

MEINDEG MOIEN

Lundi Matin

* Monday Morning *
10 January 2005

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, pleasant and relevant 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, plan well and ascertain that you are allocating your time, your energy and your resources wisely and efficiently.

The first six months of this year Luxembourg will hold the Presidency of the European Union. As a result of this, our host country will be they key player in political events in Europe and the world. Many international meetings will be held in and a multitude of foreign dignitaries will be coming to Luxembourg during this time. It is a wonderful and very unique opportunity for you to “rub shoulders” with some of them. We shall keep you apprised of the various activities being held in Luxembourg. Take advantage of this.

I would like to compliment you on and to thank you for the so positive attitude and the splendid cooperation you had shown throughout our orientation program and our orientation excursions on Saturday and Sunday. All of us had a very pleasant and enjoyable time as we started to become acquainted with one another and with the country and city of Luxembourg. We appreciated your attentiveness and your interest.

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. It was a most interesting and enjoyable weekend for all of us. Thank you very much and three cheers to you, to MUDEC and to Luxembourg.

We are saddened by the death of the former Grand Duchesse Joséphine-Charlotte and express to the Royal Family and to the people of Luxembourg our most sincere and heartfelt expression of condolence and sympathy. Grand Duchesse Josephine Charlotte passed away this morning after a prolonged illness. As sign of respect and sorrow we will postpone the host family reception we had wanted to hold this Wednesday and will inform your host families of this. However, I am also suggesting that you express your sorrow to your host family and that you inform the family of the postponement of our reception.

We appreciated last week’s visit by Mrs. Barbara Jena, Miami University’s internal auditor, and her active

participation in our orientation activities and wish her safe travels back to the Oxford campus. At the same time **we extend our warmest welcome to Dr. Cordelia Stroinigg,** the Luxembourg Coordinator who will be visiting us this week. She is looking forward to meeting the students and the faculty and staff.

We also extend our **warmest welcome back to Mme Maga Erpelding, our former Housing Coordinator.** She is returning to MUDEC on a temporary assignment to replace Crici Dumont who will be on medical leave from January 17th through February 27th.

Our orientation program will continue this week. As a reminder, participation is mandatory for all students. The first orientation lecture of this semester will be held this Thursday afternoon. We are pleased and honored to welcome **His Excellency, Ambassador Peter Terpeluk, the ambassador of the United States to Luxembourg, as our first speaker.** The ambassador is a very generous friend and supporter of MUDEC and has a keen interest in you, our students. His topic will be “American-European Relations and Life as American Ambassador”. My wife and I will offer a pre-lecture reception in honor of Ambassador Terpeluk in our apartment from 4:15 to 4:55 p.m. We can accommodate up to fifteen students. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet and talk to the Ambassador. Please, sign up with Kelly if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. The first fifteen sign up will be invited.

Again, welcome to MUDEC and thank you for your great attitude and splendid cooperation. I feel that we are off to a great start and look forward to spending the semester with you. I wish you a great semester, much success in your studies and most wonderful and enriching experiences at MUDEC, in Luxembourg and in Europe. At the beginning of this semester I would also like to thank our many friends and supporters

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Student Faculty Council...

If you are energetic, enthusiastic, and want to help set the program and tone for this semester, you are encouraged to run for the Student-Faculty Council. Descriptions of the positions are available 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 on Tuesday, January 18th.

Disciplinary Board...

Along with Student Faculty Council Speeches, we will also be holding elections for the student disciplinary board. We will have two positions available for this. Please sign-up with Kelly if you are interested.

Schedule Changes and Academic Requests...

The deadline to change your MUDEC schedule is noon, THIS FRIDAY. 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. starting at 14:00 (2pm). Please list the time that you will be available on Wednesday. Interviews last approximately 10 minutes.

Host Family Reception...

Has been **CANCELLED** and will be scheduled for a later date in the semester.

Solistes Européens...

MUDEC has been given free concert tickets to the number 2 orchestra in Luxembourg. The concert will be on Monday **January 17th at 20:00**. Please sign up on Kelly's door and see her for directions. Your signature is a binding agreement. If for some reason you sign-up and can no longer attend, you must let Kelly know. Sign-up deadline is this Friday!

Post Lecture Reception...

Every Thursday Dr. Stiller and his wife will host a pre-lecture reception, from 4:15- 4:55, in his apartment for faculty and up to 15 students. If you are interested in attending please sign up in Kelly's office.

Hike through Northern Luxembourg...

Are you staying in Luxembourg this weekend and need plans for Sunday the 16th? Come and join us for a nice hike through Luxembourg's beautiful countryside. Roland Hoff, a friend of the center and an avid hiker, has kindly offered to be our guide!

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.

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 Wednesday. Please use this opportunity to make sure you know your way to and from your family's home while there is still daylight.

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.

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.

"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. Just make sure you bring an ID card with you when you sign in. Also, membership for a month is only 35 euros instead of 40 if you get a group of 12 to purchase the pass at the same time.

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 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.

Concerts...

Here is a list of concerts in and around Luxembourg:

JAN. 26TH	Elvis Costello	Antwerp
FEB 4TH	Anastacia	Antwerp
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FEB 13TH	Lord of the Dance	Differdange
FEB 19TH	Guano Apes	Trier

Luxembourg on the web...

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

Lost and Found...

A set of suitcase keys were found in the courtyard and a pearl earring was found in the dining hall. If any of these items belong to you, please see Kelly.

Happy Birthday...

Late Happy birthday wishes go out to Kyle Harnden and Victoria Orsi who celebrated their birthdays on the 8th. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday, it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Monday

19:35 Center closes

Tuesday

12:30 Travel Orientation with Kelly (Auditorium)

Wednesday

14:00 – 17:00 Interviews for Cave Proctors

Thursday

17:00 -18:00 Lecture

Please remember that attendance is mandatory!

Friday

12:45 Trip to Trier, Germany

17:30 Center Closes

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17 January 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC. Many of you will have done your first independent travelling this past weekend. I trust that all your experiences were pleasant and interesting. Those who stayed in Luxembourg may have watched **HRH Grand Duchess Joséphine-Charlotte's most dignified and memorable funeral service**, attended by Europe's Royalty and dignitaries from Luxembourg and other European countries. **It showed the respect, admiration and love Luxembourg has for its Royal family.** I had written a letter of condolence to HRH Grand Duke Jean and have signed the book of condolence in your name, the students, faculty and staff of MUDEC.

On Wednesday, 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.

We are most grateful to Ambassador Terpeluk's great interest in and support of our activities and appreciated his visit and talk to us last Thursday. His outline on American European Relations was helpful in understanding the similarities in our values and the instrumentally important role the United States played in the process of European integration. The subsequent question and answer period pointed at the fact that our nation has not yet completed the process of internal healing. Thoughtful discussion, respect of different opinions and a sincere desire to find commonly acceptable solutions are essential for this to occur. History will be the final judge.

We are extending our warmest welcome to Mrs. Maga Erpelding, our wonderful former Housing Coordinator, who is replacing Crici Dumont until she returns from her medical leave.

An enthusiastic thank you goes to Prof. Georges Backes for having arranged free tickets for this evening's concert performance of the Solistes Européens in Luxembourg's Conservatory of Music. The orchestra under the direction of Jack Haendler will be perform works by Gustav Holst, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten and Edward Elgar. I hope many of you will take advantage of this. Please, sign up with Kelly. Your signature is your commitment.

This Thursday's **orientation lecture will feature our very own Dr. Stephanie Shaheen**, Her talk will be on **the process of cultural adjustment and adaptation**. Stephanie is most qualified to cover this topic and will also share with you her own experiences. Stephanie was a student at MUDEC from in 1990 to 1991 and returned as Student Activities Coordinator from 1993/94 through 1996/97. After this Stephanie pursued graduate studies in International Program Administration at Ohio State und received her Ph.D. in International Program

Administration in 2004. At Ohio State Stephanie successfully taught a course on cultural adjustment. **My wife and I will host a pre-lecture reception in our apartment from 4:15 to 4:55 p.m.** Please sign up with Kelly if you are interested in meeting Stephanie in a more personal setting.

On Friday afternoon we will visit Trier, former Capital City of the Roman Empire and Germany's oldest city. We will have lecture presentation on Trier in the beautiful baroque church of St. Paulin and a guided bus and walking tour of Trier with its magnificent buildings going back to the Roman period.

As a reminder, **your participation in all orientation activities is mandatory.**

This semester or academic year will be just about the most exciting and fast paced period of your life. For you to benefit from our program 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 MUDEC's program.

Most important and essential to the continued success of our program is its excellent academic reputation. It is our collective responsibility to uphold and to further strengthen it. **Our major commitment is to academics.** To safeguard this, **we do have and do enforce a clearly defined attendance policy which you signed before being admitted to MUDEC.** We do expect of all of you that you will adhere to it. In essence, **the policy states that punctual and regular attendance is expected in all classes and for all lectures.** The number of missed lecture hours may not exceed the credit count of the class in question and covers all possible contingencies. The maximum count of missed lecture time is three hours (180 minutes). This applies to a three, four or five credit hour course. Each absence thereafter will result in the reduction of your final grade. All students are expected to arrive for classes on time. **Late arrivals disrupt the class's continuity and show disrespect to the instructor and all other students.** If a student arrives more than ten minutes late for a class, his/her attendance record will reflect an absence for one half a class meeting.

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 wonderful, enjoyable, and rewarding semester. I am delighted that you are here and compliment you on your great attitude.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Most sincerely,

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CONCERT TONIGHT...

The Solistes Europeens concert will be TONIGHT, **January 17th at 20:00.** Please look in your mailboxes for directions to the Conservatoire. Please remember that if you signed up you must attend the event since tickets have already been ordered. If you have any questions, please see Kelly.

Photography Exhibit...

Let's get a group together to see a collection of photos entitled "Terrains de jeu en Palestine" by Anne Paquier. The exhibit holds 60 images and includes photos of children playing at checkpoints or in the ruins of their homes. We will be taking the 12:32 train from Differdange on Thursday and will be back in time for the lecture.

Student Faculty Council...

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Disciplinary Board...

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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.

HST Classes...

The catch-up lessons will be held as follows:

- HST 375 on January 18th from 6.00pm to 8.00pm in Charles the Bold
- HST 438 on February 15th from 6.00pm to 7.00pm in Marie Bach Dunn

Post Lecture Reception...

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Another Concert...

There will be another concert next Monday, January 24th at 20:00. This concert features the Quatuor Prazak and Marie Hallynck. They will be playing pieces from Josef Suk, Leos Janacek and Franz Schubert. Sign-up with Kelly by Friday. Please remember that your signature is a binding agreement to attend.

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Happy birthday wishes go out today to Brianne Hart, Heather Mulski and to Anna Nensel. 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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24 January 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I hope you had a pleasant weekend, that you enjoyed the good weather we had and that you have seen and learned much.

Our hearts and prayers go out to Lindsey Danforth and her family on the passing away of Lindsey's grandfather to whom she was particularly close. We feel for Lindsey and her family and wish them strength and courage as they go through this period of pain and grief. May their belief and the beautiful memories they have give them comfort they need at this difficult time.

Friday afternoon's excursion to Trier, the visit of Saint Paulin church, and the guided bus tour and city walk through this important former Roman Capital City gave us insights and a better understanding of the architectural, administrative and commercial skills the Romans introduced to our part of Europe nearly two thousand years ago. The passage of time takes on a different dimension. You will have noticed that Trier is not only historically fascinating and important but that it is also an interesting and attractive city, well worth another visit. An enthusiastic "thank you" goes to the accompanying faculty and staff members and spouses. Their active involvement demonstrates the commitment we have to you and to the sense of community in which we share and to which we welcome you warmly.

This past Saturday Germany and France celebrated the 40th anniversary of their friendship agreement. School, academic and cultural exchanges have created a true sense of friendship between these two countries that throughout Europe's history have been at war many times. All of this could not have happened without the desire for peace and better understanding and, most of all, without American encouragement and support. We owe the leaders of this time and the United States much gratitude for their vision and courage.

I would like to thank all candidates who ran for a position on our Student/Faculty Council and congratulate on having been elected: Adrienne Krauss co-chair, Steve Groves secretary/treasurer, Megan Lobaugh, service chair, and Jessica Tribbe and Cole Griswold, project coordinators. On the Student/Faculty Council will also serve Prof. Ann Fuehrer, co-chair and Kelly Kohagen. I will be ex-officio member. Needless to say, I look forward to working with all of them.

I would also like to thank Rachel Repke and Chris Swyers for their willingness to serve on the Disciplinary Board and, like them, hope that I will not have to call on them.

An enthusiastic thank you, goes to Prof. Georges Backes for having arranged the free tickets to last Monday's wonderful concert. I am delighted that so many of you had attended this concert. These are very special opportunities to experience and to be enriched by Luxembourg diverse cultural activities. An enthusiastic thank you goes to Stephanie Shaheen for her most interesting and informative presentation on the challenges and excitement of adjusting to cultural differences.

I am pleased that 30 of you have signed up to attend this evening's concert at the Luxembourg Conservatory of Music. It is great to see that you take advantage of Luxembourg cultural offering and the free tickets we get for you.

Last Thursday's orientation lecture by Stephanie Shaheen was most informative, insightful and eloquent and, I am sure, gave you many hints on how to approach and to adjust to cultural differences. This process, on which we had already focused during our orientation program, is an important contributor to your overall European experience. Thank you, Stephanie for your interesting and helpful talk.

On Thursday afternoon we will have our own Prof. Linn Song speak about architectural styles and architecture in Europe. Prof. Song is at MUDEC this semester as visiting professor from Miami's department of architecture. His lecture presentation will provide you with much guidance as you observe study and admire Europe's architectural evolution. To allow more of you to meet Prof. Song and his family we will host the pre lecture reception at the landing on the first floor. Please sign up with Kelly. We can accommodate 30 for this reception.

You are a great group of students. Our tour guide in Trier commented on how disciplined, attentive and interested you were. This is a wonderful attitude and a guarantee that you will acquire a solid understanding of Europe's heritage, its culture and its peoples.

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

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Concert Tonight...

The Quatuor Prazak and Marie Hallynck concert will be held **TONIGHT at 20:00**. They will be playing pieces from Josef Suk, Leos Janacek and Franz Schubert. Please remember that your signature is a binding agreement to attend.

European Bowling...

If you are interested in participating in a Jeu 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.

French/German Tables...

Let's try to organize a French and German lunch table this Wednesday. You will be able to find these tables by their respective flags. If you do not want to speak french or german during lunchtime, please do not sit at these designated tables.

French and German Tutoring...

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Sending Chocolate or Wine Home...

The FDA has a new regulation that requires you to register a package if it has any type of food or beverage in it. You can register the package on-line, listing the package's contents and they will then send you a confirmation number that must be written on the package and the customs form. If you do not have this number on your package and they open it up and find any type of food or drink, they will send it back or destroy it. You may register your package at www.access.fda.gov/oa/ for more information go to www.cfsan.fda.gov/dms/htsguide.html

The Lovely Laundry Lady...

Mme Backer, is offering a laundry service for our students. She will accept laundry 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.

Les Bains du Parc...

A wellness center in Esch offers a month pool pass for 25 EURO. If you are not interested in purchasing a month pass, they also have a booklet of ten passes for 30 euro. Please see Kelly for the address.

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Showing at the Cinematheque Municipale:

Monday	Deconstructing Harry	18:30
	Queen Christina	20:30
Tuesday	Anna Karenina	18:30
	Camille	20:00
Wednesday	Don Quichotte	18:30
	Mort d'un Guide	20:30
Thursday	Garbo Talks	18:30
	The Fisher King	20:30
Friday	Bananas	18:30
	Le Temps Retrouve	20:30

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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Found...

A pair of brown gloves were found on the bus. Please pick them up in Kelly's office.

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Happy birthday wishes go out to Allison Kolodziej on the 28th. Please don't forget to wish her a Happy Birthday, it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

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31 January 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

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

In our library we have a good selection of newspaper, magazines and journals. We invite you to read them and to rely on them for current information. While I know that many of you obtain news and information via the internet I would also like to encourage you to watch the news on television in the cave. In addition to CNN, CBC, CNBC you can also watch French and German news and cultural programs. Something you will find almost impossible to do back home in the States.

Regarding news, **CNN's Bill Hemmer, a former student at MUDEC has mentioned in one of his recent morning shows that Professors Emile Haag and Dieter Stroinigg had been his favorite college professors.** We congratulate them with great enthusiasm and three cheers on this outstanding national exposure and are delighted to have Prof. Haag and to have had Prof. Dieter Stroinigg at MUDEC. **Together with all other faculty we have indeed a wonderful corps of professors.** Thank you to all of them. I encourage you to take advantage of the knowledge and experience your professors bring to their class rooms. **Ask questions, participate actively in class and make your learning at MUDEC a truly "1st class" experience.**

Prof. Judy Roger's visit last week enabled us to lay the ground work for a **graduate seminar she will offer in Luxembourg, Germany and France in 2006.** We enjoyed her visit and were pleased with the various meetings we had with professionals in these three countries. Thank you for your visit, Prof. Rogers. We look forward to working with you.

This coming Thursday we will have our very own **Prof. Emile Haag present his orientation lecture** on the "**History of Luxembourg in a European Context**". While Luxembourg has been an important entity in European politics, Prof. Haag will concentrate on Luxembourg's role in and contribution to the creation of modern Europe, of which you have become part. The pre-lecture reception, to which fifteen of you are invited, will be held in our apartment from 4:15 to 4:55. Please, sign up with Kelly if you are interested in joining us. Courtesy requires that you attend if you have signed up and that you do not attend if you have not put your name on the list.

On Wednesday evening, February 16th, 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.

My wife and I would like to invite each one of you to an informal and enjoyable evening with food, conversation and fun. As much as we would like it, the busy schedule we have prevents us from inviting smaller groups throughout the

semester. Hence, it is necessary that we extend invitations to more of you at any one time. The invitation will be extended in alphabetical order and will be placed in your mailboxes. **The first "evening with the Stillers" will be held on Monday evening, February 14th. We look at this as a wonderful opportunity to interact with you and to get to know you better and hope that you will be able to accept our invitation.** Please let Claudine know by Friday, February 4th if you are unable to attend.

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.** Stay away from political discussions and 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 yourselves. 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 faculty or staff member.**

We will circulate travel destination lists in all three base courses this week. Please, share with us and with your host family where you will be spending next week and when you plan to return to Luxembourg.

I wish all of you safe travels, interesting and enjoyable experiences and a wonderful time during your carnival recess. I look forward to seeing you back on Monday, February 14th.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

French/German Tables...

Let's try to organize a French and German lunch table this Wednesday. You will be able to find these tables by their respective flags. If you do not want to speak french or german during lunchtime, please do not sit at these designated tables.

European Bowling...

If you are interested in participating in another Jeu 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.

Concert...

Our very own, Georges Backes will be giving a concert on February 2nd at 20:00 in Strassen. If you would like to go and support our MUDEC professor, please see Kelly for directions.

List of US Embassies...

Kelly has a contact list of all US Embassies in Europe. Please stop by her office if you would like a copy to take with you as you travel during Carnival Break.

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.

Burgbrennen Festival...

On February 13th Luxembourg will hold its annual Burgbrennen Festival in the Petrusse Valley (Grund area). The festival symbolises the end of winter and the beginning of spring and dates back to Roman times when it was part of the New Year festivities. The word Burgbrennen is thought to come from the Latin 'com buro' - to burn back, although many different names can be found in neighbouring Lorraine, Alsace and Germany. The fire is supposed to drive out the bad spirits of winter. The torch procession will take place at 19:00 and the burning will follow the procession.

Les Bains du Parc...

A wellness center in Esch offers a month pool pass for 25 EURO. If you are not interested in purchasing a month pass, they also have a booklet of ten passes for 30 euro. Please see Kelly for the address.

School Activity...

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www.ryanair.com

www.easyjet.com

wizzair.com

www.germanwings.com

www.flybmi.com

www.virginexpress.com

Movie Night...

On Monday, February 14th we will be having a movie night at 7:00 p.m. We will be showing Amelie in French with English subtitles. Please sign-up with Kelly if you are interested so she has an idea of how many students to expect and whether to have the showing in the cave or dining hall.

Post Lecture Reception...

Every Thursday Dr. Stiller and his wife will host a pre-lecture reception, from 4:15- 4:55, in his apartment for faculty and up to 15 students. If you are interested in attending please sign up in Kelly's office.

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

Writing Competition...

Do you have anything to say about the UN? Do you think sometimes it is not working properly? The United Nations Youth and Student Association invites you to speak your mind in less than 2000 words and before the end of February. You have the chance of winning a work experience on an international development program. For more information please visit www.unysa-uk.org

Be Careful...

Please be VERY careful at the Differdange train platform. The platform is very narrow and can be very dangerous when there are 100 students with their backpacks, waiting for the train. Please make sure you spread out a bit while waiting for the train.

Luxembourg on the web...

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

Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Brienne Cummings on the 4th, to Hilary Blakemore and to Hillary Simpson on the 7th, to Stephen Solomon on the 10th, Elizabeth Bloomfield on the 11th, and to Mandi Beecroft on the 12th. 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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Thursday

17:00 -18:00 Lecture

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Friday

17:30 Center Closes

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* Monday Morning *
14 February 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning and Happy Saint Valentine's Day to all of you! Welcome back from your Carnival's travels. I hope that all your experiences were interesting, pleasant and enjoyable.

A special note of thanks goes to Prof. Emile Haag for the interesting orientation lecture he had presented on the history of Luxembourg and Luxembourg's contribution to the process of European Integration. As you know, Luxembourg holds the Presidency of the European Union the first six months of this year. We shall keep you informed of the various important meetings that will be held here in Luxembourg during this time. For instance, the new Secretary of State, Condolesca Rice, had visited Luxembourg this past Wednesday.

Tonight my wife and I will be hosting the first group of students for an evening with the Stillers. We look forward to an enjoyable evening of food, conversation and fun. The next evening with the Stillers will be held on Monday, February 28th. Invitations will be placed in your mailboxes.

We will hold our traditional host family reception this Wednesday evening, from 19:30 to 21:00 o'clock. 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.

This Thursday's orientation lecture will be held by our own Prof. Guy deMuyser, former Maréchal de la Cour, Ambassador to the Soviet Union, NATO and Belgium. His lecture on "**The Dynasty of Luxembourg**" will provide you with insights into the important role the Royal Family plays in Luxembourg. My wife and I are inviting another group of fifteen students to a pre-lecture reception we offer in honor of Ambassador deMuyser from 16:16 to 16:55. Please sign up with Kelly.

In the most recent Student/Faculty Council we had discussed the need and the possibility of keeping the **Center open longer in the evening.** On an **experimental basis we shall keep the Center open until 10:00 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays.**

I am most pleased to share the following note I had received from our own Prof. Backes.

Dear Dr Stiller, dear friend Ekkie,

As I told you before, I was very much impressed that there were so many of our students coming to my recital in Strassen on February 2nd.

Please, forward my warmest thanks to all of them: they made me so happy, and it was such a pleasure for me to see and to "feel" each single student sticking to the words I sang

(although I sang in German ...). Thanks also for their "standing ovations"!

After the concert, there were many people coming to talk to me, and they all were so very enthusiastic about our students' behavior. I was really proud at that right moment, being a professor at Miami's, and I felt great telling everybody: these are MY students from Miami University...

I am looking forward to coming to Differdange next Monday again: my warmest regards to both, Renate and you!

Yours sincerely,

Georges

MUDEC is going through its Academic Program Review this year. A Review Team will be visiting us from Wednesday, February 23rd through Friday, February 25th. The purpose of the review team's visit is to observe how and in what environment MUDEC functions. There will be various opportunities for you to meet with the team members. I encourage you to take advantage of this. The review team's schedule of meetings and visitations will be posted for your information.

I would like to share a very personal thought with you. Yesterday the citizens of Dresden and the world commemorated the 60th anniversary of the fire bombing and the terrible loss of human life and destruction of one of Europe's most beautiful cities. While not part of my active memory, the horror of this bombardment is heavily ingrained in my mind. We lost our house and all material things but were very fortunate not to have lost any family members.

Yesterday's commemoration, in which Germans, Americans, British and French participated, **demonstrated how much Europe has changed and how former enemies have become friends.** What a wonderful change built on the ruins of war!. **Reconciliation and friendship** where the overriding themes and emotions felt and expressed by all. This could not have happened without American resolve to bring peace, stability and prosperity to Europe. I would like to ask you to share this, my very personal thought and experience, with your parents, grand parents and family back home. Three cheers to the United States, to the new Europe and to peace!

I wish you a wonderful St. Valentine's Day and a pleasant week.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Movie Night...

TONIGHT we will be having a movie night at 7:00 p.m. We will be showing Amelie in French with English subtitles. The showing will take place in the Dining Hall.

Concert at the Grand Théâtre...

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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.

Chateau Hours...

The Chateau will now be opened until 10:00pm on Mondays and Tuesdays.

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Need Students...

On Tuesday 22nd of February we will have the journalist Mr Feiereisen from the Luxemburger Wort to prepare a documentary about MUDEC. He will come out at 2.15 and meet first with Dr Stiller to have all necessary background information. This meeting is scheduled for about 45 minutes. After this, so at around 3pm, we would need 2-3 students to meet him and be interviewed. Please see Kelly if you would be interested in doing this.

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Swiss Alps Retreat...

Tired from Carnival Break? Need some time to relax and give your body some rest? Try the Chalet Martin in Gryon, Switzerland. Checkout their website: www.gryon.com

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Concerts in and around Lux...

March 19th, 20th Open door weekend in Lux. museums

March 28th Kylie Minogue in Antwerp

May 31st Marianne Faithful in Brussels

June 10th U2 in Brussels

July 3rd Joe Cocker in Luxembourg

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Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out today to Kaitlin Devries and to Courtney Loper on the 20th. 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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* Monday Morning *
21 February 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

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

Miami University's academic program review team will be visiting us this week from Wednesday through Friday. This visit is part of the overall academic program review MUDEC is going through this year.

We look forward to their visit and extend our warmest welcome to the four members of the review team:

Prof. Gene Metcalf, Chair and Prof. of Interdisciplinary Studies

Prof. Carolyn Haynes, Prof. and Director Honors and Scholars Program

Prof. Don Daiker, Prof. of English and former Visiting Scholar, MUDEC

Prof. Anders Uhrskov, Director, Denmark's International Study Program.

We are delighted that they are here and wish them an informative, rewarding and enjoyable stay. All of you will have an opportunity to meet with them. I do hope that you will take advantage of this. Professors Metcalf, Haynes and Daiker are from our main campus and at least some of you will know them personally. Prof. Uhrskov visits us from Copenhagen.

I am attaching the schedule of meetings and visitations we have arranged for the team. The review team is interested in observing how our program functions, what it offers and the environment in which it operates. For this reason we have scheduled meetings with the faculty, staff, students, host families as well as with some of the many contacts we have in the Luxembourg community. Please help us in welcoming the review team members.

A special thank you goes to Prof. Guy deMuyser for his interesting and informative lecture on the dynasty of Luxembourg he offered last week. As former Marshal of the Grand Ducal Court and experienced diplomat he had gained deep insights into the functioning of how a constitutional monarchy functions. For us, coming from a republic it was of particular interest to observe the similarities and differences between our two political systems.

We again have free tickets to tonight's concert performed by the Solistes Européen, soloist the world renowned pianist Cyprien Katsaris, a friend of MUDEC and Miami University) playing works by Franz Schubert and Franz Liszt. This very special concert is dedicated to Her Royal Highness, the former Grande-Duchesse Joséphine-Charlotte who passed away earlier this year. Their Royal Highnesses, Grand Duke Henri and Grand Duchess Marie-Thérèse will be in attendance. This is a wonderful and very special cultural opportunity for you.

At 6:30 tomorrow evening, Kristina Karlova, our visiting student from Russia, will be talking to you about her experience at MUDEC, about Kaliningrad and life in Russia. I am delighted that she has been so warmly welcomed by you and that she feels so comfortable at MUDEC.

Thursday's orientation lecture will feature a panel discussion on "Nazi Occupation of Luxembourg, the Luxembourg Resistance Movement and Concentration camps". This event is organized by Prof. Haag and is a very special opportunity for you to meet and to listen to still remaining witnesses of this terrible time of dictatorial injustice, brutality, and inhumanity. The panel discussion will start at 4:30 and will go until 6:10 p.m. to allocate as much time as possible to this always very informative, moving and touching event. For this reason we will not have a pre-lecture reception.

The evenings of Monday, February 28th and Tuesday March 1st, Prof. deMuyser will be inviting the students of his class for dinner and a slide show on Soviet dissident Art. Thank you, Prof. deMuyser.

My wife and I will have our next dinners with the students at our place on Monday, March 7th and 14th and the remaining dinners on the Mondays after the Easter break. Invitations will be placed in your mailboxes.

The Student/Faculty Council has initiated and started the "Euro Pennies Battle" with the proceeds going to the Tsunami Aid Fund. This wonderful initiative gives us an opportunity to make our contribution in support of the surviving victims of this so terrible natural catastrophe. I encourage you to participate with generosity and enthusiasm.

At 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 6th the Chorale Mixte of the Luxembourg Conservatory of Music and the Symphonic Orchestra of the Conservatory will be performing a concert "Das Lied von der Glocke". Professors Backes (soloist) and Bachem, Mrs. K.E. Smith and some of our students will be participating in this concert. This would be a wonderful cultural experience for you. Please sign up with Kelly if you are interested in attending this concert.

At this time of midterm exams it is particularly important that you concentrate on your academic responsibilities. I wish you much concentrated energy as you prepare for your exams and much success in them.

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

Most sincerely,
Ekkehard Stiller

Concert at the Grand Théâtre...

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Activity...

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Staying in Luxembourg this weekend...

Esch-Sur-Alzette will be hosting a Carnival Parade this Sunday at the Place de la Résistance. The festivities will begin at 15:00. Please see Kelly for an Esch city map.

Family of Man Exhibit...

Thursday, March 10th will be the group visit to Clervaux. We will leave from Differdange at 11:02 and 11:40 from Luxembourg City. We will be back on time for the Thursday night lecture. Please sign up with Kelly if you would like to join. 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 starting March 1st from Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 - 18:00.

DVDS...

Kelly has some DVDs in her office that you are more than welcome to borrow just as long as you return them afterwards.

International Calls...

Many of you have had questions about dialing in/out of Luxembourg. Each time you dial an international number wherever you are in Europe you must dial 00 followed by the country code and then the city code. If the first digit of the city code is zero, drop the zero when dialing. You will only keep the leading zero when you are physically in that city or country and you want to dial a local number. Example: You want to call Berlin, Germany

Country code is: 49
City code for Berlin: 030

When dialing from Luxembourg or any other European country that is not Germany: 00 49 30 and rest of the number

When dialing from inside of Germany 030 and rest of number. You can find all country codes and city codes in your travel books. We also have posted a list of country and city codes next to the payphone in the Cave.

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Bull Fighting...

Bullfighting can be traced back to ancient days. They were popular spectacles in ancient Rome, but it was in the Iberian Peninsula that these contests were fully developed by the Moors from North Africa who overran Andalusia in AD 711. Bullfighting developed into a ritualistic occasion observed in connection with feast days, on which the conquering Moors, mounted on highly trained horses, confronted and killed the bulls. Today bullfighting is big business in Spain with the top *matadores* earning comparable salaries to the nation's top soccer stars and rock idols. Bullfighting season usually runs from April-October, although there are some fights in mid-March. To checkout dates, times and venues please visit www.tauroentrada.com

Who am I...

This week's mystery MUDECer: My great-grandfather worked as the chief translator for the Russian Czar Nicolas II before fleeing during the Communist Revolution in 1917. If you know the answer to this MUDECer trivia question, please see Kelly to receive your prize.

Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Paige Callahan on the 26th and to Meghan Rutherford on the 27th. 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

15:00 Journalist Visit
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday

12:35 Meeting with Kelly
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Thursday

17:00 -18:00 Lecture
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Friday

17:00 Center Closes

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* Monday Morning *
28 February 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! I trust you had a good weekend and that the winter weather was a good were you had visited as we had it here in Luxembourg. A considerable number of you stayed in Luxembourg to prepare for upcoming exams, to rest up, to catch up and to work ahead. I was pleased to open and close the Center for you this Sunday.

An enthusiastic thank you goes to Prof. Backes for having arranged the free tickets to the wonderful concert offered by the Solistes Europeen this past Monday. What a marvelous musical experience we had.

We also thank Prof. Haag for having organized Thursday's panel discussion on the Nazi occupation of Luxembourg, the Luxembourg Resistance movement and concentration camps. A special thank you goes to the panel members who had relived this terrible and so painful time of injustice, inhumanity and brutality. As Mr. Majerus mentioned at the end, Luxembourg and Europe are grateful to the United States for having brought liberty, freedom and democracy to Europe.

The visit by the academic review team, comprised of Professors Metcalf, Haynes, Daiker and Uhrskov was enjoyable and helpful. They mentioned how much our program had impressed them and how pleased they were to have met so many of you. This visit was important for us as it gives us an opportunity to focus on our strength as we identify and pursue future opportunities. I thank all of you, students, faculty, staff and our many supporters on both sides of the Atlantic for the great contributions you make to the excellent reputation and the success of our program.

Tonight and tomorrow night Ambassador deMuyser will invite his students to his home for dinner and a slide show and commentary on Soviet Dissident Art, used by Soviet artists a means of expressing opposition to the dictatorial system of the Soviet Union. Thank you, Ambassador deMuyser.

Our Thursday orientation lecture will be offered by Mr. Paul Schonenberg, President and CEO of the American Chamber of Commerce, Human Resource Director of Clearstream International. His 40 years of world wide work experience in Government, international Organizations and international make him ideally qualified to speak about "Transferable Career Skill Sets and Tips for Preparing for an International Career". I know that this topic will be of great interest to many of you as you plan for your future. My wife and I will host a pre-lecture reception in honor of Mr. Schonenberg in our apartment from 4:15 to 4:55. Please, sign up with Kelly if you are interested in joining us. The first fifteen will be on.

I thank the Student/Faculty Council for its active role in the Center's life. The Euro Pennies Battle will end this Friday. The proceeds will be used to support the international effort of helping the victims of the recent tsunami that had devastated parts of South East Asia. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to show that we care.

Next Tuesday afternoon we will be hosting a group of visitors from the senior citizens home in Differdange. This visit will give you an opportunity to welcome and to interact with elderly

people, to extend MUDEC's warm hospitality to them and to practice your language skills.

My wife and I look forward to hosting groups of you for an evening with us on Monday nights, March 8th, 15th, and April 11th and 18th. Invitations will be placed in your mail boxes.

We thank and say good bye to Mrs. Maga Erpelding, who had replaced Crici Dumont during her medical leave the last six weeks. We are most grateful to Mrs. Erpelding for her willingness to help us, for her so cheerful and pleasant personality and her for many kindnesses she extended to us. At the same time we welcome back Crici Dumont and hope that her medical treatment has been most successful. Good bye, Mrs. Erpelding, welcome back, Crici.

Kristina Krylova, our visiting exchange student from Kaliningrad will be returning to Russia at the end of the week. I know that I speak in the name of all of you when I say that we enjoyed her presence and active participation in our program the last two months, that we are delighted that Kristina has formed many friendships and that we wish her the very best for her future. This exchange has contributed to the new friendship and a better understanding between the United States and Russia. A special thank you is due to Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon and Sally Vail, the generous financial sponsors of this program.

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

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Activity...

This Tuesday, March 1st, we will be organizing a visit to see the local school children. We will be leaving at 1:20 from the chateau and staying with the kids for about an hour. We have organized an arts and crafts activity that will be fun for you and for them. Please join us if you have time to spare!

T-shirt Designs...

Anyone interested in submitting artwork, or any other creative ideas, for a SPRING 2005 Mudec T-shirt should see Kelly or any member of our Student Council. The deadline for these sketches will be March 15th. These unique T-shirts are a great souvenir to take back to Miami as a reminder of your semester abroad. Please turn in finished artwork to Kelly.

Talent Show...

Calling all MUDEC students with any type of talent! A Talent Show has been scheduled for March 23rd at 7:30, immediately following an Ice Cream Social. It will be a fun evening, so please come and support your fellow MUDECers! Please sign-up with Kelly before March 18th.

Family of Man Exhibit...

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Having Visitors...

If you plan on having visitors, please make sure that you introduce them to one of the staff members so that we know who is in the chateau. Also, if they plan on eating a meal at the chateau, you must sign them up with Claudine and purchase a meal ticket for them. If they are not signed up, we will not have enough meals for everyone. Thank you!

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Postcards...

Josh Pattison, age 14, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease just before Thanksgiving. His is a very rare form that affects the bone structure rather than the lymph system. It has advanced extremely rapidly and he is now in the fourth stage and receiving special chemotherapy--- an experimental combination of drugs supplied from Germany. He is in a full body cast as his bones are splitting and deteriorating. A wrong move could sever nerves in the spinal cord. With very limited mobility, Josh expressed that it would be fun to receive a post card from ever state in the US and countries from around the world. And every day when Neil, his postman arrives, he can bring some happiness into Josh's day. Each postcard is a prayer for Josh and right now he can use lot of prayers.

Josh Pattison
702 Inverness St.
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Chocolate Chip Cookies...

Please sign-up with Kelly if you would like to help bake chocolate chip cookies in preparation of the visit by the Senior Citizens from Niederkorn. The cookie baking will be at Prof. Fueher's house at 6:30 on Monday, March 7th.

Battle of the Base Course...

This is the last week to see which base course is the strongest. You have until Friday to fill up those jars and to raise money for the Tsunami relief cause.

Cultural Festival...

On March 4-6, Luxembourg will be holding a multicultural festival at the LUXEXPO Center in Kirchberg. For more information and for the program of events please visit www.clae.lu

Bull Fighting...

Bullfighting can be traced back to ancient days. They were popular spectacles in ancient Rome, but it was in the Iberian Peninsula that these contests were fully developed by the Moors from North Africa who overran Andalucia in AD 711. Bullfighting developed into a ritualistic occasion observed in connection with feast days, on which the conquering Moors, mounted on highly trained horses, confronted and killed the bulls. Today bullfighting is big business in Spain with the top

matadores earning comparable salaries to the nation's top soccer stars and rock idols. Bullfighting season usually runs from April-October, although there are some fights in mid-March. To checkout dates, times and venues please visit www.tauroentrada.com

Iceland Express...

The low-cost-airline from Iceland offers flights to Reykjavik three times weekly from Hahn. They start on May 21st, 2005. Tickets are already on sale.

International Shipping...

If you plan on sending home big packages or a suitcase at the end of the semester, stop by Kelly's office to see what options you have and the rates. She has a binder with all the information you need.

Who am I...

Last week's mystery MUDECer was Justin Nigro. This week's mystery MUDECer: I am in a barbershop quartet. If you know the answer to this MUDECer trivia question, please see Kelly to receive your prize.

Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Shelly Day on the 1st and to Lynn Griesser on the 6th. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday, it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Monday

22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday

13:30 School Visit
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday

20:45 Center Closes

Thursday

17:00 -18:00 Lecture
Please remember that attendance is mandatory!

Friday

13:00 Battle of Base Course Ends
17:00 Center Closes

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* Monday Morning *
07 March 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

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

I am most pleased to share with you the following note I received from Michael Saponetti, a former student at MUDEC via the Luxembourg Office, this past Thursday.

From: Saponetti 1stLt Michael A < saponettima@acemnf-wiraq.usmc.mil >

Date: Thu, 3 Mar 2005 00:01:48 +0300

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To whom it may concern - Moien!

My name is Michael Saponetti and I am a proud MUDEC Alumni of Fall Semester 2000.

I am currently a Marine Corps Logistics Officer serving in Al Anbar Province in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

One of the highlights of my day last month was receiving a care package from my mother and on the top was a MUDEC Alumni Newsletter. I thoroughly enjoyed reading each and every page and am happy to see that everyone is doing well. It was refreshing to see that Luxembourg is still the same great place that I remembered. It is easy to sink into a depressing mood over here, but when I am in need of "pick-me-up" I visit the MUDEC website just to remind myself that there are better places on earth to be - and they will be waiting for me when I get out of here.

Well, I hope you all are doing well - and remind each and every student to NEVER TO TAKE A MINUTE FORGRANTED! It is - and probably will remain - the best experience of my life.

Take care and Semper Fidelis,
1stLt Michael Saponetti

and here is my response to Michael:

Dear Michael:

Thank you so much, dear Michael, for your so wonderful note and for accepting an assignment of great challenge and importance. We are very proud of you and of all of our soldiers. I remember you with great respect and fondness and wish you and you comrades the very best and a safe return home. Michael, I shall include your comments in next weeks Monday Morning and will also ask students to send you e-mail notes. Would this be OK from your end?

Michael, your note and your so thoughtful comments touched me and at the same time gave me a big smile and a deep sense of gratitude for having the great privilege to work with wonderful young people. Take good care, Michael and God bless and protect you and your fellow soldiers.

With fondest regards, with best wishes and with great respect,
Ekkehard Stiller

A special and enthusiastic "thank you" goes to Ambassador and Mrs. deMuyser for having hosted his students in their charming and welcoming home on Monday and Tuesday evening of last week. The slide show on "Dissident Soviet Art", the insightful commentary and the generous hospitality were enjoyed by all.

We thank Mr. Paul Schonenberg for his interesting and informative lecture and the helpful suggestions he had made on how to prepare for an international career last week.

My wife and I look forward to spending another evening with a group of students in our apartment tonight. These evenings of food, conversation and fellowship are very important and special to us. Thank you for joining us.

On Tuesday afternoon MUDEC will host a group of elderly visitors from the senior home in Differdange. They will arrive at 3:00 p.m. and stay until 4:30. They had visited us previously and enjoyed and appreciated the warm MUDEC welcome and the interest and kindness they received from students, faculty and staff. The reception will be held in the foyer. I encourage to stop by, to say hello and to practice your French and German language skills. It will be a wonderful experience for you.

Thursday's orientation lecture will feature Mr. Francois Bausch, President of the Environmentalist Party, Luxembourg and Mr. Camille Gira, Member of Parliament and Mayor of Beckerich, a community that has most successfully implemented many environmentalist policies. There lecture on "The Environment and Environmental Policies in Luxembourg and Europe" is of great concern and interest to all of us.

We extend warmest our warmest welcome to Professors Charles Teckman, former director of MUDEC and Don Pribble. They will be here later on this week to plan a comparative education workshop they will hold this summer.

My wife and all look forward to inviting another group of students to join us for food, conversation and fellowship in our apartment next week Monday. Invitations will be placed in your mailboxes. We hope that you will be able to join us.

As you plan your travels for the rest of the semester I would like to share with you that **Luxembourg offers a special program "Invitations to the Museums" the weekend of March 19/20 with free admission to all museums in Luxembourg City.** This would be a wonderful opportunity for you to visit a number of museums in Luxembourg, to get to know your host country better, to rest up for your Easter break travels and to save money in the process.

I wish you a pleasant day and a great week.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Group Outing...

Let's try to get a group together to see **SIDEWAYS** on Tuesday at 7:30. We would have to take the 6:02 train from Differdange and then hop on bus #4 which will then take us to the **UTOPIA** Movie Theater, not to be confused with the bigger **UTOPOLIS** Theater. Please sign up with Kelly by 13:00 on Tuesday so that she can call to reserve the tickets.

T-shirt Designs...

Anyone interested in submitting artwork, or any other creative ideas, for a **SPRING 2005 Mudec T-shirt** should see Kelly or any member of our Student Council. The deadline for these sketches will be the morning of March 15th. These unique T-shirts are a great souvenir to take back to Miami as a reminder of your semester abroad. Please turn in finished artwork to Kelly.

Chocolate Chip Cookies...

Chocolate Chip Cookie Baking will take place **TONIGHT AT 6:30!!** Please meet at Prof. Fueher's house in the villa at this time.

Concert...

MUDEC has received free concert tickets for March 14th. The concert will be held at the Grand Theatre at 20:00. Please sign-up with Kelly by Friday.

Luxembourgish H.S. students...

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Talent Show...

Calling all MUDEC students with any type of talent! A Talent Show has been scheduled for March 23rd at 7:30, immediately following an Ice Cream Social. It will be a fun evening, so please come and support your fellow MUDECers! Please sign-up with Kelly before March 18th.

Family of Man Exhibit...

Thursday, March 10th will be the group visit to Clervaux. We will leave from Differdange at 11:02 and 11:40 from Luxembourg City. We will be back on time for the Thursday night lecture. Please sign up with Kelly if you would like to join. 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 starting March 1st from Tuesday through Sunday from 10:00 - 18:00.

What's Playing at the Cinematheque Municipale...

07/05	Stromboli	18.30
	Play Misty for Me	20.30
08/05	A Matter of Time	18.30
	The Producers	20.30
09/05	Honkytonk Man	18.30
	Gaslight	20.30
10/05	The Great Dictator	18.30
	High Plains Drifter	20.30
11/05	I.Q.	18.30
	The Crucible	20.30

Activity with local School Kids...

On March 17th we will be organizing another activity with the school children. We have been invited to join them at 4:00pm. Please sign-up with Kelly before March 15th. We will meet in front of Kelly's office at 3:55.

Women's Studies...

Come one, come all! Want to learn more about Women's Studies? Want to know why the members of WMS 370 have so much to talk about? We invite MUDEC students, faculty and staff to an OPEN CLASS OF WMS 370 this Wednesday evening, 17:15-18:45 in the Villa Classroom. Topics of discussion will include: What are Women's Studies and Feminism? What stereotypes challenge feminists? The objectification of women, and the politics of the legalization of prostitution. Are men threatened by successful women? Differences between European and US women. What challenges to equality do women face in the work place? And anything else of interest. Light refreshments will follow in the villa.

Postcards...

Josh Pattison, age 14, was diagnosed with Hodgkin's disease just before Thanksgiving. His is a very rare form that affects the bone structure rather than the lymph

system. It has advanced extremely rapidly and he is now in the fourth stage and receiving special chemotherapy--- an experimental combination of drugs supplied from Germany. He is in a full body cast as his bones are splitting and deteriorating. A wrong move could sever nerves in the spinal cord. With very limited mobility, Josh expressed that it would be fun to receive a post card from ever state in the US and countries from around the world. And every day when Neil, his postman arrives, he can bring some happiness into Josh's day. Each postcard is a prayer for Josh and right now he can use lot of prayers.

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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 rough head count of how many people will be flying out of the same city (Brux, Frankfurt) to get back home. If there are enough people flying out of the same city during a one or two day span, then we will look into possibly ordering a bus to transport 10, 15, 20 students to the proper airport. The ordering of a bus, and the cost per student, will depend completely upon how many students sign up for any given city on any given day. Sign up on Kelly's door sometime this week if you already know your flight plans.

Who am I...

Last week's mystery MUDECer was Brie Cummings. This week's mystery MUDECer: I collect antique keys. If you know the answer to this MUDECer trivia question, please see Kelly to receive your prize.

Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Dan Stoutamire on the 10th and to Heather Reeves and Chris Shoemaker on the 12th. Please don't forget to wish them a Happy Birthday, it is always hard to be away from home on this special day!

THIS WEEK AT MUDEC:

Monday

18:30 Chocolate Chip Cookie Baking
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday

18:02 Group Outing
22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday

15:00 Visit by Senior Citizens
20:45 Center Closes

Thursday

11:02 Family of Man Exhibit
17:00 -18:00 Lecture

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Friday

17:00 Center Closes

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* Monday Morning *
14 March 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone: I hope that your weekend was interesting, informative and enjoyable.

The terribly brutal and inhumane attacks in Madrid a year ago and the recent worldwide alert we received from the American Embassy 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.

This week is a very special one for me and my family. On the 16th of March, 1956, 49 years ago, my family escaped from communist East Germany to allow us to live and to work in freedom and democracy in West Germany and later on in Canada, in the United States and for me now in Luxembourg. We are eternally grateful to our parents for their courage to escape from a communist dictatorship and to the United States, the beacon and guarantor of freedom, for having brought liberty, democracy and prosperity to Europe and to other parts of our world. American resolve liberated Europe from Nazi occupation, it provided Marshall Plan aid to help with the reconstruction of Europe, it supplied the citizens of Berlin with food, fuel and important materials during the eighteen months long Soviet blockade of this City, it encouraged and supported the formation and development of the European Union and stood up to Communism and it contributed most to its ultimate defeat. **My family and most Europeans are eternally grateful to the United States for these great acts of generosity and humanity. Three cheers to the United States: hip - hip - hurrah!**

Last Tuesday's visitors from Differdange's senior citizen home enjoyed and appreciated the warm MUDEC welcome they received. They were thrilled to meet so many of you and were touched by the genuine warmth and human interest you had shown. A special thank you goes to the Student/Faculty Council for having coordinated this. Miami showed itself from its very best side. A most sincere "thank you" to all who supported this project.

The orientation lecture last Thursday was indeed very interesting and informative. Mr. Francois Bausch, the president of the environmentalist party and Mr. Camille Gira, member of Parliament and mayor of Beckerich mentioned repeatedly how much they enjoyed their visit and how impressed they were by your attentiveness and the good questions you had asked. The lecture presentation

and the question and answer session provided us with insightful information of how Luxembourg and Europe deal with environmental concerns. My respect goes to all of you who had represented Miami University so well.

My wife and all look forward to hosting another group of students in our home this evening. It is always much fun for us to extend our hospitality to you and to share our home with you. The next evening with the Stillers will be on Monday, April 11th. A very tight schedule prevents us from hosting students next Monday.

Prof. Michael Bachem will present a lecture on the Brothers Grimm and fairy tales at the Lycee Classique de Diekirch this evening. Thank you for representing Miami University, Prof. Bachem.

Tomorrow evening our very own Prof. Guy DeMuyser, former Maréchal de la Cour, Luxembourg's Ambassador to the Soviet Union, to NATO and to Belgium, will present a slide show on Soviet dissident art. His insightful commentary provides intimate information on the repression of the Soviet Communist system.

Thursday's orientation lecture will be offered by H.E., Ambassador Wolfgang Hagg, Austria's ambassador to Luxembourg. His lecture will introduce Austria's history, culture and today's life to us. **My wife and I shall host a pre-lecture reception from 4:15 to 4:55. This is a wonderful opportunity to interact with the ambassador in a more informal setting.** Please, sign up with Kelly if interested.

This week we extend our warm MUDEC welcome to a number of visitors from the Oxford campus. Prof. Kay Sloan and her daughter Signe are here to become acquainted with MUDEC and Luxembourg. Prof. Sloan and her husband David Schloss will teach at MUDEC this coming academic year. We also welcome Prof. Jay Kayne who is here most of this week to prepare for the summer program he and some of his colleagues will offer at MUDEC this coming summer. **We also extend a warm welcome to all visiting parents and friends who will be visiting this week.** We are pleased that they are here and wish them a wonderful stay.

Next Monday evening at 18.30 we will host a multi-cultural concert offered by Miami Prof. Srinivas Krishna and Patrick Hernley. Their program: "Hands full of Beauty"

- Nine Planets
- Kunnakol
- Tala Vadya in Teen Tal
- Bhajan

will be a wonderful musical experience. The concert will be held in our beautiful salle des fêtes.

I will be on the Oxford campus for my regular visit from March 22nd to 29th. These visits are always most rewarding as

it is wonderful to see and to experience the active interest and generous support we receive from our many friends on the Oxford campus. **Please, let me know if there is anything I can do for you while I am there.**

I wish all of you a pleasant day and a great week.
Most sincerely, Ekkehard Stiller

T-shirt Designs...

Anyone interested in submitting artwork, or any other creative ideas, for a SPRING 2005 Mudec T-shirt should see Kelly or any member of our Student Council. The deadline for these sketches is **TOMORROW!!!!** These unique T-shirts are a great souvenir to take back to Miami as a reminder of your semester abroad. Please turn in finished artwork to Kelly.

Concert...

Please remember that the concert this evening is at 20:00 at the Grand Theatre. Directions will be placed in your mailboxes.

Another Concert...

MUDEC has also received tickets for a concert on Wednesday at the Conservatoire. Works from Mozart and Beethoven will be played. Please sign-up with Kelly by Tuesday Evening if you would like to attend.

Luxembourgish H.S. students...

If you are interested in meeting with Luxembourgish High School Students, please sign-up with Kelly.

Museum Open Doors...

March 19th and 20th will be an open house weekend to many of the temporary and permanent exhibits in Luxembourg's museums. The hours will be from 10am – 6pm. For more information, please visit www.statermuseeen.lu

Restaurant Outing...

If you would like to try some great South American Cuisine with a few other MUDECers please sign up on Kelly's door. A group will try to go to Daiwelskichen restaurant on Tuesday or Wednesday, depending on your availability.

Talent Show...

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What's Playing at the Cinematheque Municipale...

14/05	Casablanca	18.30
	Breezy	20.30
15/05	The Outlaw Josey Wales	18.30
	Blitz Wolf	20.30
16/05	Margin for Error	18.30
	Notorious	20.30
17/05	Sudden Impact	18.30

Activity with local School Kids...

On March 17th we will be organizing another activity with the school children. We have been invited to join them at 2:00pm for a hike in the woods. Please sign-up with Kelly before March 15th. We will meet in front of Kelly's office at 1:55.

Postcards...

Josh Pattison, age 14, was diagnosed with

Hodgkin's disease just before Thanksgiving. His is a very rare form that affects the bone structure rather than the lymph system. It has advanced extremely rapidly and he is now in the fourth stage and receiving special chemotherapy--- an experimental combination of drugs supplied from Germany. He is in a full body cast as his bones are splitting and deteriorating. A wrong move could sever nerves in the spinal cord. With very limited mobility, Josh expressed that it would be fun to receive a post card from ever state in the US and countries from around the world. And every day when Neil, his postman arrives, he can bring some happiness into Josh's day. Each postcard is a prayer for Josh and right now he can use lot of prayers.

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Who am I...

Last week's mystery MUDECer was Mandi Beecroft.

Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Hannah Zeffiro on the 15th, to Ken Bishop on the 16th, and to Jessica DeRubbo on the 20th. 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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Monday

20:00 Concert at Grand Theatre
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday

22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday

20:00 Concert at the Conservatoire
20:45 Center Closes

Thursday

17:00 -18:00 Lecture
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Friday

17:00 Center Closes

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* Monday Morning *
21 March 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone! What a beautiful "beginning of spring" weekend we had! I know that a good number of you stayed in Luxembourg this weekend, to take advantage of the free admissions to Luxembourg's museums and to become better acquainted with Luxembourg, your home away from home.

A special thank you is due to Ambassador and our respected Prof. Guy deMuysen for his insightful and informative lecture presentation on "Soviet Dissident Art" which he held for us this past Tuesday. These are indeed very special opportunities to broaden and to enrich your understanding of Europe and to strengthen your European experience.

We also thank Ambassador Wolfgang Hagg, Austria's ambassador to Luxembourg, for his visit and his orientation lecture this past Thursday. His "Introduction to Austria and Vienna" and his eloquent and well informed commentary provided us with insights into Austria's culture, its rich and important history and into the political, cultural, social and economic relations between Austria and the European Union. Ambassador Hagg mentioned to me repeatedly (including Saturday night – when he participated in a Haydn concert) how much he had enjoyed his visit and his interaction with you and that he is looking forward to his next visit.

Today we extend our warmest welcome to Prof. Srivinas Krishnan, professor of music at Miami University and his fellow musician Patrick Hernly. Their concert at MUDEC this evening will provide you with an exceptional opportunity to listen to outstanding and well known musicians performing exotic music on exotic instruments. Their program and biographies are posted for your information. We thank them for their visit and concert.

We also thank our own Prof. Georges Backes for again having arranged fee tickets to tonight's concert by the Solistes Europeens. This is their last performance this season. You should be able to listen to both concerts and I encourage you to do so. You will have a wonderful, diverse and memorable musical evening.

Thursday's orientation lecture will be held by Mme Claude Wolf, the editor in chief of the "Revue" Magazine and Luxembourg's foremost woman journalist. Her talk on "Women in Journalism and the Role of Journalism during Luxembourg's Presidency of the European Council" will be of particular interest. Mme Wolf had talked to our students previously, to their delight and deep sense of appreciation. Mr. Manes will hold the pre-lecture reception in honor of Mme Wolf on the first floor's landing from 4:15 to 4:55 p.m

My wife and I will hold the next "evening with the Stillers" on Monday, April 11th. We shall place invitations in your mailboxes. On the basis of more recent experiences we ask you to sign up with Kelly if you are certain that you will attend and do expect that your signature is your commitment. For a successful and satisfying future life it is important and essential that you live up to commitments you enter into.

I will be on the Oxford campus from March 22nd through 29th and upon my return to Luxembourg I shall accompany Prof. Ann Fuehrer's study tour to Vienna, Salzburg and Munich.

Next week all of you will be on your Easter break, followed by the study tours the second week. I wish you safe, pleasant and interesting and informative travels and wonderfully enriching experiences. As a reminder, be cautious, alert and mindful of others around you. Where ever you are and whatever you do, you are Ambassadors of the United States and of Miami University. This is a great privilege but also responsibility.

I look forward to seeing all of you back on Monday, April 11th. Have a wonderful time.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

Registration...

Summer registration begins today at 9:00am! Priority registration for fall 2006 opens **Thursday morning, March 24**

Concert...

Please remember that the concert this evening is at 20:00 at the Conservatoire. Directions will be placed in your mailboxes.

Concert at MUDEC...

MUDEC will host a concert this evening given by Srinu Krishna from the Oxford Campus. He will begin at 5:30, so please come and enjoy the multi-cultural music concert.

Daylight Savings...

Don't forget to turn your clocks forward one hour on Saturday before you go to sleep. Daylight saving in the US is on April 3rd.

Easter Egg Hunt...

We have organized an Easter Egg Hunt for the local school children. This will take place **TODAY, March 21ST at 16:00** 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 out by hiding eggs or by encouraging the kids. We will then serve some juice in the dining hall.

T-SHIRTS...

Please make sure to sign-up with Kelly for a free MUDEC t-shirt. If you do not give us the size that you would like, we will automatically give you a LARGE. You must sign-up by **Wednesday!**

LAST CALL for Flights Home...

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completely upon how many students sign up for any given city on any given day. Sign up on Kelly's door by **Wednesday, March 24th** if you already know your flight plans. If you do not sign-up on this list, you are responsible for getting yourself to the airport.

Photo Exhibit...

There will be a Guy Wolff photography exhibit entitled "OLYMPIC MOMENTS" in Oberkorn from March 18th – April 3rd. The exhibit will be open from Monday to Saturday at the Centre Sportif in Oberkorn. Please see Kelly for directions.

Lux Club in Oxford...

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Lux Club back in Oxford should contact the Luxembourg Office in Oxford next semester and sign-up with Kelly. There are also a number of elected offices to run for (Pres, Vice Pres, Treas, etc.). There are no elections for these positions, everyone can participate. So please sign-up if you are interested!

Star Exhibit...

ON25 presents an exhibit until May 1st, where 25 artists from each of the 25 EU countries express through their art what Europe represents to them. This exhibit takes place at the Abbaye de Neumunster.

Bike Rentals...

The sun is finally out!! If you have an afternoon free and would like to spend your time outdoors...why not rent a bike and explore more of Luxembourg City and the Grund! The store is right next to Scott's Pub in the Grund and will be open in April. If you would like to rent a bike for 1 hour the fee is 5 euro. For half the day it is 12.50 and for the full day 20.00. As a student you will receive a 20% discount for a day rental.

Restaurant Outing...

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Passover...

Passover is from April 23rd until May 1st. If you would like to have a kosher meal at the chateau, please let Kelly know asap so that the chef can plan accordingly.

What's Playing at the Cinematheque Municipale...

21/05	The Gauntlet	18.30
	Jakob the Liar	20.30
22/05	Gaslight	18.30
	Conference (French)	20.30
23/05	Stromboli	18.30
	High Plains Drifter	20.30
24/05	Pale Rider	18.30
	The Producers	20.30

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Happy Birthday...

Happy birthday wishes go out to Jon Pritchard on the 22nd, Alicia Kacsmar and Danielle Talbott on the 27th, Ashley McNeill on the 28th, Nathan Knaeble on the 30th, Lindsay Dicks on

April 4th and to Rachel Porterfield on the 10th. 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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Monday

8:00 Summer School Registration Opens
16:00 Easter Egg Hunt
17:30 Concert at MUDEC
20:00 Concert at Conservatoire
22:00 Center Closes

Tuesday

22:00 Center Closes

Wednesday

20:45 Center Closes

Thursday

8:00 Registration for MUDEC students begins
17:00 -18:00 Lecture
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Friday

17:00 Center Closes

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* Monday Morning *
11 April 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone and welcome back to MUDEC and the last two weeks of instruction this semester. 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 and MUDEC have 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. It was a great pleasure for me to participate in one of the study tours and, like everyone else, I enjoyed the discovery and learning that took place, the interaction with all of you and the so positive and cooperative spirit in which we shared. 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.

My visit to the Oxford campus was busy and very successful. It is wonderful and most encouraging to see and to experience the great support we receive from the administration, the faculty and the staff. They all extend their greetings to you and to all of them our most sincere and enthusiastic expression of gratitude for their active interest in and their generous support of MUDEC and, on a personal note, for their much appreciated friendship.

Prof. Srinivas Krishnan's and Pat Hernly's musical interpretation and commentary on Indian music on Monday, March 21st were much appreciated and gave us an opportunity to extend our musical awareness and appreciation beyond Europe. Thank you for a most interesting and enjoyable musical experience, Srin and Pat.

The East Egg hunt, organized by the Student/Faculty Council, 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 beautiful poster the pupils and teachers had given us as a sign of their appreciation.

We thank Prof. Linn Song for his orientation lecture on "Architecture and how to look at and how to interpret a City". The timing of his insightful comments was particularly appropriate as his commentary preceded your independent traveling and our study tours during which you had many opportunities to study and to appreciate the various architectural styles you were exposed to. Again, thank you, Prof. Song.

My wife and I will hold the "evening with the Stiller's" tonight. We do enjoy these evenings with you and look

forward to your visit. It is a special pleasure for us to welcome you to our home. My wife has prepared the meals, refreshments and seating arrangements according to the number of students who have signed up. We do expect that all of them honor their commitment.

This Thursday's orientation lecture will be offered by our very own Prof. Theo Stengelhofen. His topic "The Culture and Economics of the most recent Summer Olympics, Athens 2004" will be of interest to all of us. Following his lecture the Student/Faculty Council has arranged an "ice cream social". To accommodate this we will have the base courses meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. (business until 6:30) with the orientation lecture beginning at 6:35 p.m.

I have brought back with me jelly beans for you to enjoy and shall place them in various jars throughout the Center and hope that you will enjoy them. They are shared with you with great joy and appreciation for the great spirit all of you have shown throughout the semester. Thank you.

Three of our students will be spending this coming weekend in the monastery St. Maurice. Our good and generous friend Roland Hoff has arranged this and will spend this very special weekend with them. Thank you for having arranged this, Roland.

Thursday evening of next week we will have our formal "End of the Semester Awards Dinner". Our dining will be beautifully decorated and all of us will enjoy this special evening we spend together as MUDEC family. It will be a delicious, wonderful and enjoyable event for all of us.

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.

Please, use your remaining time at MUDEC wisely. As you prepare for your exams I wish you concentrated and productive studies and would like to remind you that for your studies you can use any classroom not in session. We will also extend the opening hours of the Center. More specific information will be posted

I wish you a pleasant day, a great week and successful studies.

Most sincerely,

Ekkehard Stiller

P.S. I have just learned of and am saddened by the death of three Miami University students in a house fire in Oxford, Ohio. To their families and friends go our expression of sympathy and sorrow.

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	Funeral Parade of Roses	20:30
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	Once Upon a Honeymoon	21:00

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* Monday Morning *
18 April 2005

Montag Morgen

From the Director:

Good morning, everyone: I trust you had an enjoyable weekend. **Those who stayed in Luxembourg were able to observe and participate Luxembourg's celebrations of Grand Duke Henri's 50th birthday.** Saturday's celebrations have shown how much respect, affection and gratitude Luxembourgers have for the Grand Duke and the Grand Ducal family. These are indeed very special opportunities for you to become more intimately acquainted with your host country.

I was pleased to see that a good number of you took advantage of the Center being open on Sunday afternoon. 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. We have extended to Center's opening hours this week and will open the Center for you this coming weekend. The extended hours will be posted. Please, take full advantage of this.

An enthusiastic thank you is due to Dr. Stengelhofen for his interesting and informative lecture and power point presentation on the 2004 Olympics in Athens. His summary of the historic, political, economic and athletic dimensions were fascinating and enjoyable. Again, thank you very much; Dr. Stengelhofen. The ice cream social was a pleasant addition to this interesting evening. Thank you to the Student/Faculty Council for having organized the ice cream social

My wife and I will have our last group of students for an evening with the Stiller's tonight. We look forward to this with joy and anticipation. These are special and very enjoyable events for us as we welcome you to our apartment, as we share a meal, refreshments, conversations, fellowship and friendship and as we celebrate the MUDEC family of which all of us have become part. You have been a wonderful group of students and we thank you for this.

Congratulations are due to our very own Professor and former Ambassador Guy de Muysers who will receive the Fondation Du Mérite Européen's Gold Medal for his contributions in recognition of his outstanding service and contributions he had rendered to the process of European integration. We are delighted for and proud of him and congratulate him on this so well deserved honor. Three cheers to Ambassador de Muysers: hip – hip - hurrah!

Prof. Ann Fuehrer will be holding a public lecture on "Women working in the EU and the USA: a Comparative Analysis" at the lycee classique de Diekirch tomorrow evening at 8:00. This is part of the lycee's 175th anniversary lecture series. Thank you, Prof. Fuehrer, for representing Miami University and for supporting the lycee's anniversary celebrations.

I was pleased to hear so many excited comments about the new carpets we have placed in the cave, the entrance to MUDEC and the landing on the first floor. They make our beautiful chateau even more attractive and comfortable. Please enjoy them but treat them with care and respect. We would like them to look beautiful for a long time to come.

On Thursday evening we will have our formal end-of-the-semester dinner in our beautifully decorated dining hall. The menu and decorations will be befitting this special and festive event. It will be the last time that we will spend an evening together as part of the MUDEC family. I am delighted and pleased that most of the faculty and staff will be joining us this evening.

I am delighted to share with you that Miami University's Travel Program will be offering an "Alumni College in Luxembourg" from September 18 – 27, 2005. The well balanced program, led by Prof. Charley Teckman, former Director of MUDEC and experienced tour guide and accompanied by Ambassador and Mrs. John E. Dolibois, will provide the participants with exceptional opportunities to become acquainted with Luxembourg, its rich history, its successful economy and diverse cultural life and with the important role Luxembourg plays in the process of European integration. A festive dinner is also planned at MUDEC. This would be a wonderful and unique opportunity for your parents, relatives and friends to experience the Europe you have become familiar with. I encourage you to share this information with them and to promote this exceptional Alumni College program. I do have a number of brochures I would be happy to share with you.

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South African Freedom Day celebrations...

This takes place from April 22nd until April 24th. You can try typical South African dishes at the Brasserie de l'Abbaye de Neumunster or have a boerewors roll while strolling around. Sally Arnold, a South African artist will have some of her works on display. Mark Bellingham, living in Brussels, will also be exhibiting his paintings. They will have the South African crafts, flowers, jewellery and food products. Saturday afternoon there will be a few band playing.

Concert...

There will be a free concert on Place d'Armes this Saturday. Tito Mina will be playing at 15:00.

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	Le Piegé	20:30
4/20/05	Pasqualino	18:30
	Unforgiven	20:30

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25 April 2005

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 exams.

This semester has been an exciting, fast paced and also challenging one. Our academic program, the various orientation activities, the orientation lecture series, your respective study tours, your independent travels and the special events we had 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 for their commitment and involvement.

Last Thursday's end-of-the-semester dinner in our beautifully decorated dining hall was a delightful and most enjoyable event. It was a wonderful last time for all of us spent one more evening together as part of the extended MUDEC family. A special thank you goes to the staff for having planned the dinner and having decorated the dining hall and to the Student/Faculty Council (Adrienne Krauss, Steve Groves, Megan Lobaugh, Jessica Tribbe and Cole Griswold) who organized the program and power point slide show and to all of you for your great spirit. The faculty/staff recognition and the kind and so complimentary comments you had made were very much appreciated by everyone. Thank you so very much!

Congratulations go to the recipients of our special awards and scholarships: Matthew Trangenstein for the Ruth and Lee Dutton Scholarship, Anna Nensel and Meghan Rutherford for the MUDEC Faculty/Staff Scholarship, Anne Richardson and Melissa Jungles for the Maria Bach Dunn Scholarship and Adrienne Krauss and Colin McClelland for the Rebecca Andrew and Christopher Eggerton Scholarship. We were delighted to learn of and congratulate Chris Schoemaker on having been named a Beckman scholar. Well done, Chris.

A most sincere thank you, good bye and best wishes for a wonderful future go to Michael Bachem and K.E. Smith, to Ann Fuehrer and Kaili, to Linn and Andrea

Song and children, and to Kelly Kohagen who will be returning to the States and to Makram El-Shagi whose commitment at the University of Mannheim prevents him from continuing his teaching at MUDEC. It was a pleasure to work with them.

To all of you I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your great attitude and cooperative spirit. I would like to encourage you to join the Luxembourg Club on the Oxford campus and to play an active role in recruiting students for our program. From your own experience you know that it takes mature, committed, and cooperative students to contribute to and to benefit from our unique and very successful program. Dr. Cordelia Stroinigg and her team will be happy to coordinate your efforts.

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. I wish you an easy and quick adjustment.

We have had an excellent 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. Less than four months ago I had welcomed you to MUDEC and to 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 an international community, you have developed a keener sense of consideration, thoughtfulness and, in the process you have formed wonderful friendships.

My wife, the faculty and staff of MUDEC join me in wishing you much success in your exams, and safe travels home. For your future we wish you good health, happiness, success and fulfillment. May you be given many opportunities to help make our world a more peaceful, a more just and better one for all. Please, stay

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P.S. I would like to suggest that you thank your parents and family for having made your European experience possible for you. As your fortune will roll in, it would be wonderful and much appreciated if you would also express your gratitude to MUDEC in form of financial support. Your tax-deductible contribution, payable to Miami University, should be earmarked “for the benefit of MUDEC”.

Flights Home...

There is a slight change in bus pick-up times for early Friday morning. Please make sure to check the revised list to make sure you know the exact time of your bus departure.

	Departure
Bus 1	Midnight from Differdange 12:30 from Bettembourg 1:00 from Luxembourg City
Bus 2	4:45am from Luxembourg City 5:00am from Bettembourg 5:30am from Differdange

You may bring your suitcases to the chateau on Thursday if you would like to store them here for Friday morning. Kelly will be here to open the chateau in the early morning.

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