**NJCL Braces for Outbreak of OVID-19**

*Athens, Georgia*

The Centaur for Disease Control is closely monitoring an outbreak of poetry caused by a novel Publius Ovidius Nasonavirus first identified in Richmond, Virginia, in the United States. Cases of OVID-19 are also being reported in a growing number of state and local JCL chapters. Symptoms include shortness of breath (after breathlessly reciting verses), dizziness (as though struck by Cupid’s arrow), and a lack of taste for anything not written in meter.

NJCL’s chief elegiacologist Dr. Antony Chiron issued a statement Friday cautioning convention attendees about the virus. “We are taking precautions similar to the ones we recommended during the 2009 outbreak of Homer’s Iliad, colloquially known as the Circe Flu. You should maintain social distance of at least one line of dactylic hexameter at all times and stay indoors except for E-lympika. OVID-19 has a much higher verb rate than the common Ciceronavirus, and we all need to take the appropriate precautions.”

Classics groups across both academia and industry are racing to develop a vaccine. Medical researchers at the Oak Ridge National Latin Exam have successfully sequenced the virus that causes OVID-19 and published its entire genetic code online. The Cambridge Latin Course-based startup Antiqua Therapeutics was the first company to begin OVID-19 clinical trials. Their groundbreaking ‘carmen et erroRNA’-based vaccine uses the body’s own cells to mimic a natural infection by producing viral couplets that can be recognized and banished by the immune system.

**Virtual Safety Orientation**

NJCL General Assembly I was missing the typical safety orientation, so we in the *Ear* Office would like to remind the JCLers of a few important rules and health tips for this virtual convention.

Clothes must be worn at all times. This is for your own safety! We don’t know how it keeps you safe, but please. Just wear clothes.

Drink lots of water. Even though regular Ludi & Olympika are not scheduled, it is still important to stay hydrated. Take a sip every time someone says “virtual.” Yes, this time counts. Drink.

Take breaks from staring at your screen. Try taking tests with your eyes closed for fifteen minutes. You might not place, but you will save your eyes!

Remember! You are responsible for your own safety this year. Honestly, if you just want to stay locked in your room all week, we support you.

**Weather Update**

This morning, the weather in Richmond was—actually I don’t have the faintest clue. I do know that I was quite comfortable behind my computer all day (except when trying to eat lunch during academic testing). I believe it’s safe to say all convention attendees remained at least six feet apart during GA. Though I couldn’t see or hear my fellow JCLers, it was lovely to see your names on a screen.

With JCLove,
Jesse Cai, TN
SCLer Austin Chu Does Silver Bowl Hat Trick

We at the *Ear* are pleased to celebrate the first ever Silver Bowl hat trick, beautifully executed by Austin Chu. While technical difficulties seemed ready to disrupt Austin’s receipt of his first Silver Bowl during GA 1 on Friday morning, all was not lost as the gods decided to re-start Austin’s Silver Bowl presentation twice, resulting in our first-ever three-time Silver Bowl recipient.

To continue celebrating and remembering this tremendous achievement, we’re happy to announce that recitation of Austin Chu’s Silver Bowl presentation will be included as a new Creative Arts contest at the 2021 NJCL Convention at San Diego State University and all future conventions.

Animal Crossing: New Convention

Instead of video meetings, NJCL Convention will be moved to *Animal Crossing: New Horizons* at our new island getaway “RichmondVA.” Here’s what you can expect:
- Rumor has it that Octavian made a bid to be the new ACL Representative.
- Prepare your nets for the Ludi Wasp Catch!
- There have been reports of fraudulent Graphic Arts being submitted by the mysterious JCLer, REDD.

Personals

Submit to editor@nscl.org, subject “PERSONAL.” Character limit 250! We mean it.

To Bering, Emma, Ethan, Lan, Linh, Lorelei, Saif, Teddy, Will: I am so proud of you all! Bonam fortunam! Maximo cum amore, Parva

To Bering, Bunny, Emma, Gray, Kenzie, Lorelei, Will, William: Thanks for being such an amazing group to spend our first virtual NJCL with! Dorm time = tempus optimum! Vos amamus! - Danny ICE, Parva, et Situla

To my fellow Latin ladies of DHS, thank you for making my first year as president of JCL at DHS such an amazing one. I hope that at y’all’s first national convention you are able to feel the JClove and finally understand all my craziness.

I move to reinstate the Andrew Margrave Fan Club. Any seconds?

Taylor Swift works hard, but Ann Nguyen works harder. We love you, Ann! - LSCL

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Poll 1: What’s the best platforms for state delegations to keep in touch?

62 JCLers said:
- 16 Screaming really loud out the window
- 10 GroupMe
- 8 Discord
- 8 Tin can network, connected by strings
- 6 Carrier Pigeons
- 4 Slack
- 1 Instagram!
- 1 Fax machine, but program it so it makes noises in Morse code
- 1 Connecting to a hive mind
- 1 The chat box during GA
- 1 Telepathy
- 1 Minecraft server
- 1 Xbox party chat
- 1 Remind, DMing
- 1 Forget pigeons, let’s go owls, Harry Potter style
- 1 The SCL needs no platform because of the whole omniscient thing

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A Day in the Life of Jace E. Yeller’s Kitchen Pot (not sponsored)

Oh, to be a pot (Utopia Kitchen 2 Quart Nonstick Saucepan with Glass Lid - Multipurpose Use for Home Kitchen or Restaurant). My day begins in the grimy depths of Jace E. Yeller’s sink, immersed in last night’s sludge pile. Suddenly, I hear a scream, “Oh, my University of Richmond Spider™! Is that my Utopia Kitchen 2 Quart Nonstick Saucepan with Glass Lid - Multipurpose Use for Home Kitchen or Restaurant sitting in my Kraus KHU100-30 Kitchen Sink, 30 Inch, Stainless Steel? How could I have woefully neglected the care and love of Utopia Kitchen 2 Quart Nonstick Saucepan with Glass Lid - Multipurpose Use for Home Kitchen or Restaurant?” The loving feeling of Dawn Ultra Dishwashing Liquid Dish Soap, Original Scent - 19.4 oz. washes over my rotund body. Purified once again, I am ready for another lonely day sitting on the stovetop. Time passes while Jace experiences the joy of convention, sitting and laughing at a computer screen for 10 hours. Suddenly, I see the typically couch-bound Jace sprint around the house! “What is going on?” I ask myself, “The FitnessGram PACER Test™?” Faster than Dennis Webb striking down an election rule violator, Jace E. Yeller appears before me. Jace snatches me up like a wig on Ru Paul’s Drag Race. Before the 47 scavenger hunt attendees, Jace displays me, stains and all. Eheu! I did not receive or sign the NJCL Convention signature form from Vicki Curler! To be continued...

Cheers,
Jace E. Yeller

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(Personals cont.)

Richard, thanks for being my JCLmate during these past four years! I’ve enjoyed all our adventures. See in college! :)

Happy Graduation, Anika and Megan! Gratias for making it a snazzy year! Magistra Palumbo and the AZJCL Kids.

Thanks so much for putting all of this together! You are amazing!

I was wondering if spaces counted towards the character limit.

Bagels are round
The sun is round
The sun is yellow
Bananas are yellow
Bananas have spots
Spots lived long life
Life? That’s my favorite cereal!
I once paid ten dollars for it
Ten dollars! That’s crazyyyy!!!
I was once crazy, they put me in a round room and fe

“I need a bad bleep, uh
Addison Rae, lil shawty the baddest yeah, and she got her ways... Obviously these lyrics are very heartfelt to me because I AM Addison Rae :)

From anonymous

To Savannah from Virginia, Thank you for encouraging me to apply for a Nationals packet at the NJCL Kahoot Game! Without you, I wouldn’t be here, virtually!

With Love, Savannah from Florida

Danny ICE, thank you SO MUCH for being the best chaperone ever. You make every convention awesome with your amazing chaperoning skills and your hilarious jokes!

“Sic transit gloria, I didn’t know Gloria was sick.”

CLASSIC!!!

- Bering

P.S. Thanks for tea BB, Why did you stop coming to LGG? SMH

my head - L & E

Big Jupiter, Situla, et Parva, Thank you for helping us achieve our certamen dreams!

XOXO Gossip Team

A special shoutout to Connecticut, if you’re here. Y’all are the best.

With love,

Kevin and the VJCL

Shoutout to everyone involved in Competitive Certamen for your flexibility, resilience, and perseverance.

Shoutout to awesome Open and WSOC Chairs, Kendal and Chris! I appreciate everything you have done.

Have you been waiting all year to dance like no one was watching, but with people actually watching? Tune in for NJCL’s first-ever virtual dance party!
JCLers Must Wear Clothes to Virtual Convention

Given the apparent confusion about Zoom etiquette, we at the Ear have put together a guide to explain what is and is not acceptable attire.

Not Clothes

1. A suitcase
2. Board games
3. Pots and pans

Clothes

1. JCL shirt + nametag
2. SCL shirt + hat
3. Toga!

mythology

1. the 753
2. varsity Latin tee
3. the last great Roman dynasty
4. banishment (ft. the racketeers)
5. I overslept testing
6. glowsticks
7. VII
8. July
9. this is me hyperbuzzing
10. purpling
11. nametag
12. maenad
13. eheu
14. susan
15. fellowship
16. nomcom

bonus track: sweat