

Hey Linguist!

Yeah, you!

We're puttin you on notice that your MILC abstract is due on

Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006

So. Not clear on what MILC is? Well, your ignorance astounds. But we will now supply the necessary information. MILC is the one conference that matters in the great world o' linguists. It is the Madison Informal Linguistics Coronation. It is the place to see and be seen. It will enhance your CV without padding. It will get you a job. It may even buy you a beer and a pickled egg.

And this year, it's even better, because... This is

the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MILC!!!

Yes, it may not seem like it, but 50 years have gone by since our brilliant founder had the brilliant idea to begin a tradition which has endured and lasted and lingered and dragged its sorry ass along for all this time. A brief history: Panini himself created the concept, and encoded it in hieroglyphics which were finally deciphered by Karl Verner. Verner couldn't afford the beer, so he passed the information along to Otto Jespersen, but OJ had a limited circle of friends. Finally the note (somewhat the worse for wear) was received in a small hamlet in a state far, far to the south, where on February 29, 1956, MILC was born.

The date of the ~~party~~ conference is 3/4/06. The place is TBA. But you gotta get that abstract in by the 20<sup>th</sup> so that we can produce the program. You know what they say - you can't tell the sememes without a program.

Send abstracts to [mmacaula@wisc.edu](mailto:mmacaula@wisc.edu)

Still not clear on the concept?

Go to [ling.wisc.edu/~macaulay/MILC.htm](http://ling.wisc.edu/~macaulay/MILC.htm)