

The Convention Ear

62 (Y)ears of Telling It Like It Isn't

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25 Hour Convention Coverage

Due to the popularity of vinyl records we have decided to “*Carpe the Diem*” and roll out our own range of vinyl offerings. We’ve started our phase one rollout with vinyl pillows, but we have more exciting products coming in the future! You can soon look forward to vinyl badges, vinyl bed sheets, vinyl convention programs, vinyl roommates, vinyl Cicero, and so much more! But remember our motto: “If you touch this in any way, you will void fire code compliance.

Everything is Vinyl!



SHADY UMBRELLA SALESMAN APPREHENDED

BREAKING NEWS: A shady figure was apprehended yesterday in the darker corners of the nosebleeds of Blackham Coliseum. The man in question, known to some by the moniker ‘Shady Gator Gus,’ was found selling non-JCL approved umbrellas to Ohio delegates affected by the leaking roof at yesterday’s General Assembly for \$5 a pop. These umbrellas can be recognized by their numerous holes, faded logos, and terrible smell.

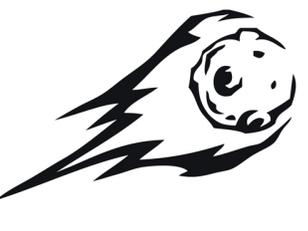
When initially pressed as to why Shady Gator Gus was hanging around the rafters selling umbrellas to JCLers he replied that he was simply “filling a niche in the market that happened to present itself.”

While *The Ear’s* investigative reporting staff can respect the entrepreneurial spirit, more eyebrows were raised when California and Indiana JCLers were spotted with the same decrepit umbrellas from

Gator Gus. “Yeah I got it from that guy sitting up behind our delegation,” one California JCLer said. “Who was that guy? He charged us \$20 and my name tag for one lousy umbrella,” another Indiana delegate added.

Shady Gator Gus is being sent home at his parents expense as we continue to investigate allegations of price gouging and causes of damages to the roof of Blackham Coliseum.

WEATHER FORECAST

YESTERDAY	TODAY	TOMORROW
		
Zeus’s Wrath	Meteors	Whatever Comes Next

The Gods are Angry

Pillows scrounged from the depths of Tartarus. Weather that feels more like a sauna rather than a real state. Words overshadowed by cracks of Thunder during GA I. Water stolen to expedite Swimming so that students may compete going from dorm to Union. What could lead to these catastrophes?

There are some rumors being whispered among the alligators that these catastrophes are being caused by students not coming to participate in Ludi Alligator Chomping.

Intergalactic JCL dominance

Scandal, political intrigue, and possible war crimes are wreaking havoc within the National Junior Classical League, investigative reporter Sh-marbara Halters uncovered in an *Ear* exclusive.

A slip from Publicity Chair Catherine Sturgill during GA I tipped off the intrepid reporter. Sturgill took the mic to share the positive news that NJCL membership was rising after a harsh hit during the pandemic years.

In fact, membership extends beyond the United States, Sturgill said. The United Kingdom and South Korea were now JCL members, with delegates representing proudly at this week's convention in Louisiana.

But what sounded joyous turned out to be far more sinister.

"It's now more appropriate to call this an international JCL convention," Sturgill said, her voice rising with barely tempered mirth. "We have conquered — I mean started — chapters in South Korea and the United Kingdom."

As the crowd applauded the expansion, Sturgill turned to the National Committee members, her hand only half covering the mic as she giddily whispered, "Today, it's intercontinental. Tomorrow, the world. And then," she paused menacingly, "The galaxy!"

A maniacal laugh escaped her, conveniently drowned out by a boom of thunder.

The threat of intergalactic dominance may never have leaked if it were not for one courageous whistleblower — committee short-timer Bob McDonald.

"They've been siphoning off dues revenue for years to fund their unhinged military schemes," McDonald confessed. "Apparently, it's really expensive to train alligators to fight in space. But they're counting on their aggression to turn the tide."

But little did Sturgill know,

space is a cruel and unforgiving mystery. And it's fighting back.

NSCL Vice President Grace Weston tried to prepare JCLers for the threat of a pending meteorite strike, but no one laughed at what they perceived as a silly little joke.

Stick with *The Ear* for updates on this rapidly developing story. Stay tuned for an interview with astronomer Boudreau Thibodeaux, who has an inside line on space's plans for retaliation.

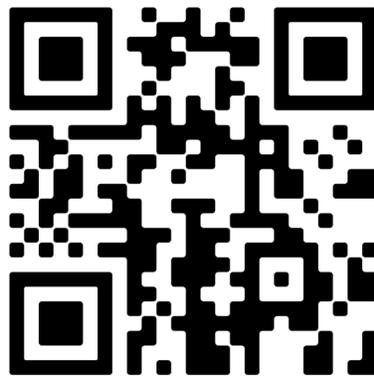
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Tentative Certamen Round 1 Scores

Novice	Round 1
Texas Purple*	295
Massachusetts	255
Wisconsin	215
Florida Purple*	175
Texas Gold	145
New Hampshire	120
Illinois Purple	115
Illinois Gold	75
Virginia	75
Ohio	55
Georgia	50
California	35
Florida Gold	15
Arizona	10
Louisiana	0

Intermediate	Round 1
Virginia	170
Georgia	155
Wisconsin	150
Florida	130
Texas	115
Massachusetts	115
Illinois	90
North Carolina	90
California	80
New Hampshire	75
Tennessee	50
WC Alpha	30
Indiana	10
Ohio	0
WC Beta	0

Advanced	Round 1
Florida	215
Georgia	195
District of Columbia	190
Wisconsin	175
Tennessee	140
Massachusetts	110
Virginia	120
Pennsylvania	90
Texas	105
New Hampshire	75
California	65
Hawaii	55
Ohio	50
Arizona	45
Illinois	35
North Carolina	10
Indiana	0
Louisiana	0

PERSONALS

Isabel Buyers from GA is searching for a JCLover. All available gentlemen: if you see her this week make sure to meet her. If you don't talk to her this year, you might be able to talk to her next year when she is a freshman at Emory. Serious inquiries only.

To my awesome DHS students -- you are rockstars and I am so proud of you all. Never give up on your dreams. *Ad astra per aspera!*
- Love, Magistra

To Bering, Krista, William, Morgan, Isaac, Bo, McAlpine, Laila, Giulia, Martina, Maya, Meredith, Presley: *vos amamus!* Thanks for being the absolute best!
- Parva, Mr. Fleming, and Ms. Long

Trace and Will, thanks for your help with the SAS kids!

Congratulations to the MDJCL delegation for their very first mention in *The Ear!*

trace ur not trash luv tyler

The real Personal is the friends we made along the way.

Many thanks to my amazing colleagues, Mr. Fleming and Ms. Long, and congratulations on your first convention. Thanks for taking such good care of the kids!
Vos estis optimi!



A man robs a bank

Competitive Certamen Round #2 Tuesday, 7/26/2019, 7:00-9:00 PM		
7-7:40 p.m. Advanced	7:40-8:20 p.m. Intermediate	8:20-9 p.m. Novice
TN vs. WI vs. FL Wharton 222	TN vs. TX vs. CA Wharton 222	TX Gold vs. MA vs. TX Purple Wharton 222
IN vs. GA vs. TX Billeaud 117	TN vs. VA vs. WI Billeaud 117	FL Gold vs OH vs. IL Gold Billeaud 117
NC vs. MA vs. OH Hamilton 108	NH vs. MA vs. OH Hamilton 108	GA vs. VA vs. NH Hamilton 108
OH vs. PA vs. VA Billeaud 220	Alpha vs. NC vs. FL Billeaud 220	FL Purple vs. LA vs. CA Billeaud 220
NH vs. IL vs. HI Hamilton 115	Beta vs. IL vs. GA Hamilton 115	WI vs. IL Purple vs. AZ Hamilton 115
LA vs. DC vs. CA Billeaud 219		

**LITTLE MISS
HYPERBUZZ**



**LITTLE MISS
FORGOT HER NAMETAG**





Welcome to Louisiana

