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General News and Announcements

- Continental Coffee Hour this Wednesday, Nov. 5 at 3:30 in the Departmental Lounge. What might we talk about?!?!?
- SLU's First French Career Day will take place Thursday, Nov. 6 from 9 to 11:20 in BSC. Co-sponsored by the French Consulate, the AATF, the Dept. of Anthropology and Languages at UMSL, MCL and SLU's Office of Admissions, it will showcase a host of organizations with French connections. For more information, contact Dr. Pascale Perraudin at perraup@slu.edu.
- Chris Stormer has written. Laura, Eleonor and he have settled down into their new lives in Chicago – and there's good news: a second child is on the way and is expected in late April. If you'd like to write to Chris, here is his email: christopher.stormer@gmail.com.
- In a proposal on the Nov. 4 ballot, voters will be asked to consider whether to approve a constitutional amendment for Missouri making English the "official" language for all governmental proceedings conducted in the state. This amendment would prohibit the use of other languages in meetings ranging from local committees to the state legislature. Here's at least one article on the subject: <http://www.hannibal.net/news/x1588590895/Amendment-1?view=print>.
- In the case of a student's more serious medical or mental problem, it is best not to deal with it yourself. Please call the Student Health and Counseling Center at 977-2323 (available 24 hours). If it's an emergency, call the Department of Public Safety at 977-3000 (also 24 hours).

Meetings

- Departmental Meeting of all fulltimers on Thursday, Nov. 6 at 3:30 in BSC 253 B/C. Please note the room change from the usual location. Documents forthcoming.

Deadlines

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Kudos

- Thanks to the initiative of Dr. Gregory Knott (Adjunct in German), his 315 students recently reported on the US election for a major German newspaper, the *Stuttgarter Zeitung*. Stuttgart is the Sister City of St. Louis. As part of coursework, the group contributed articles about political events in the St. Louis area and the effect of the campaigns' public relations strategies on area voters. The results of the students' efforts can be viewed on the German bulletin board.
- Ms. Sandra Covin (Graduate Student in Spanish) gave a paper in October on "Del hogar al jardín: Es espacio femenino en 'La tía Leonor' de Ángeles Mastretta" at the University of Oklahoma's Tierra Tinta – 4th Annual Conference on Latin America, Spanish and Luso-Brazilian Literatures. Ms. Covin's participation in the conference was partially sponsored through a Mazza Fellowship.
- At the 34th Annual International 19th-century French Studies Colloquium held in October at Vanderbilt University, colleagues in French gave the following papers:
 - Dr. Sandy Hamrick (Professor of French): "Beyond Exoticism in Gautier's Art Criticism";
 - Dr. Annie Smart (Associate Professor of French): "The Universal Exotic in Paul et Virginie."
- Congratulations to Drs. Ana Montero and Reinhard Andress whose Mellon Grant applications were partially funded.

From the Chair

- The lounge fridge is bursting with food stuff, some of it in a disgusting state. This Friday, Nov. 7 there will be a radical cleaning of the fridge and questionable food items will be thrown out.
- Our "Former Times" bulletin board has been fun! Please retrieve your photos. I had "stolen" this bulletin board from Hindi and would like to give it back. What's next? Any ideas?

