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Assistant Professor of French Stephen Martin presented his research on "Trained copyist or learned amateur: Who had a hand in Aucassin et Nicolette?" during a Thursday Afternoon Faculty Seminar. Another event option was La Cage aux Folles—a silly, yet serious play being organized by Colleen Steppa—with French pronunciation coaches on hand.

Participants could pay \$1 to Pie the Mime, aka Sarah Buchanan, associate professor of French, or one could make stickers with French phrases on them. Chocolates were the prizes for winners of a French trivia contest. The blue team led by Martin prevailed over the red team, led by French lecturer Viktor Berberi, in the Tour de Morris miniature bike race.

In addition to the more light-hearted fun, those interested in a French major or minor could attend a meeting that provided materials about research, assistantships and scholarships.

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