Jacqueline and Morris Wachs

**FRENCH & ITALIAN**

**WRITING COMPETITION**

***Essay competition***

Students are invited to submit a critical essay (topic open) of approximately 5 pages.  The essay should be written specifically for the competition but may be a revised paper from a class taken at Vanderbilt.  All entries will be judged on originality, rigor of argument, grammar, as well as idiomatic expression.

***Creative writing competition***

Students are invited to submit a creative text (a short story or a poem for example) of no more than 5 pages.  This creative work should be written specifically for the competition but may be a revised paper from a class taken at Vanderbilt.  All entries will be judged on originality, grammar, as well as word/expression choice.

**Please submit your entries to the department office in Furman 215 by**

**Friday, March 29**

**Each winner will be awarded $200.00.  Honorary mentions will each receive $50.00.**

(One of these awards would, of course, make a wonderful addition to a résumé.)

Jacqueline and Morris Wachs both taught for many years in the Department of French & Italian and were well known for their interest in developing students’ writing abilities.  In their memory, we sponsor the essay and creative writing competitions each year.