

The Chair

Bob Acker: I would like to thank Matt and Marty for accompanying me to the MALT Conference and representing the Department in this important outreach effort to the State's language teachers. I would also like to thank all the members of the Department for signing up for activities at our upcoming Foreign Language Day, March 7, 2008. 365 invitation letters were sent out to all the high schools in the State, and we are expecting about 400 students and their teachers to attend.

MALT

The Montana Association of Language Teachers has announced its two upcoming conferences. The Spring Conference will be held April 25-26, 2008 in historic Fort Benton. The Fall Conference will be held in Missoula, in connection with the MEA-MFT Convention, on Oct. 16-17, 2008. All members of the Department are encouraged to become MALT members and to participate actively in these conferences. Don't forget to send your contributions for the *MALT Bulletin* to Marty by **December 15**

Charitable Giving Campaign

The deadline for the Charitable Giving Campaign is Nov. 15. If you wish to contribute, please return your forms to Bob by this date. Thanks!

Classics

Hayden Ausland spent part of October at the University of Tromsø (Norway), guest lecturing in Philosophy and promoting academic collaboration in several other disciplines. During his stay, final details in a negotiation between the two universities' international offices were settled. He has brought back a signed formal agreement establishing a new international partnership between UiT and UM, and will be offering an informational presentation in the UC during the upcoming International Week (November 13-16).

Matt Semanoff attended the Montana Association of Language Teachers Conference in Belgrade, MT Oct. 18-19 and gave a presentation entitled "Classical Language Standards: Culture in Language."

French

The **Alliance Francais of Missoula** sponsored 2 events this past month: on Oct. 21 they hosted Professor Evelyne Bloch-Dano, who gave a presentation entitled "Madame Proust," and on Oct. 24 they hosted a wine-tasting at the 6 Spoon Winery in the Rattlesnake valley.

German

Hiltrud Arens published her essay, "Das kurze Leuchten unter dem Tor oder auf dem Weg zur geträumten Sprache: Poetological Reflections in Works by Yoko Tawada." in the book published this year, *Yoko Tawada: Voices from Everywhere*. Ed. Douglas Slaymaker. Lanham: Lexington Books. 2007. 59-76.

Bob Acker attended the Montana Association of Language Teachers Conference in Belgrade, MT Oct. 18-19 and presented a workshop entitled "Die Germanen und ihre Mythologie." **Marty Marko** attended the same conference as editor of the *MALT Bulletin*.

On Oct. 29 Marty Marko, together with Julia Plöckinger and Lindsey Brandt, gave a presentation entitled "An Evening with Brecht" to a full house in the drama building. They discussed aspects of Brecht's life, work and influence. This presentation was held in connection with the Department of Drama/Dance's performance of Brecht's play *The Good Person of Setzuan*.

Russian

Clint Walker, in mid-November, will be attending the annual national conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic Studies, which will be held in New Orleans this year. He will be presenting a paper entitled "The House That the Bolsheviks Built: Bulgakov's Realized Metaphors in The Master and Margarita."

Spanish

Naomi Lapidus Shin presented her research on monolingual first language acquisition of Spanish subject pronouns at the Hispanic Linguistics Symposium in San Antonio, Texas November 1-4. This research was also presented in a poster session at the Boston University Conference on Language Development.