enjoyable experiences and a wonderful time during your carnival recess. I look forward to seeing you back on Monday, March 1st.

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## Orchestra Concert...

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## Movie Night...

This Thursday at 7:00 p.m., we will be showing "China Town" in the Dining Hall.

## Cave Kitchen...

Over Carnival Break, the cave fridges will be cleared of all perishables. Please take with you anything perishable that you do not want to be thrown away.

## Say Cheese...

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## Reuters Speaker...

Andy Adams (past Student Activities Coordinator), Sales Manager at Reuters, will be coming to speak on business in the service sector. This will take place on Friday at 9:55 a.m. in the Charles le Téméraire Classroom with the 471

International Marketing Class. Anyone interested in this lecture is invited

### Spring Dinner...

MUDEC will be hosting a nice Spring Dinner on Tuesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. The Dining Hall will be nicely decorated, so come and join in on the festivities!

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### Hillside burning...

Buergbrennen, or "hillside burning", refers to a ritual which takes place on the first Sunday after Ash Wednesday. The practice seems to have pagan origins and is thought to be a purification rite to commemorate the end of winter. People in many villages erect a huge straw-covered cross or wheel of wood, topped with an evergreen tree, and place it on a hillside. Traditionally, the most recently married couple lights the cross or wheel at nightfall in the presence of the organizers. There may be a parade preceding the event and stands set up to sell food and drinks. Prior to the ceremony, village youth go around ringing doorbells to collect eggs and bacon or money for supper, which takes place in a local café after the cross has

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# MEINDEG MOIEN

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\* Monday Morning \*  
08 March 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone and welcome back from your Carnival's break and travels! I trust you have been wise travelers and that your observations, experiences and impressions have been pleasant, interesting and most enriching. We are pleased to have you back and invite you to share your experiences, thoughts and reflections with us.

An enthusiastic "thank you" goes to Prof. Jonathan Levy for the most interesting, informative and stimulating lecture he presented on energy consumption patterns and distribution of wealth the week before our study break. His fascinating slide show and commentary on his research on water use and purity in Nepal were particularly interesting and thought provoking. The post lecture reception provided for additional lively and stimulating discussion.

It is a great pleasure to extend a warm welcome to Prof. Paul Nelson and his wife Sue who will be staying at MUDEC until the end of the semester. We are delighted to have them here and wish them a most enjoyable and rewarding experiences at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in Europe. Prof. Nelson is offering the accelerated one-credit course on Globalization, a very current and important topic. He invites interested students to sit in.

Today we also extend a warm welcome to Keith Jacobson and his family. Keith is a former MUDEC student and is now an executive with Adidas in Germany. He had mentioned to me that there might be some internship possibilities at Adidas. Those of you who would be interested in this should make a special effort to contact him about this. This is an excellent and exceptional opportunity. Keith will talk to the students in Prof. Stengelhofen's class today. Thank you, Keith.

Professors Backes and Bleser had visited the Oxford campus this past week where Prof Backes presented a very successful concert at the Oxford campus this past Thursday evening. I am also pleased to announce that he and Prof. Jerry Stanley of Miami's department of music will offer a concert at the church in Oberkorn on Tuesday evening, March 16th. This is part of our orientation lecture series.

Tomorrow night we will have our formal "MUDEC Spring Dinner". Our beautiful dining hall will be attractively decorated, providing a very festive and joyous atmosphere. Following the dinner, we will have a karaoke singing session and hope that all of you will participate with enthusiasm and joy. It will be a very special evening in the warm and welcoming atmosphere MUDEC offers.

I have been invited to participate in a "National Conference for Foreigners" organized by the government of Luxembourg. The conference will be held in Luxembourg City (Jean Monnet building, Kirchberg) on Saturday, March 6th. Please let me know if you are interested in joining me. This would be a wonderful opportunity for some of you to establish additional contacts in Luxembourg. Please, let me know by Wednesday if you are interested in participating.

Again, welcome back to MUDEC. As you start the second half of the semester I would like to remind you that it is important

that you allocate your time, your energy and your talents wisely and that you give top priority to your academic responsibilities.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

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## **Extended Chateau Hours...**

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This Thursday we will be showing "The Pianist". This is a good movie to give you a little bit of background history before our Panel discussion with concentration camp survivors next week.

## **T-shirt Designs...**

Anyone interested in submitting artwork, or any other creative ideas, for a Spring 2004 Mudec T-shirt should see Kelly or any member of our Student Council. The deadline for these sketches will be on Friday, March 5th. These unique T-shirts are a great souvenir to take back to Miami as a reminder of your semester abroad.

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Intro to Power Yoga has been changed to Thursdays at 14:35. If you have any scheduling conflicts, please let June know. You can write the times that you are available on the Yoga sheet posted on Kelly's door.

### Want to earn some \$\$\$\$.....

We are looking for 2-3 students who would be willing to dress up in a costume at a conference against discrimination in the workplace on Saturday, March 6<sup>TH</sup> (pays 150 euros). For more information please see Crici or Kelly or log onto [www.stop-discrimination.info](http://www.stop-discrimination.info)

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### French and German Tutoring...

Mr. Roland Hoff, a friend of the center, has generously offered his time to anyone who would like additional tutoring in their French or German language courses. He is also an avid hiker and is more than willing to take students on hikes if he is asked in advance. He will be visiting the center on Wednesdays throughout the semester. Anyone interested in taking full advantage of this excellent opportunity should make an appointment with Roland by signing up on Kelly's door.

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### Happy Birthday...

Happy Birthday wishes go out today to Leah Janssen. To Kathryn Christy, Kate Klimkewicz and Kathryn Sprance on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, to Sam DiSalvo on the 4<sup>th</sup>, to Nicole Koelle on the 6<sup>th</sup>, and to Molly Blackely and Steve Snell on the 7<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday; it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

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*Karaoke immediately following the dinner*

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# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
08 March 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone: I hope you had a good weekend and that your experiences were pleasant and interesting.

Last Tuesday's Spring dinner was a wonderful event, enjoyed by all. Our beautifully decorated dining hall, the delicious meal, the festive atmosphere and the entertaining, karaoke singing made for a most pleasant and memorable evening. Thank you to the staff, to Mrs. K.E. Smith and to my wife for having decorated our dining hall and thank you to all of you for your so active participation.

On Saturday, Emily Russel, Paul Pass and I attended an interesting conference in Luxembourg. The theme "My participation as a citizen in Luxembourg, Actor or Spectator" was informative and addressed relevant issues of living in the European Union and the global community. Andrew Zehler and Thomas Bramlage were involved in promoting the conference. So, Miami University was well represented and for us it was a valuable experience.

Thank you to Prof. Charles Meder for having invited his upper level German students to meet with his students at the Athenee last week. I understand that this was a very enjoyable event and that the interaction was lively and interesting. On Thursday evening Prof. Levy and his wife will host his students at their home. I know that this will be a delightful evening for all, especially also for Devra and Noah. Thank you, Prof. Levy and Mrs. Katz.

Tomorrow night 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. I regret that another important function prevents me from being present. However, I am pleased that Mr. Manes will introduce the program and will host the post lecture reception on the landing.

We can accommodate twenty students in this function. Please, sign up with Kelly if you are interested in joining.

Tuesday evening of next week our very own Prof. Backes and Prof. Jerry Stanely of Miami's department of music will perform a concert in the church in Oberkorn. They performed a similar concert on the Oxford campus two weeks ago and received enthusiastic acclaim. We will place invitations in your mail boxes and send invitations to your host families and friends in the community.

I do wish you a pleasant day and a good week. It is great to have you here.

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## **Extended Chateau Hours...**

On Tuesday nights only, the chateau will remain open until 9:45pm.

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The Student Faculty Council has recently been approached by a former MUDEC student who is now teaching in Moldova. Unfortunately, the school she teaches at is very poor and does not have enough for school supplies. To try and help raise money for supplies, the SFC will begin having penny wars between the base courses and the faculty and staff of MUDEC. Each base course will be given one jar, which can be filled with any denomination of euros. Faculty and staff will also have their own jar, for a total of four jars. 1 cent, 5 cent, 10 cent, 20 cent, 50 cent, and 1 euro pieces that are placed into the jars will earn your team/base course points. 1 cent pieces will be worth 1 point, 5 cent pieces will be worth 5 pts, 10 cent pieces 10 points, etc. You can make other teams lose points by placing higher denomination coins (2 euro pieces) or bills into their jars. 2 euro coins are worth 200 points, 5 euro bills are worth 500 points, etc. So placing a 2 euro coin into an opposing team's jar would cause that team to lose 200 points. When the contest is over with (next Thursday), the points will be tallied and the winners will be treated to ice cream.

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### **Say Cheese...**

National Geographic is currently exhibiting photography from their women photographers. These women photographers are from various nationalities, but mostly Americans, and their pictures capture images from all around the world. The exhibit runs until March 14<sup>th</sup> and is open everyday from 14h – 20h. If you are interested, please see Kelly for more details.

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# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
15 March 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## From the Director:

Good morning! I trust you had a good and interesting weekend and wish you a productive and pleasant week.

The terribly brutal and inhumane attacks in Madrid last week remind us to be cautious, alert and prudent at all times and in all places. As a reminder, **please alert us immediately of anything unusual you may observe near our campus, in Differdange or Luxembourg.** Also, **please do not share our access code with anyone and do not extend invitations to casual travel acquaintances to visit you at the Center. Some of you may expect visitors from the main campus this week. Please, introduce them to a staff member. For your security we need to know who is present at MUDEC. Also, please keep a low profile and stay away from large gatherings and places that could be targets for attacks on your weekend travels.**

I am pleased to share with you that you will be able to register for fall classes on Friday, March 26 the beginning at 7:00 a.m. Oxford time (13:00 hours our time). This is a special courtesy made available to you and is a sign of the support we receive from our many friends on the Oxford campus. I encourage you to take advantage of this. To make the registration process as efficient and quick as possible I suggest that you identify the classes you like to take prior to getting on the computer. Mr. Manes has already circulated the class list and schedule of all Oxford classes last Friday. Again, this a courtesy extended to you. I am delighted and pleased that this could be facilitated for you. Thank you so much, dear friends on the Oxford campus.

A special thank you goes to Prof. Haag for having organized the panel discussion on the Luxembourg Resistance Movement and to the participants for having shared their painful memories and experiences with you last Tuesday. Listening to these remaining time witnesses of this dark period of recent European history should strengthen our resolve to fight the evils of inhumanity and dictatorial powers wherever they may occur.

I would like to thank Prof. Jonathan Levy, his wife Carole Katz and their children Devra and Noah for the warm and generous hospitality they extended to Prof. Levy's students last Thursday evening. Everyone enjoyed the delicious meal, the pleasant atmosphere and the camaraderie. These are special opportunities to experience the meaning and the comfort of the extended MUDEC family of which all of us are part.

On Saturday we welcomed to the Center Drs. Teckman, Prible, Hill and Shively from the School of Education and today we will welcome Drs. Jan Taylor and Dan Norris from the School of Business and Dr. Jerry Stanley from the department of music and on Wednesday Dr. Allan Allenspach a retired faculty member from the department of zoology. We are delighted that they are here and wish them a productive and pleasant stay.

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Prof. Stengelhofen and his team would appreciate a large, enthusiastic and supportive cheering section. Please, sign up with Kelly by Tuesday evening if you are interested in watching this game and in supporting the team. Good luck to Dr. Stengelhofen and his Mousel Pikes.

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### **Thank you...**

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### **Bofferding Tour...**

Please remember that the bus will be leaving from MUDEC on Thursday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at **17:30**.

### **T-shirts...**

Please do not forget to sign-up on Kelly's door to give her your t-shirt size. Please sign-up by Friday, if not, we will automatically give you a LARGE.

### **Touch Football...**

Some students from the Sacred Heart University would like to challenge Miami Students with a game of touch football. If you are interested in participating in this event, please see Kelly to fix a time and a date.

### **Walking Club...**

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### **Luxembourg Tradition...**

Bretzels Sonndeg, a unique Luxembourgish tradition, takes place on March 21<sup>st</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Carnival). On this day, a man gives a "Bretzel" (a large, sweet, pretzel-shaped pastry) to his lady of choice. If she returns his affection, she offers him an egg on Easter Sunday. This year, the roles are reversed because it is Leap Year.

### **Family of Man Exhibit...**

In 1955 Edward Steichen launched a photographic project called The Family of Man. The exhibit travelled all over the world, and consisted of over 500 images of humanity taken by over 270 photographers, some famous, and some unknown. Steichen and his helpers had an image database of over 2 million photographs from which they selected 10,000 before choosing the final exhibit of just over 500. It is now a permanent exhibit in the Chateau de Clervaux and is open from Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 - 18:00.

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22 March 2004

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## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good weekend, in spite of the rain and storm we had.

An enthusiastic thank you goes to Professors Backes and Stanley for the wonderful concert performance in the church in Oberkorn, last Tuesday. It was an unforgettable musical experience for all of us. The enthusiastic applause and the commentary were indicative of how much the large audience enjoyed this high quality musical event.

A sincere thank you goes also to Prof. Wolwert for having hosted her students in her home last week. The students who attended enjoyed the warm hospitality, the delicious meal and the camaraderie and fellowship. Other Professors and spouses have invited students previously and will do so prior to the end of the semester. These generous and kind invitations contribute much to the sense of community in which we share. I am most grateful to all of them for contributing so much the MUDEC family spirit and experience.

**Here is some food for thought.** Imagine you have invited guests for dinner or fellowship at your home or for a company visit to your business. To facilitate this you have made time available out of the very busy schedule you have. With joy and happiness and in participation of your visitors you have prepared a meal, you have set the table and you have made all other necessary arrangements and preparations. At the time of the event you notice with surprise and disappointment that a good number of those you have invited and have counted on have not come neither have they found it necessary to inform you of this nor have they expressed their regret. **What would be your thoughts, how would you feel about this and what would be your inclination to extent your hospitality in the future? A simple rule that will take you a long way is "Do not do to others what you would not want others to do to you".**

Our congratulations go to Professor Theo Stengelhofen and his basketball team "Mousel Pikes" on having won the "Coupe de Luxembourg" in an exciting final this past Saturday. Her Royal Highness, Grand Duchess Maria-Teresa, Prince Guillaume and some of the children had been in the audience were impressed by the quality of the game.

Tomorrow evening our very own Prof. Guy DeMuyser, former Maréchal de la Cour, Luxembourg Ambassador to the Soviet Union, Finland, Poland and Mongolia, to NATO and to Belgium will present a fascinating slide show and commentary on Soviet "dissident" art as an expression of political opposition. Following this insightful orientation lecture Ambassador DeMuyser will host his students in the villa. We thank you in advance, Ambassador DeMuyser.

Weather permitting we will have our MUDEC group picture taken right after lunch on Wednesday.

On Thursday evening we will have our talent show, an ice cream social and the final result of the Euro Cent battle in support of the Moldova project. I am most pleased that we have already collected more than 225 Euro. This is great!

Thank you to all of you for your generous support. This should be a wonderful and most enjoyable evening.

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## **Another Orchestra Concert...**

The Solictes Europeens concert will take place Monday, March 29th at 20:00 at the Conservatoire. They will perform works from Mozart. Please sign-up by this Friday!

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

The Talent Show will take place this Thursday at 6:00 p.m. We will begin with an Ice Cream Social and immediately following is the Talent Show! Please come and support your fellow classmates!

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### **Touch Football...**

Some students from the Sacred Heart University would like to challenge Miami Students with a game of touch football. This event will take place April 1<sup>st</sup> at 17:30. We need a LARGE crowd to cheer on the MUDEC team!

### **Walking Club...**

If you are interested in participating in a walking club after lunch, please see June Ventura or sign-up on Kelly's door.

### **Luxembourg Tradition...**

Bretzels Sonndeg, a unique Luxembourgish tradition, takes place on March 21<sup>st</sup> (the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Carnival). On this day, a man gives a "Bretzel" (a large, sweet, pretzel-shaped pastry) to his lady of choice. If she returns his affection, she offers him an egg on Easter Sunday. This year, the roles are reversed because it is Leap Year.

### **Family of Man Exhibit...**

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### **Museum Weekend...**

On March 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 – 18:00, various museums in Luxembourg will offer free entry into their museum. This is a great opportunity to take advantage of some of Luxembourg's most hidden treasures!

### **Helpful Travel Hints...**

We have created a travel folder on the student drive, where students can share information about their travels and give helpful recommendations to fellow students planning on traveling to the same area. Please contribute to this folder to help make it a wealth of information! Note: I will continue to post this note in the Monday Morning until someone actually uses the file!!

### **History of Hygiene and Public Health...**

The Luxembourg City History Museum is holding an exhibit on hygiene and public health in Europe. The exhibition concentrates on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> century. For more information please visit [www.musee-hist.lu](http://www.musee-hist.lu)

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

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Rebecca Wynne on the 24<sup>th</sup> to Megan Breakwell on the 26<sup>th</sup>, and to Mark Ehret on the 28<sup>th</sup>. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday; it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

### **Who am I...?**

Last week's mystery MUDECer was Marie Pavlich. This week's mystery MUDECer: I served dinner to Colin Powell. If you know the answer to this MUDECer trivia question, please see Kelly to receive your prize.

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18:00 Dinner  
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*Remember that attendance is mandatory!*

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#### **Thursday**

14:40 Yoga Class  
18:00 Ice Cream Social  
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#### **Friday**

13:00 Registration begins  
17:00 Center closes

# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
29 March 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone. I am pleased that registration went well for all of you and hope that you had a good weekend.

**Thank you, Ambassador DeMuyser** for your most informative, insightful and eloquent slide presentation on "Soviet Dissident Art as a Tool of Political Opposition" last Tuesday. Your selection of slides and your commentary gave our students intimate insights into life under Soviet totalitarianism. Your students also thank you for the post-lecture reception you offered them.

**An enthusiastic expression of recognition and gratitude go to the members of the Student/Faculty Council for organizing Thursday's talent show and to the performers (Alyce Bachem, Sydney Carthell, Katie Christy, Dan Hayes, Prof. Jonathan Levy, Evan McGlaughlin, Justin Mertz, Kyle Pozek, Andrew Zehler) who so generously shared their talents with us and provided us with a most enjoyable evening.**

**Enthusiastic congratulations go to the Romanticism base core for having won the Euro Cent Battle and a sincere thank you to all who have contributed.** A total of 405 Euro has been raised to support Sarah Watson's project of buying school supplies for her pupils in Moldova. You will hear from Sarah independently. She is elated and most grateful for your generosity. Sarah invites you to see photos she has posted on-line at <http://www.imageevent.com/sarahinpc>

**We thank Mr. Bob Kubat, Registrar and his team for having facilitated registration procedures for you.** This is indeed much appreciated.

**I encourage you to attend tonight's concert in the Luxembourg Conservatory of Music.** The Solistes Européens, and Mario Joao Pires, piano and Augustin Dumay, violin perform works by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. We have received 30 free tickets to this concert. Please, sign up with Kelly. Your signature is your commitment. **This is an exceptional cultural experience for you.**

This coming Thursday evening Ambassador DeMuyser will host another group of students in his charming home. I know they will enjoy the warm and generous hospitality extended to them.

**I am pleased to let you know that I have received information regarding internships at Adidas in Germany.** Please, see me if you are interested in this exceptional opportunity.

**You have received the invitation to the end-of-the-semester dinner dance that will be held the evening of Friday, April 23rd.** This is always a very joyous and special event as all of us, students, faculty, staff and a good number of host families spend one last evening together as part of the extended MUDEC family. Please, keep this date free. We have sent invitations to your host families. However, you may want to extend your own invitation.

Next week all of you will be going on your respective **study tours. They are an important part of your base course, they have been developed to extend your learning beyond the regular classroom setting and will provide you with additional and in some instances very unique learning experiences.** As you will notice, much effort went into planning them. I would like to remind you that your participation in all of the scheduled study tour activities and that appropriate behavior, conduct and dress are expected of all of you, at all times and in all places. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Following the study tour you will have an additional week of independent traveling. **I wish you wonderful, interesting and pleasant experiences and safe traveling. As a reminder, please be alert and cautious at all times and in all places and to walk away from any situation that makes them feel uncomfortable.** Also, please keep a low profile, stay away from political discussion and places known to be frequented by Americans and stay current of international developments. Also, keep our emergency telephone numbers with you and complete the Easter break travel destination sheet.

**Again, I wish you safe, pleasant and interesting travel experiences. Be a wise and cautious traveler!**

I look forward to seeing all of you back, safe and sound, on Monday, April 19th.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

## **Touch Football...**

This Thursday at 17:30 is the BIG GAME against Sacred Heart University. We have GREAT players but we still need a LARGE crowd to cheer on the MUDEC team!

## **LAST CALL for Flights Home...**

The bus list is now closed, if you forgot to sign-up, please see Kelly. If your name is not on the list then we assume that you have made your own arrangements to the airport.

## **Easter Egg Hunt...**

The Student Faculty Council has organized an Easter Egg Hunt for local children. This will take place on Wednesday at 14:00 at the back of the chateau. This will be a fun event and it will be great to see the kids happy and running around all over the place! Please come and help your SFC out by hiding eggs or by encouraging the kids.

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## **Chateau Hours...**

The Chateau will also be open on Wednesday until 9:45 for study purposes ONLY! Therefore, you are not allowed to watch TV during this time.

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

Happy Birthday wishes go out to Brandon Smith and Meg Stephenson on the 29<sup>th</sup>, to Chris Whiteman on April 2nd, Mary Fitzsimons on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, Kristen King on the 8<sup>th</sup>, Kelly Turner and Kristen Waldeck on the 11<sup>th</sup>, Kyle Pozek on the 12<sup>th</sup>, Katie Anderson on the 15<sup>th</sup>, and to Alison Neidhard on the 16th. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday; it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

#### **Who am I...?**

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20:45 Center closes

##### **Friday**

17:00 Center closes

# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
19 April 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC! I am delighted to know that all three study tours went very well, that you had seen, experienced and learned much and that all of you lived up to the high standards Miami University has established for its students. A special thank you is due to the faculty and staff who had planned for and had accompanied the study tours. They spent much time and effort developing the program and gave up of their free time to make the study tours possible for you. Again, thank you to all of them and to all of you for your cooperative and responsible attitude and conduct.

I hope that your independent travels during the Easter break were safe, pleasant and filled with interesting learning experiences. Classroom learning, your housing arrangements and Center sponsored and independent travels are all part of your European experience and are responsible for the academic and personal growth you experience during your stay at MUDEC and in Europe.

This is the last week of instruction this semester. I wish you much success as you prepare for your final exams. Please, use the remaining time wisely to assure that you will be well prepared and that your performance on the exam is indicative of how much you have learned. For your convenience **we will keep the Center open this coming weekend. The opening hours will be from 14:00 to 20:00 hours on Saturday and Sunday.**

**We will extend the Center's opening hours to 10:00 p.m. this week.** Please take advantage of this.

During your absence **we have received another world wide alert from the American Embassy in Luxembourg.** We are reminded to be **vigilant, cautious and alert at all times and in all places.** Please let us know of anything around the Center, in Differdange or Luxembourg that may appear suspicious to you.

**The Easter Egg hunt in our beautiful park was a great success.** The children of the neighboring preschool were thrilled and had a wonderful time, as you could witness yourselves. An enthusiastic "thank you" goes to the Student/Faculty Council and to all who helped. You may have seen and enjoyed the spring flower bouquet the pupils and teachers had sent us as a sign of their appreciation.

**A very special note of thank you goes to the families Knight-Abowitz and Levy Katz for having invited a large group of students to celebrate Passover.** The students and I felt very privileged to witness this age-old and intimate ceremony and tradition. Thank you so very much for sharing this with us. It was a wonderful experience for all of us.

**A special note of thank is also due to to Ambassador and Mrs. DeMuyser for hosting his students at their charming and beautiful home.** Their generous hospitality and warmth are much appreciated.

**Congratulations go to Prof. Paul Lesch for having an article published in the Historical Journal of Film, Radio and Television.** A copy of his article will be placed in our library.

We again have **free tickets to tonight's concert by the Solistes Européen.** They will be performing works by Bruno Hartl, Max Bruch, Giacomo Puccini and Georges Bizet. Please sign up with Kelly if you have time to attend. Your signature is your commitment.

**On Tuesday evening we will have a cook-out. The Big Band of the Conservatory of Music, Luxembourg will provide a musical accompaniment.** This should be a most enjoyable experience for us and is a sign of our close ties to the Luxembourg community.

I have received the following note from the American Consul General in Dusseldorf announcing **internship possibilities at the American Consulate in Dusseldorf or Cologne.** This is wonderful opportunity.

"Dear Ekke,

How are you after all this time? I am installed as the US Consul General in Dusseldorf, and have been wanting to ask if you have any German-speaking students who might want an intern spot in Dusseldorf or Cologne where we have consulate offices? Will have to call you to catch up, but wanted to get this to you to start the ball rolling. Best, George

George W. Knowles

Consul General

American Consulate General

Willi-Becker-Allee 10

40227 Düsseldorf

Germany

Phone: 49-211-47061 24

Fax: 49-211-7888936

Email: KnowlesGW3@state.gov

**Please, let me know if you are interested. Again, this is a marvelous opportunity.**

**On Friday night we will have our traditional end-of-the-semester dinner dance.** This is always a fun and very special event as we the end of the semester and the friendships we have established within our extended MUDEC family, the students, faculty, staff and host families. Bus transportation will be made available to and from the "Caves des Vignerons à Wellenstein". Detailed information will be provided by Kelly.

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 would like to ask all of you to play an active role in the recruitment of future MUDEC students.** You are the most convincing promoters of our program and know best what it takes to be benefit from and to contribute to the success of our program. You have established an excellent track record. When you talk to potential students, please point out to them that the success of our program is due to our emphasis on and commitment to academics and to the marvelous opportunities MUDEC students have to discover Europe and themselves, to form very special friendships and to adjust to and to feel comfortable in Europe and its diverse cultures.

You have been a very good group of students and I thank you for your cooperative and positive attitude. Good luck and much success as you prepare for the final exams.

Have a pleasant day, a great week and much success as you prepare for your exams.

Most sincerely,

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#### **Say Cheese....**

We will take the group picture this Wednesday at 12:30. Please meet in front of the chateau and be on time!

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#### **Housing Evaluations...**

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#### **Cookout...**

The SFC has organized a cookout for this Tuesday at 18:00. Come out and enjoy the great weather, tasty food, and the wonderful music from the Big Band!

#### **Dinner Dance...**

To celebrate the end of the semester, we will be having a dinner dance on April 23rd. Please R.S.V.P. with Kelly.

#### **Slide Show...**

Please start gathering up your photos for the end of the semester slide show that will take place the night of the Dinner Dance. Please drop them in the 2004 Student Picture Folder on the S Drive.

#### **Music Needed...**

The Karaoke man is back! Eric, will be our DJ for the dinner dance and has a great music selection. However, if there are some recent tunes that you would like to be played, please bring them along with your name clearly marked on the CD.

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#### **Language Tutoring...**

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

Happy Birthday wishes go out today to Sidney Carthell and Matt Mossbruger. Birthday wishes to Jayne Earls, John Johnston and Ben Pierson on the 20th, to Rebecca Schneider on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and to Kelly Mullkoff on the 24th. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday; it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

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**Friday**

18:00 Bus #1 leaves from Luxembourg City for dance  
18:15 Bus #1 leaves from Bettembourg for dance  
18:15 Bus #2 AND #3 leave from MUDEC for dance  
18:30 Bus #2 leaves from Bettembourg

# MEINDEG MOIEN

*Lundi Matin*

\* Monday Morning \*  
26 April 2004

*Montag Morgen*

## **From the Director:**

Good morning, everyone! This is a very important week for you as you take your exams and as you have the opportunity to demonstrate how much you have learned this semester. I wish all of you much success in and hope that you are well prepared for your final exams.

This semester has been an exciting and fast paced one. Our academic program, the various orientation activities, the orientation lecture series, your respective study tours, your independent travels and the many special events we had planned for you have contributed to making this semester an exciting, relevant and enjoyable one.

As you reflect upon your studies at MUDEC 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 to recognize the faculty and staff in Luxembourg and on the Oxford campus for their commitment and involvement and for the active support we receive from them.

We had a very pleasant and enjoyable end-of-the-semester ball, this past Friday. I would like to thank the organizers for the excellent job they did in planning this event. All of us had a wonderful time and enjoyed the pleasant atmosphere, the friendship and fellowship, the program and the celebrations. Thank you also for your kind and generous faculty/staff recognition. A special compliment and thank you goes to the members of the Student/Faculty Council, Laura Kunzman, Justin Mertz, Matt Mossbrugger, Anne Rochford, and Andrew Zehler. They had organized a number of wonderful events this semester, including the dinner dance. It was a great pleasure to have worked with the Council. I would also like to thank the faculty and staff members and their spouses who joined us and through their attendance made this a very special and festive event. It was a wonderful way for us to end the semester.

Congratulations go to the recipients of our special awards and scholarships: Laura Kunzman and Andrew Zehler for the Rebecca Andrew and Christopher Eggerton Scholarship, Brandon Smith and Thomas Bramlage for the Maria Bach Dunn Scholarship, Nathaniel Gay and Laura Englehart for the MUDEC Faculty/Staff Scholarship, and Justin Mertz for the Ruth and Lee Dutton Scholarship.

At the end of this semester we are saying thank you and good bye to several dedicated and wonderful MUDEC faculty. Professor Jonathan Levy, his wife Carole Katz

and their two delightful children Devra and Noah will be leaving after a two-year stay at MUDEC. They have become a wonderful and much appreciated part of the MUDEC family. Similarly, Prof. Kathleen Knight-Abowitz, her husband Robert and their two delightful children Maddy and Sam will be leaving after a one semester stay at MUDEC. Like the Levy/Katz family they have also become an integral part of MUDEC. Prof. Markus Stutz, who had taught international economics for three semesters, is leaving MUDEC to start a new career. Our heartfelt expression of gratitude and our very best wishes go to all of them. We appreciated their dedication, commitment, collegiality and friendship and their many ways in which they have added to the true sense of the MUDEC family in which all of us share. It was wonderful to work with them and we do wish them the very best for their future: good health, happiness and fulfillment. Thank you so very much, dear friends. You will be missed.

We thank Prof. Philipp Briot for having initiated and set-up a French language laboratory in the office next to the villa's class room. Laurent Peters had assisted him in installing the various programs. This lab provides a wonderful opportunity for students to strengthen their grammar and oral comprehension and to increase their French vocabulary.

It has been a wonderful semester and year. As you reflect upon your European experience I trust that you will return to the States with new insights and a greater appreciation of and familiarity with Europe, its history, its cultures and its population. You have also gained a new perspective and better understanding of the larger and complex world around us. I feel that your sense of responsibility, reliability, tolerance, friendship, fairness, commitment, and integrity have been strengthened through your European experience. I wish you much success in your future, happiness, fulfillment and satisfaction. May you have many opportunities to help make our world a more peaceful, a more just and a better one for everyone. Please, stay in touch with us.

Upon your return to the States many of you will be confronted with a reverse culture shock, sometimes more intense than what you experienced the first weeks in Luxembourg. Your European experiences have broadened and deepened your horizon, your perspective and your knowledge. You have changed while everything else has stayed the same back home. So, expect that 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. Dr. Stroinigg and her staff of the Luxembourg Office will be happy to coordinate your involvement in the recruitment of new students.

My wife, the faculty and staff of MUDEC join me in wishing you much success in your exams, safe travels, and a wonderful future. May it provide you with many opportunities to live up to your potential and may your life be filled with the true sense of happiness and fulfillment.

Most sincerely,

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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#### **Found...**

A black sweater and white scarf were found at the dinner dance. If you have lost these items, please see Kelly.

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