It is also November. The noons are more laconic and the sunsets sterner, [...] November always seemed to me the Norway of the year.”

Emily Dickinson, Letters 1845-1886

Chers Etudiants,
Normalement, il ne faut pas le dire, mais on va le dire quand même. Le mois de novembre est toujours triste en Provence. A votre arrivée en septembre, vous avez le beau soleil et toutes les couleurs (et la chaleur). Maintenant, vous avez la pluie, le temps gris et les courtes journées. Add to this climate the upcoming holiday season and many of you far from family and, well, morale is not always at its height. We’ll all do our best to rise to the occasion. Though for a lot of you Thanksgiving is a week to spend with family, we’ll be gathering this Thursday to remember all that for which we can be thankful. We will be celebrating our 60th Thanksgiving in France and our 60th “extended” family gathering with staff, students and professors. This will be an opportunity for all of us to recognize a new family, a bigger and more diverse family, one that extends across multiple continents and time zones. As many past students have remarked, with this new, bigger family they now have a place to lay their head in every region of Europe and the US. Let’s remember this week to be “reconnaissant” for the good fortunes we share together. We’ll look forward to seeing you all this week and giving thanks.
Bien à vous,
Leigh Smith
Dean of IAU College

Debate:
DONALD TRUMP WILL MAKE A GREAT PRESIDENT
Tuesday, 22 November, 5:00pm, CEF Main Hall
National Champion debate team from Rollins College will present the pros and the cons of the Trump presidency.

Lecture (TIME HAS CHANGED):
Tuesday, 22 November, 7:00pm, CEF Main Hall
“Making to Think: A Talk on Art and Business”
Athan Shapiro (Massachusetts Institute of Technology)
Prof. Shapiro has consulted on leadership through art with executives at both Google and General Electric.

One-Man Play:
Wednesday, 23 November, 6:30pm, CEF Main Hall
Stefan Zweig’s "The Chess Player", written, directed by and starring Dr. Richard McElvain (IAU Resident Fellow and Professor of Theatre at Fitchburg State University)

Thanksgiving Lunch and Gathering:
Thursday, 24 November, 11:00am-3:00pm, CEF Main Hall
Come by at any time during these hours for a traditional Thanksgiving gathering.

Wellness and Counseling Center Schedule
Monday, 21 November: 1:30-5:00pm
« A slice of Aix » Group discussion about cultural experiences 3:30-5:00pm (sign up in advance)
Tuesday, 22 November: 8:30am-12:00pm and 5:00-7:00pm
Thursday, 24 November: 9:00am-12:00pm
Meetings are available by drop-in and by appointment:
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