Imposter lunged, thrusting his lightsaber at the fearsome reptile senator. With a swish of his tail, Senator Rex expertly sidestepped the imminent attack, parrying the blade.

“That’s all you got? This is getting real sussy, you know.”

Wiping away the sweat from his visored brow, Imposter smirked. “You betcha. Donchya know dat meteor-ridden space is dangerous for a plucked chicken like you?”

“What can I say? I like danger.”

A small throng of JCLers, drawn to the battle-torn Agora like cockroaches to a dorm room, began to gather. Cheers sounded louder than Californians in a dining hall as JCLers surrounded them, loud enough to draw the attention of the Intergalactic President Joanna Piris. With the ease of an SCLer passing out for a 2 p.m. Ludi Nap, the fight—no, truly, a dance of two true swordsmen—drew to a stalemate under the Intergalactic President’s stern stare.

The nemeses glared at each other, eyes filled with a fury rivaling that of a Certaminator who hyperbuzzed a tossup. For what seemed like ages, they held that gaze, playing a game of prehistoric chicken.

At last, Senator Rex leaned in to whisper, “let’s continue this later.”

Scowling, Imposter tossed aside the foam weapon, letting it hit the floor with a sharp squeak. “Dis isn’t over,” he spat, kicking aside a loose wood panel. “Ope!” He suddenly leapt, disappearing down a hidden vent.

Growling, Senator Rex stomped off through the crowd, leaving screaming JCLers left in his wake. Not even the screams of terror could cleanse his mind from the annoyance that was Imposter.

As Senator Rex stalked away, he stiffened at the sound of a soft pitter-patter above in the vents. Yet the only person who could be making that sound was Imposter... and why would they be heading in the same direction? Senator Rex scoffed and carried on, deciding to ignore the sound.

Something compelled him to follow. Before long, he found himself standing in front of the vibrating doors leading to the dance. His stubby arms threw open the doors. He was momentarily stunned by the affront to his senses, but quickly adjusted to the blasting music and even louder kazooing. As he scanned the crowd of JCLers simultaneously hitting the whip and nae nae, his eyes narrowed at the rapid flash of blurred red plunging from the ceiling.

Then, in that moment, from across the floor... their eyes met.

Stay tuned to next week’s Ear for more updates on this heart-stopping story!

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Weather Forces JCL to Change Events

BREAKING NEWS: Large seas have started to form in the Blackham Coliseum due to torrential Louisiana weather and a leaky roof. In the opinion of the chair, the National Committee has moved to amend the schedule to include Ludi Mock Naval Battles, Naval General Assembly IV, and Naval That’s Entertainment!. Open registration for the J-Sea-Lers hoping to compete in the naval battles will be held later today consisting of teams of six. Oars, foam swords, drift wood, and towels will not be provided.

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WEATHER FORECAST

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Extended Bus Routes

NJCL attendees are required to take buses between the Union and general assemblies. In a recent push by Lafeyette City Council member and public transit enthusiast Andrea Stehle, new local ordinances will require NJCL attendees to take buses whenever possible. To support this, ULL buses will now run in the following loops starting Thursday afternoon. These routes should only be taken by bus, otherwise delegates face risk of prosecution by the local Lafeyette night traffic court:

Starting at the JCL desk, this route will travel in a loop through the Union. Stops include Georgia’s caricature booth, the intersection of a mafia game and a T-Rex/Among Us fight, and several stops along the colloquium corridor, each approximately 7.4 feet apart. The express edition will not stop at the Sponsor/Chaperone Hospitality Lounge. Please note: If the Odyssey colloquium is underway, this route will disappear from the map and delegates will not resurface until the 2026 NJCL Convention at Indiana University.

Delegates may not be aware of a new extension to the popular Union-Blackham Coliseum bus line. This limited route will travel the perimeter of the coliseum before entering the main floor and stopping at the stage to drop off announcements. This route bypasses any and all extra-large states. The fare for this extension is one cafeteria fork. Silver Bowl and Tray awardees ride for free.

New Delegation of SCeLephants Announced

Have you been hearing large, crashing sounds throughout your time at convention? You may think it’s thunder, fireworks, or perhaps those pesky meteorites. You are, in fact, wrong. This year, we are proud to welcome our first non-human delegation, the SCeLephants. These wonderful mammals are omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and indispensable. And, of course, they are omnireminiscent. If you see one of these lumbering Latin lovers around, make sure to say hello!

SCL Selectively Chooses Letters

Inspired by the acronyms of the many JCL campaigns, the SCL has decided to launch their own set of acronym-based initiatives, which are as follows:

LSCLer Andrew Meche believes in a platform of S.C.L.: Sleeping, Certamenning, Living.


NCSCLer Bennett Henkel has campaigned for S.C.L.: State Chairing Latin.

JCL Syndrome

Have you or a loved one been affected by JCL Syndrome? JCLers everywhere have begun experiencing the following symptoms, including, but not limited to:

- a strange urge to run the marathon
- lost voice (due to spirit)
- sleeping and/or showering with nametag on
- an aversion to grass (no sod trodding)
- a ferocious love of soft serve
- being a parliamentarian

Scientists are still not sure what the root cause of this syndrome may be, but signs are pointing toward the meteorite. So far, no SCLers have been diagnosed with JCL Syndrome. They are simply too powerful having been affected by the after effects of the meteorite and the subsequent stardust.
Junior Cajun League Song

Seekin’ to learn, with wisdom our geauxl,
Rowin’ in pirogues through bayous of old,
Searchin’ the realms of the marshy past,
We study the Cajuns’ works très vast.

With boudin, gumbo, étouffée, we’re growin’ e’ry day.
The Swampy Land of JCL aids in e’ry way.
We’ll join our arms and hoot along,
With e’ry Ragin’ Cajun,
And forevah we’ll hold to da Purple and Gold
Of da Junior Cajun League!

Gumballs Answer Revealed

Thank you all for your submissions to the gum-ball contest yesterday. Unfortunately, none of you guessed the correct answer. In fact, all of the submissions were incredibly incorrect. The number of gumballs was one (1) after we cooked them all into a massive gumballaya within the gumball rage machine.

N.B. The rage machine is out of order and dangerous to operate! (Did you not see the sign?!) Therefore, any and all JCLers caught handling the machine while counting have been disqualified. Special shout-out to the JCLer who submitted an answer with a decimal in it. They win the prestigious prize of worst answer.

TOP 10 PILLOW ALTERNATIVES

10. PILE OF KAZOOS
9. BAG OF GARBAGE
8. TENNIS SHOES
7. LAPTOP CASE
6. STACK OF CONVENTION EARS
5. BACKPACK OF DIRTY CLOTHES
4. SWEATSHIRT*
3. DOG BED*
2. YOUR HAIR IN THIS HUMIDITY
1. RAGIN’ CAJUNS MERCH*

*AVAILABLE AT THE CAMPUS STORE IN THE UNION

Kazoo Shakedown

It was an evening like any other, at the NJCL Agora last night. Senator Rex posed for photo ops, Ocean the Dog supervised JCLers browsing the tables, and entire boxes of Barbies went for the incredibly low price of $2.00. The mood was jubilant, everyone reveling in the unique T-shirt designs on display. Intrepid JCLer Maxine Mandt suddenly noticed someone hiding a small, plastic object in their hand. Terrified it could be part of the growing meteor threat, Maxine took immediate action and contacted the SCL to investigate. Our expert agents arrived on the scene and noticed odd, high-pitched noises at random intervals, which could only mean one thing: kazoos.

Agent Caleb Currier, lead investigator at the Senior taCtical League’s Banned Spirit Items Division, told Ear reporters: ‘We’ve been tracking an underground syndicate of kazoo dealers since 2018, and it feels good to finally put a stop to the illegal and improper use and distribution of these items. As everyone knows, kazoos aren’t allowed in NJCL general assemblies, as they contribute to noise pollution and promote unhealthy behaviors, like not participating in spirit cheers. We anticipate JCLers will return to shouting and clapping, informing us all that their state is red hot, ASAP.’

Rest assured, the SCL will continue to monitor this situation and confiscate any illicit kazoos. Violators will be fined and sentenced to 20 hours of untangling Certamen buzzers, or worse, being sent home at their parents’ expense.’

NJCL STONKS

Capri Suns  Burgers
Wisconsin Ludi aggression  Pills
Air conditioning  Hawaii supervision
Campaign materials  JCL socks
Kazoos  Sanity
Earplugs  Forks
Forks  Napkins
Personals

Cash, Andrew, Blake, Emmy, and Evelyn - so glad you are the first group of Falcons to attend NJCL convention! Thanks for paving a way for our club’s future. So grateful for and proud of you! - Magister Hagen

Ite, CAJCL! We so proud of you and your JCL spirit! - Magister Davis

O Vulcane, mi fili, est maximus dolor in meo capite! Veni ad me! - Jupiter

Weston, Greg, Rishi, Radhik, and Aaron: We are so glad you decided to join us for convention this year and are proud of you for signing up for so many activities. Nerds. -McDanny and Mr. D

Annabella, Austin, Avery, Emani, Roberto - you have made FCAP so proud this week! Enjoy the rest of your first convention! Vos amo! - Magistra Read

Jeannie: It was so wonderful to meet you at hospitality. Your crawfish secret is safe with us.
-Magisterae Floridianae

Ben Johnson: Convention hasn’t been the same without our annual photo.
-Magisterae Floridianae

Cathy: We are prepared to join your army for intergalactic domination.
-“Snazzy” Sock Soldiers

Indiana Co-Chair the Younger: I can’t believe they let us room together. Let’s try not to get sent home at our parents’ expense.
-Obnoxious Chair

Hi, Trace. ;)

My Latin Wife, Thank you for being my obnoxious other half. You have the snazziest socks and the best sense of humor. Conventions wouldn’t be the same without you. -Your Roommate from Other State

Amy, Laura, William, Melissa, Dennis, Sue, Cathy, and Jeremy: My heart was so happy for us to reunite at SPQR, in-person and virtually. I’m proud of the work we accomplished together years ago and thankful for the friendships we have still today. <3 Caitlin

Indiana: I’m so proud of how each of you is making the most of this convention. Congrats again on an amazing first half of nationals!
- Ms. Johnston

Jackson, Ella, Dominic, & Kiki, Thanks for being such an amazing board of officers! We can’t wait to see what you all accomplish this year.
-Indiana Co-Chairs

Flate, harenae, flatexYou Sandies are rocking nats. Thank you for being such a great group. Special shout-out to our super chaperone, Mr. Culwell! Magistra R

TX Advanced Certamen, congrats on making Semis! It’s been a pleasure working with y’all over the past several months. I’m very proud of you all! - Iamius

Bering, Krista, Marco, Victoria, Maddie, Jack, Isaac, Martina, Giulia, Maya: What a privilege it has been to work with you and watch you grow! Vos estis optimi! Will, Iams, Abhinav, Emma, Trace, Mr. Soto, Parva, and Andrew

RE: GUY HANDING OUT STICKERS. I HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT I DO NOT HAVE PURPLE HAIR. LOOK FOR THE GUY IN A DENIM JACKET WITH PINK SPOTS ON A BLOND BUZZCUT

Dear Sarah Wipple, thank you sooooo much for driving us to find the key! Fondly, Jen from Jersey

Anna Myhre from GA was seen smacking people on the head with her gavel. I’m not worried about her seeing this message because she doesn’t know how to read.

this is a Seth Knowles stan personal

To the Manes of Missed In-Person Conventions who haunt Coronna 4th Floor: You’ve stolen our water. We’ve smelled your fiery wrath. What offering shall we make to appease you? Shall we toss an offa to…

[EDITORS NOTE: personals are cut off at 200 characters, fools]

He moves to Lafayette, Louisiana.
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