"Men go abroad to wonder at the heights of mountains, at the huge waves of the sea, at the long courses of the rivers, at the vast compass of the ocean, at the circular motions of the stars, and they pass by themselves without wondering."
Saint Augustin

Chers Etudiants,
Nous anticipons un excellent week-end au village des Orres. Même si vous ne skiez pas, vous serez dans les Hautes Alpes, une des plus belles régions de l'Europe. Below you will see a skeletal itinerary to help you orient your time over the weekend. This will be an opportunity to get to know your classmates, and we look forward to getting to know you all. Remember what we told you for the Luberon trip. Wine and spirits are a part of European culture and something to be tasted and enjoyed. We are counting on you as adults to act responsibly over the weekend. Most all of you are legal age, but it will be up to you to learn to appreciate this time without going overboard. There will be plenty of staff present to help but also in a position to make any decision necessary should at any moment students seem to be putting themselves or others at risk. Surely, this is not something we will have to worry about, and there is every reason to presume this will be a great weekend together and a great semester overall.
A vendredi,
Leigh Smith
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Lecture:
Tuesday, January 31, 6:30pm, CEF Main Hall
"Van Gogh's Ear: The True Story"
Following the success of her recent publication, Bernadette Murphy will talk about the years-long process of discovering the true story behind the legend of the great painter. Her book has had many talking about how this story has been such a hallmark of the way we have imagined Van Gogh's life.

Volunteer and Sports Clubs Activities:
Wednesday, February 1, 6:30pm-7:30pm
Local Clubs and Associations Fair, CEF Main Hall
Get involved with the "vie aixoise" with the various volunteering associations, sports clubs, student associations, etc.

Film Showing and Discussion:
Thursday, February 2, 6:45pm, CEF Main Hall
"Free to Rock"
This documentary film produced by IAU alumni Nick Brinkley and Doug Yeager explores the influence of Rock and Roll in the fall of the Soviet Union. Narrated by Kiefer Sutherland (Jack Bauer from "24").

Weekend Trip to the Mountains
Those going should have all signed up by now and chosen their rooms as well as signed up for any activities. See itinerary.
Les Orres - Friday, 3 February to Sunday, 5 February
Itinerary
Friday, February 3
14:30 - Departure - from Hotel du Roi René (same place as departure for Luberon trip)
17:30 - Arrival and Check-in - Hôtel les Ecrins, Hôtel Portette
18:30 - Collect rental equipment (Intersport les Orres), weekend rental from 30-50 euros. Storage for rental equipment in each hotel room.
19:30 - Dinner first service at Hôtel les Ecrins
20:30 - Dinner second service at Hôtel les Ecrins

Saturday, February 4
7:30-9:30 - Breakfast served in hotels
Activities all day (skiing, showshoeing, ice-skating, sledding, shopping)
16:30 - Group for "snake-glisse" (http://www.spot-web.fr/multimedia/articles/140204_SnakeGliss.JPG) meets at hotel lobby.
19:30 - Dinner first service
20:30 - Dinner second service

Sunday, February 5
7:30-9:30 - Breakfast served in hotels
Check-out by 10:00 (leave bags in hotel storage)
Activities all day (skiing, showshoeing, ice-skating, sledding, shopping)
15:30-16:30 - Return rental equipment
17:30 - Gather for departure
20:30 - Return to Hotel du Roi René, Aix

Wellness Center Schedule
Tuesday, January 31: 9 - 12 am 5 - 7:00 pm
Thursday, February 2: 2:00pm - 5:00 pm
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural adjustment issues : 3:30pm - 5:00 pm (sign up in advance)
Monday, February 6 : 11am - 6 pm
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural adjustment issues 12pm - 1:30 pm (sign up in advance)

Tuesday, February 7 : 9-12:00 am 5-7 pm
Tuesday, February 14 : 8-12 am 5-7 pm
Thursday, February 16 : 9-10 am 2:00-5:00 pm
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about your cultural experience 3:30 - 5:00 pm (sign up in advance)

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