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NEWS YOU MIGHT USE

◆ You already missed the marathon...Too bad about that.

◆ The bazaar starts today. Stop by and browse the products for sale. We recommend the lovely new green or navy SCL shirts.

◆ Ludi Volleyball and Ultimate Frisbee are today. Remember your tennis shoes and name tags. Trust us on this one.

◆ Sponsors and Chaperones: Enjoy the Hospitality Lounge throughout the week. We ♥ sponsors and chaperones!

◆ Nominations Committee this evening is mandatory for all candidates and voting delegates. It'll be a rockin' time!

◆ Submit your personals at the JCL Office in the Miami Indian Room of the Shriver Center. Please, we're begging you.

WEATHER REPORT



IT'S GONNA BE A HOT MESS OUT THERE. ZE SUN IS EITHER IN OR IT'S OUT. BUT WE'RE GONNA MAKE IT WORK. FIERCE.

Ghostly Proclamation Sparks Mass Food Shortage

The supernatural aura of the Miami University campus has permeated NJCL Convention. Adding to its already long list of hauntings, the powers of this ancient campus have even affected the lofty National Committee. Suddenly struck by this otherworldly influence, Mr. Jeremy Walker was prompted to make a strange announcement at General Assembly I: that he would "get really fat" by personally consuming any pizza that arrived too late in the evening to be legally claimed by JCLers.

However, he did not reveal the source of his newfound hunger, a voracious poltergeist that is controlling his every move.



Mr. Walker begun showing signs of possession at the 1st General Assembly.

Terror began to spread across campus only once pizza, snacks, and other food began mysteriously disappearing. As Mr. Walker's possessor has grown stronger with every calorie consumed, these happenings have spread past the mythic barrier known as "Call to

Floors" and into the daylight hours.

The SCL Ghostbusting Committee has even received reports that ghostly sightings have occurred simultaneously across Miami's many dining halls. We have even intercepted a text message conversation between two Ohio delegates, cruelly relegated to separate dining halls.

**"I'm so hungry"
"yeah...uh but my food just disappeared"**

**"what srsly?
omg mine 2 must b walker!"**

There has been no confirmation regarding the girth of the Ghost of Walker sighted at these incidents.

GOSSIP GEEK'S TIP OF THE DAY

So I know the world can no longer live without iPhones, but here's a heads-up: State chairs, chaperones, and national committee members do NOT approve of indulging in cell phone addictions during General Assemblies.

P, at least be more discreet about it next time. . .

**SCIS TE ME AMARE
XOXO - GOSSIP GEEK**



Hold the buzzer... Where are the questions?

As the 55th National Junior Classical League Convention begins, many have questioned how the ongoing Certamen writers' strike will affect the quality of this year's competition. A variety of ideas are currently being discussed to deal with the situation.

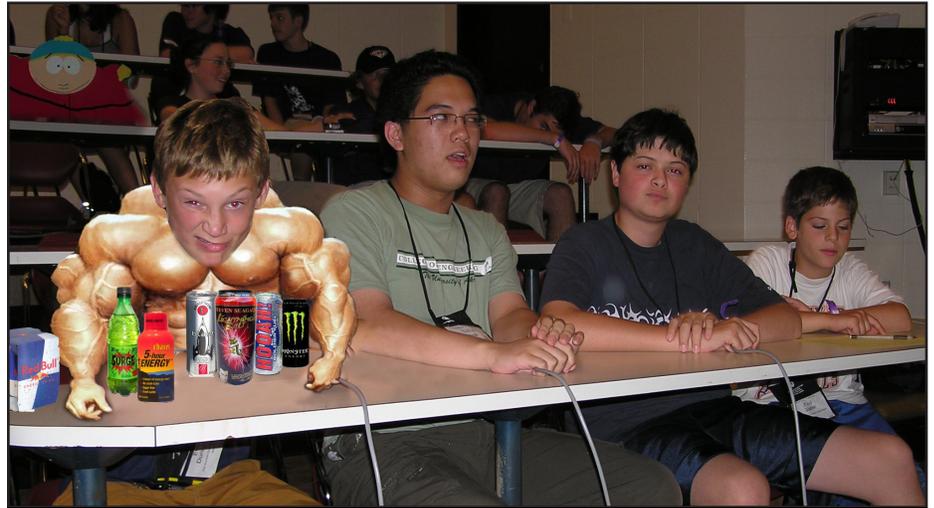
The always-prepared SCL has written several sets of questions, samples of which include "Translate the following Latin sentence and, when recognized, perform the action it describes: *Sta et ambula prorsum et genua procumbere coram omnino necessario SCL.*" (Stand and walk forward and kneel before the indispensable SCL.)

Needless to say, as a backup plan, if SCL questions are ruled unfair or inappropriate, a number of local foreign language teachers have been called in to write alternate questions.

Since Latin is the forefather of all the Romance languages, supporters argued that questions worded in French and Spanish should only be considered an extra challenge for the resilient certamen participants.

Polling the participants on the developing issue, many appeared excited by the idea of being challenged by questions in multiple languages. One was especially excited about the prospects of passage questions. "This writers' strike has illuminated innumerable possibilities for new and harder questions, can you imagine passage questions in multiple languages?!" Certamen fanatic Joey Oakwood said. "That would be sooo cool."

Steroid investigations overshadow Competitive Certamen orientation. . .



COMPETTIVE CERTAMEN BRACKETS: ROUND 1

Advanced			Intermediate			Novice		
KY	WI	KS	CO	CA	VA	CO	α	NC
GA	IN	TX	NV	IL	MA	NJ	WI	TX
LA	ND	PA	TN	IN	GA	KY	CA	LA
β	OH	MO	ND	FL	WI	IN	MA	NV
VA	NV	CA	TX	KY	OH	OH	VA	FL
MA	IL	FL	NC	ME	LA	ND	GA	IL
CO	TN	NC				ME	TN	MI



New bags a hit with Sponsors and Chaperones

"I can fit my whole
delegation in the
bag!"

– Teri Thompson,
WA/BC

Legendary Voice retires from League

In a surprise move late Monday night, the Voice of the SCL retired after a short two year career. The Voice has been known to show up during the "NJCL Officers' skit" and express the collective displeasure of the omnipotent, omnipotent, omniscient, indispensable SCL.

The Voice had a teary press conference to announce the decision that was obviously a hard one to make. "I know I can play, but I don't think I want to.

And that's really what it comes down to." However, when asked, the Voice said a return in an emergency situation "would be hard to pass up".

After this surprise development, ESPN 8 ("The Octo") spent a lot of time covering the explosive decision by the Voice of the SCL, spending countless hours speculating on how the *That's Entertainment* staff will cope with this and whether the retirement will be real.

Kavita Joshi mus-

es, "I don't know about this... the Voice has always shown a strong desire to be in *That's Entertainment*. I think the urge to be there will mount once *That's Entertainment* is right around the corner." Others have wondered whether the Voice was forced to retire by the rest of the SCL, who are ready to go in a new direction.

To dispel rumors of The Voice being pushed out, the spokesperson for the Voice of the SCL, NSCL

President Tyler Cunnion, released the following statement: "Nobody pushed The Voice out the door but then nobody encouraged it not to go out that door either. I don't think it had a lot of encouragement to stay, but nobody told it to leave either."

The *That's Entertainment* staff has already moved in a new direction, finding a new way to represent their unique combination of sleeplessness and insanity.

Let's get personal

The FL Bus 'O Fun admits defeat and acknowledges the lengthy number of years teaching of the OTHER bus. Congrats on 172.5 years of teaching.

Mrs. Brooks, Mr. Brooks, and Miss Brooke, What does a Latin teacher say to those who helped her so much? Gratias Maximas! Ex animo, Amy.

Missing: red Microsoft water bottle from Millett Hall. Return to Miami Indian Room.

Holla to Freq Na\$ti!
-Ohio girls

Battle Axe Man for life!
-Anonymous

Ask the Oracle

Since the dawn of time, JCLers have turned to one source to answer life's unanswerable questions, to help them throw off the dark veil of ignorance that shrouds the light of knowledge, to learn the true meaning of existence itself: the SCL. But hey, we have a lot on our plates right now. Those Olympika events don't run themselves. So we have directed these questions which may have been once considered outside the realm of human understanding to that source upon which the ancients relied, before our indispensable wisdom hit the scene. Read on, as the Oracle reveals the answers to these age-old



questions, pondered by generations of JCLers...

1) The tray conveyors in the dining halls confuse me. Where do they go?

To a gold-domed cathedral where they are immersed in holy dishwater and sanctified with JCL spirit.

2) What is so special about the sponsor/

chaperone bus?

Swedish Masseuses and pedicures.

3) How do we get back the three thousand JCL members whose memberships expired?

What do you think is in your cheese coney?

4) There's this really awesome girl I know from Ohio and I really want to how to pick her up. Do you have any suggestions?

The Oracle's time honored technique that is 100% guaranteed to work: Lift with your legs, not your back.

Make sure to submit your questions for the Oracle at the JCL Desk.

