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MEET THE CANDIDATES



Name: Brandon Bark
Age: 17
Position sought: President
Delegation: Louisiana
Level of Latin most recently completed: IV AP (Virgil)
NJCL Conventions attended previously: 3
State Conventions attended: 5
Qualifications: State: Presi-

dent, 1st VP, Editor; NJCL: 1st VP

Why are you the best person for this job?

The most difficult aspect of assuming a new office is stepping into someone else's shoes. However, having served as the NJCL Board's First Vice President this past year, I feel that the lessons learned from this inside perspective will better enable me to accelerate our refined agenda. Our infrastructure is fractured and demands we repair it before we move on to accomplishing greater things.

Why so serious? Trust me, if you saw my NomCom speech, you'd know I'm not. Attaining the friendly hand of SCL is a personal ambition.

What is your current Facebook status? Ambiguous. I know how to separate work from play.



Name: Tacy Allan
Age: 16
Position sought: 1st VP
Delegation: Michigan
Level of Latin most recently completed: 2
NJCL Conventions attended previously: 1
State Conventions attended: 4
Qualifications: Currently

MJCL pres, last year MJCL VP and editor of Michigan Torch, has experience in contacting media, student council, yearbook, outgoing

Why are you the best person for this job? I am outgoing and have had experience in leadership and believe that communication is the key for a better

JCL, and I believe that I can do a great job promoting the JCL

Why so serious? Because the chicken crossed the road

What is your current Facebook status? single/ I am not in MI = haha those @ band camp



Name: Shilpa Apte
Age: 17
Position Sought: 1st VP
Delegation: North Dakota
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2
State Conventions Attended Previously: 3
Qualifications: President

of local JCL for 3 years; Public relations for student council; did publicity work for a community service organization; Golf captain.

Why are you the best person for this job?

Because I am

Really

Outgoing and

Want to help the

NJCL

Why so serious? I'll answer that question with another question. . .Wanna see a magic trick?

What's your current Facebook status? Shilpa is running for First Vice President—try to catch her!



Name: Brad Abplanalp
Age: 17
Position Sought: 2nd Vice President
Delegation: Indiana
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2
State Conventions Attended Previously: 3
Qualifications: 2007–2008

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Indiana Second Vice President; Indianapolis Zoo Teen (basically educating the public about conservation and the amazing world of animals—when we are not feeding them or cleaning up poop); Indiana State Fair public speaking winner; Philanthropist; JCLer; Human being; alive

Why are you the best person for this job? I have seen the inner twinings of the JCL community through a state 2nd Vice President’s eyes; I’m ready to listen to the JCL nation and suggest my own ideas to further improve the best organization in the world.

Why so serious? I’m mellow and easy going off the campaign trail – but until it’s time to vote, Mr. Serious Face is here to stay.

What’s your current Facebook status? Single—for now I don’t have the time for a woman and campaigning. Besides, I don’t want my car destroyed or my friends to hate me.



Name: Sherelle Wu
Age: 17
Position Sought: 2nd Vice President
Delegation: Illinois
Level of Latin Most Recent Completed: 4 AP
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 5
State Conventions Attended Previously: 5
Qualifications: Local Vice

President, Key Club Vice President, band section leader, local National Forensics League Vice President

Why are you the best person for this job? Having been to so many conventions, I have seen a lot of changes in 2nd VPs and the things they do. I feel I have a good understanding of what works and what doesn’t. This has given me some great ideas for cheering spirit as well as community service spirit.

Why so serious? Because my Spirit Stick disappeared!

What’s your current Facebook status? Sherelle is spreading the JCLove in Oh-Oh-Ohio!



Name: Quinn Stewart
Age: 17
Position Sought: Secretary
Delegation: California
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2
State Conventions Attended Previously: 3
Qualifications: I have served as a class representative, treasurer, vice president, and currently president for my

local JCL chapter. I spent a term on my state board as Recording Secretary. My involvement at previous NJCL conventions has helped me develop a strong understanding of the devotion and enthusiasm that leadership consistently demands at the national level.

Why are you the best person for this job? When it comes to service, I have always believed that you should serve by doing something you truly like. Organization and attention to detail are certainly my forte, so a secretarial role on the NJCL board would be something for me to enjoy and take seriously.

Why so serious? . . .type fast enough...[or else]. Minutes are no joke.

What’s your current Facebook status? Quinn Stewart has a pantsuit and is not afraid to use it.

Name: Elizabeth Hur
Age: 17.25 years old
Position Sought: Parliamentarian
Delegation: WI!
Level of Latin Most Recent Completed: Level IV/AP Latin Literature
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2
State Conventions Attended Previously: 4



Qualifications: Wisconsin Junior Classical League Secretary, (but helped WJCL parli write amendments), local chapter president twice, read *Robert’s Rules of Order*, loves Latin!

Why are you the best person for this job? I’m enthusiastic, dedicated, hard-working, experienced, and love the JCL!

Why so serious? I’m not! I’m a pretty easy-going, fun-loving person. I’m just trying to be professional. My mom told me not to be too wild during spirit to save my voice for speeches.

What’s your current Facebook status? To be honest, “Elizabeth Hur what are you up to?” but if I had it updated, it would say, “Elizabeth Hur thinks Millett Hall is quite far, but concedes it’s worth the walk for a week of Nationals.”

Name: Jacob Welch
Age: 16
Position Sought: Editor
Delegation: Kentucky
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 1
State Conventions Attended Previously: 2



Qualifications: I have served as a class representative, treasurer, vice president, and currently president for my

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Qualifications: Familiar with the *Torch:U.S.* format and the software used in its design: Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Bridge, and Adobe InDesign; enthusiasm; drive; experience with technology and a strong writing ability.

Why are you the best person for this job? In my two years of participation in JCL, it has been my top priority, and now I am taking the initiative to do all I can for the organization. I will dedicate as much time as necessary to get the job done.

Why so serious? I sacrificed my vocal range and humor to the omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, indispensable SCL.

What's your current Facebook status? Jacob Welch is at the largest toga party in the world at Oh-Ohio



Name: Angel Bernadas
Age: 16 (17 in August!)
Position Sought: Historian
Delegation: Texas!
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 1
State Conventions Attended Previously: 2

Qualifications: Texas state JCL Historian; Latin club Historian; Choir Council Historian; Theatre Social Chair (helped with scrapbook)

Why are you the best person for this job? I work well with others, and I'm very open-minded. I'll be a senior so I'll have so much time to create and make sure the scrapbook next year will be amazing. I have a lot of experience, and I love doing creative things.

Why so serious? Awww. . .I look like I'm 12, so they wouldn't let me in.

What's your current Facebook status? Angel Bernadas is. . .working on her hammer throw. J/k. . .but really.



Name: Amanda Haislip
Age: 16
Position Sought: Historian
State/Provincial Delegation: Virginia
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: 3
Number of NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 2
Number of State Conventions Attended Previously: 4
Qualifications: 2007-2008

VJCL Historian, have held a local Latin Club office, created a traditional state scrapbook which is entered in the national convention, created a digital scrapbook, on a Mac, of some of this year's VJCL events.

Why are you the best person for this job? I believe that my love of scrapbooking and the JCL will allow me to make the best possible scrapbook to represent the NJCL. My collaborative nature, leadership, and experience are what set me apart. I also wish to create a photo-of-the-month contest as well as an online NJCL photo album to connect JCLers across the country.

Why so serious? Why so inquisitive?

What's your current Facebook status? At convention!!! So much Fun! =)



Name: Paula Luang
Age: 17
Position Sought: Technology Coordinator
Delegation: Massachusetts
Level of Latin Most Recently Completed: AP Vergil
NJCL Conventions Attended Previously: 1
State Conventions Attended Previously: 4

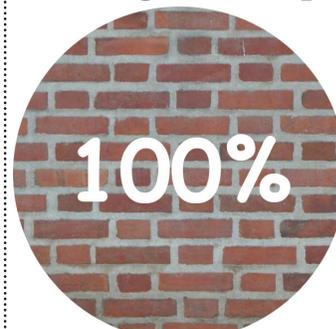
Qualifications: Boston Latin Academy Classics Club Webmaster (06-07), Massachusetts Technical coordinator (07-08), 1st place in local division of NJCL website contest (06-07), 1st place in state division of NJCL website contest (07-08)

Why are you the best person for this job? I have spent years designing websites and have the experience of being a Tech for the last two years. I have been in charge with running my own website contest based on NJCL contest rules and I don't view working on sites a job because its something I enjoy doing.

Why so serious? JCL has been in my life too long for me to not be serious about it. It has become important to me, and some of the friends I have made have become my extended family. I love having fun, there's no doubt about that, but when something like this comes along, I want to be serious so that everything is perfect.

What's your current Facebook status? Paula is in Ohio for the NJCL National Convention.

POLL: What is your favorite type of building on campus?



Legend

-  Aluminum Siding
-  Concrete Block
-  Red Brick

Here's Your Entertainment

- ◆ Sai Sawicki (OH)
- ◆ Sarahbeth Stretcher (OH)
- ◆ Carson Graham (FL)
- ◆ Alex Vankooy, Nicholas Layman, Justin Baode, Joseph Traum (NJ)
- ◆ James Chang (FL)
- ◆ Malika Dickson (MA)
- ◆ Nora Hyde & Erin Schmidt (ND)
- ◆ Joseph Marx (KS)
- ◆ Casey Marek (NV)
- ◆ Irteza Binti-Farid (VA)
- ◆ Brendon Walsh (TX)
- ◆ Ashley Shonyo (TX)
- ◆ Joy Walls (AL)
- ◆ Jennifer Friedman & Jonathan Kittaka (IL)
- ◆ Jocelyn Bauman (ND)
- ◆ Noah Ford-Dunker, Ethan Kraft, Sam Wehri (ND)
- ◆ Joseph Deluna & Crew (FL)

We would like to thank everyone who tried out and congratulations to those who made it.

NEWS YOU COULD USE

- ◆ Upset that you missed the marathon yesterday? Too bad you just missed track and field too.
- ◆ Head to the Fine Arts Plaza behind Shriver during the lunch hour for Meet the Bizarre Candidates. This event may actually be called "Meet the Candidates at the Bazaar."
- ◆ Be a cut-and-paste MacGyver by creating the perfect classically themed sculpture out of an envelope, a paper clip, and chewing gum at Impromptu Art.

- ◆ General Assembly III is required, but make sure to stay awake to hear the stump speeches of the NJCL Executive Board candidates. Guaranteed to be more exciting than the U.S. presidential election.
- ◆ Buzzer thumbs will be put to the test with both morning and evening competitive certamen rounds.
- ◆ The Oracle predicts that you will keep submitting more questions at the JCL desk. And that cute girl from the dance last night will totally forget who you are if you don't submit a personal.

GOSSIP GEEK'S TIP OF THE DAY



Now that Facebook has appeared in roll call, it's obvious that the world is completely addicted. JCLers who can't get wireless must be going through stalking and poking withdrawal.

G, if your hands start to shake during board meetings, your addiction has grown too strong. Break away, young padawan, break away.

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XOXO - GOSSIP GEEK



WEATHER REPORT

Heads-up, kiddies: There's a 50% chance of rain. You know what that means – time to bust out the water resistant cup dress!

FIERCE

Senator Clinton's New Gambit

—From SCL's Washington Bureau

Hillary Rodham Clinton, the junior incumbent senator from New York, today revealed a new twist in the hotly contested 2008 presidential contest. The Senator will be immediately traveling to Oxford, Ohio to seek a nomination from the National Junior Classical League. “We were seeking alternate routes to allow Senator Clinton to continue her pursuit for the presidency,” said a source close to the senator today outside her campaign headquarters. “We Googled ‘nomination’ and the NJCL’s website was the 2,347th that popped up.”

When questioned about this new move, Senator Clinton’s rival expressed continued confidence in his ability to woo a majority of voters, including the classically inclined. “As far as I know,”

quipped Senator Barack Obama at a campaign pit stop, “Yrallih does not mean anything in Latin. Hillary is, of course, welcome to try, but all the members of this particular demographic I have spoken to have expressed that ‘I personally will love a Barack Obama presidency.’”

Members of the Ohio and Florida delegations have expressed particular annoyance with the Senator’s on-campus presence as she tries to win the as yet uncontested nomination. “I will fight for fair ludi ultimate frisbee legislation and an end to the bloody ludi volleyball conflicts that have raged on at Withrow Court for hours,” proclaimed Senator Clinton, when questioned by *Ear* staff outside the Nominations Committee hearing.

Her plans ultimately did not come to fruition, as the



Chelsea and Hillary just can not get enough of JCL spirit at this year's convention.

delegations from Côte d’Ivoire and Hull were not allowed to be seated by the National Committee. Nevada’s delegation was involved in a “questionable accounting scandal” possibly attached to a “racketeering investigation,” while the Georgia members were cited on the new “shirts-required” policy, after removing shirts

that were deemed to be “of a questionable nature.”

In an emotional outburst, last seen from the candidate in the early primary season, Senator Clinton’s campaign received its final, devastating blow, as she openly wept on stage when told by an aide that most NJCLers are by law “legally prohibited from voting for age-related reasons.”

Ask the Oracle

How many JCLers does it take to make a projector work?

That depends. Is it an African Projector or European Projector?

How can I can I create regulation shin guards out of my convention supplies?

The Oracle does not handle such silly questions. McCaesar is much better equipped to handle that one. He’ll be in on Sunday.

What is the perfect dance move for me to show off my dance skills while still being JCL appropriate?



When The Oracle is busting a move, this is what he does: First he limps to the side like

his leg is broken, shakin’ and twitchin’ kinda like a convulsion. I’m crazy wack funky. People say you look like M.C. Hammer on sugar, Oracle. That’s all right ‘cause my body’s in motion.

I didn’t get picked for *That’s Entertainment*, how else can I impress the ladies?

You have asked the correct source. The Oracle knows all there is to know about what impresses the ladies. I suggest washing behind your ears and making sure you have your foot fungus well under control.

Prodigal Voice seeks a return

Kavita Joshi of ESPN 8 "The Octo" reports that the Voice of the SCL is pondering a comeback. This validates some claims that the Voice really wanted to retire, but was forced by the SCL, hoping to take *That's Entertainment* in a new direction. Some are starting to believe that the Voice wanted to get attention, so it decided to retire and create the media frenzy of Monday night. Joshi herself believes that the retirement was legitimate, but the Voice just felt the itch to perform, as predicted when the story broke last night.

In a tell-all interview with Andrew Kulak, the Voice has admitted, "I am guilty of retir-

ing early". However, the Voice claims "I was never fully committed" to retiring and that he was pressured by the SCL to make his hasty decision.

In 2005, the SCL drafted a high school senior whom they planned to be the Voice's successor. Because of the Voice continuing its SCL career, the new recruit was relegated to the status of "Slasher" for three straight conventions. The supporters of the SCL's decision think that it is both highly unfair to the new Voice by sending him back down and it is unfeasible, considering *That's Entertainment* has been optimized to fit the new Voice's skills and natural ability. The SCL has publicly stated that

they will welcome back the Voice of the SCL... but as the understudy to his successor.

The Octo's Internet message boards have been flooded on the issue. There has been an outcry from some fans of *That's Entertainment* by those who want the Voice to be welcomed back and given his role back right away. Some side with the SCL on the issue, believing that the Voice made this dilemma for itself.

The question fans and the SCL are both asking: who will be more insane and sleepless for the future of *That's Entertainment*? It seems that opinions differ. Stay informed with this story with "The Octo" and the *Convention Ear*.



Delegates are apprehensive about Ohio "Soft Coney" treats available in the cafeteria.

COMPETTIVE CERTAMEN RESULTS: ROUND I

Novice Scores		Intermediate Scores	Advanced Scores		
A CO	25	A CO	35	A KY	0
B Alpha	135	B CA	80	B WI	255
C NC	30	C VA	145	C KS	0
D NJ	0	D NV	10	D GA	70
E WI	25	E IL	100	E IN	15
F TX	310	F MA	215	F TX	185
G KY	35	G TN	245	G LA	10
H CA	145	H IN	0	H ND	25
I LA	0	I GA	65	I PA	75
J IN	0	J ND	15	J Beta	95
K MA	320	K FL	235	K OH	170
L NV	15	L WI	66	L MO	15
M OH	85	M TX	195	M VA	135
N VA	40	N KY	20	N NV	0
O FL	180	O OH	80	O CA	80
P ND	25	P NC	200	P MA	160
Q GA	110	Q ME	25	Q IL	15
R IL	165	R LA	15	R FL	130
S ME	40			S CO	25
T TN	205			T TN	230
U MO	30			U NC	30

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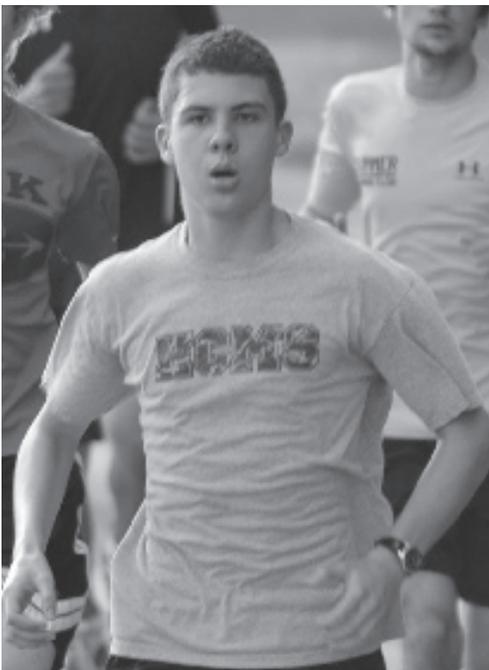
JCL Society Gossip...In Pictures!



Spirit Tip: Closing your eyes doesn't change the fact that you have a chicken bucket on your head.



Ultimate Frisbee participant Pat Troughton (PR) moves with such blinding speed that the space-time continuum warps around him.



Bill Hartnell (DW) discovers the horrible secret of marathon – the Olympika Balrog.



Words fail us.