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Reminders

The Department's **18th Annual Language Fair** for high school students will take place Saturday 28 March.

Textbook request forms are due to Patricia no later than Friday 27 March, for both the Summer and Fall 2009 semesters.

Nominations for the **Dean's Award for Outstanding Undergraduate Student** for 2008-2009 should be delivered to Will Thompson, 107 Scates Hall, no later than Friday 27 March.

French Film Festival

The Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, in association with the French Alliance of Memphis, is presenting a film festival of **Classic French Comedies**. The festival will conclude with two films next week: *L'Auberge espagnole* on Monday 30 March, and *Bienvenue chez les Ch'tis* on Wednesday 1 April. All movies will be shown in the Psychology Auditorium and will start at 7 p.m. Admission is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact Denis Grélé at ddgrele@memphis.edu.

Japanese Cultural Events

The Japan Outreach Initiative, the Japanese Culture Club of U of M, and the Japan-America Society of Tennessee present a **Cherry Blossom Viewing at the Botanic Garden**. Traditional unrolled sushi will be served, and the event will include hands-on activities, such as Japanese calligraphy and origami-making, as well as readings from the classic novel, *The Tale of Genji*. The event will take place Sunday 29 March, from 12 noon to 2:30 p.m., at the Botanic Garden (750 Cherry Road, close to campus). There will be a small fee of \$5 per participant to pay for supplies.

The Consulate-General of Japan at Nashville, the U of M, and the Japan Outreach Initiative join in presenting a **Japanese Movie Night**. *Zen: The Life of Dogen* will be shown Wednesday 8 April, in the Psychology Auditorium, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. (doors will open at 5:30 p.m.). Admission is free. The film will be preceded by a brief introduction on the history of Zen Buddhism, presented by U of M professor Catherine Phipps. For further information, please contact Sachiko Matsushita at smtsshta@memphis.edu.

Judaic Studies

The University Libraries, the Friends of the Libraries, and the Bornblum Judaic Studies Program present "**Modern Jewish Classics**," a series of **free public discussions moderated by David Patterson**. The series continues Monday 30 March, with a discussion of **Elie Wiesel's**

Twilight. The discussion takes place in the McWherter Library, Room 226, from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. For information on how to participate, please contact Tom Medina (678-4310) or Klaudia Kroboth (678-2209). The program is free and open to the public.

University of Memphis

The 21st Annual Student Research Forum, co-sponsored by the Graduate School and the University Honors Program, will be held Monday 30 March in the Rose Theater. Poster presentations will be at 10:00–11:30 a.m. and the Awards Ceremony at 11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Faculty Activities

Francisco Vivar's article, "**Percepción paradójica de la autobiografía (Sobre Lázaro de Tormes, Torres Villarroel y Rousseau)**," has been accepted for publication by *Ojancano: Revista de literatura española*.

Submissions to Gazette

Please e-mail submissions to William Hendel at whendel@memphis.edu.