The Chair

Bob Acker: The semester is going well and midterms are fast approaching. The Department is busily preparing to host around 400 high school students and their teachers at our 26th Annual Foreign Language Day on Friday, March 7. Our visitors will be attending a variety of language classes and participating in a host of special activities planned especially for them. They will be joined by the MCLL faculty for a luncheon in the UC Ballroom. We are pleased that Provost Royce Engstrom will give the keynote address at the luncheon.

Faculty Forum
The Faculty Forum Committee (Clint Walker, Mladen Kozul, Stan Rose, and Clary Loisel) would like to thank Alicia Gignoux and Stan Rose for their excellent presentations last Wednesday afternoon. Alicia demonstrated how to use online film in class, and Stan explained how he used a movie clip (in Spanish) from YouTube to enhance comprehension of a short story that he teaches in his Introduction to Spanish-American literature class. Fifteen members of the MCLL attended (including the presenters). The Faculty Forum Committee would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to the next meeting, which is scheduled for Tuesday, March 18, at 4:00 PM. Mladen Kozul and Matt Semanoff will each speak for about 15-20 minutes on their current research projects. We look forward to seeing you there. Many thanks for your support.

MALT
The spring meeting of the Montana Association of Language Teachers will be held Apr. 18-19 in Fort Benton.

German
Jerry Fetz, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences and long time member of the German Section, announced his retirement beginning this summer. A nation-wide search is underway to find his replacement.

Spanish
Maria Bustos writes that everyone arrived safely in Argentina for their study abroad program and that all is going well. They are now spending many hours every day walking Buenos Aires (streets, museums, fairs etc.).