DAY 1: A larj groop of cheeldren has come to my swamp. They hav stranj naems, laik “Jacy Eller” and say stranj words laik “loodi” and “slashur.” They also swim, laik senseebal ga-tors, but they hav weerd dri and cauld swamp with no plants. I wil eenves-tigator mor.

DAY 2: I hav deevaized a clever disgaiz of a yelo wig and crocs. I hav seen the smal ones get in troubl without the loos red colar, so I hav takin the colar of a child for myself. But I do not hav a nek. I wil go to the “loodi” and the “contest seshuns” and I wil see how theez stranj aneemals hunt and train. The swamp wil not be taken. EDIT: I canot hold a penceel.

DAY 3: The cheeldren. They run. So so far.

DAY 4: The older ones hav becom wize to my identitee. Som are feer-ful, others aksept me as supeereoor. I hav broht frends to help. These cheeldren, we wil not mayk them leev. We wil mayk them serv.

DAY 5: So much suk-sess. So much progres. The cheeldren, they reed my reeport now. And they do not kno that the one siting nekst to them is a gator. And thayr teechur: a gator. Soon they will look within themselves and find that they are a gator all along.
That’s Entertainment! Recap

The first in-person That’s Entertainment! in three years ran smoother than an alligator’s scales, despite initial confusion on the hosts’ parts. Our indispensable SCL hosts were Vincent Bianca (LA), seen wearing PJ pants; Amanda Roessler (WI), seen spreading lies; and Thelo Lewis (TX), seen being bald. They led us through a snazzy collection of music and dance performances with a few stitch-inducing skits sprinkled in.

Karen Dong (MA) claimed first with her wonderfully sung and hand-drawn “Welcome to Carthage” parody song. Anand Advani (VA) took second with his exciting poi routine to “I Ain’t Worried” by OneRepublic, a song so good I cannot stop listening it to on repeat. Anvesha Guru (WI) nabbed third with her beautiful Bollywood dance. Stage crew was rumored to be dancing backstage. All of the acts did a wonderful job, contributing to an exemplary That’s Entertainment!, and should be applauded for their skill and dedication to performance.

In a mere 25 hours, the NJCL Officers produced a hilarious skit pulling back the curtain on the reality of your fearful leaders—though we here at The Ear all hope that Savvy is ok after that incident with the floating and whatnot. In the future, the NJCL officers will know to call the brand new SCL Crisis Line for help with their 25-year-old Vecna problems.

Finally, please be welcoming and say “Hi” to any ScaLLigators you might see around campus past sunset. We can report that Vincent is totally fine and has not been brainwashed to accept Sinclair Franz (FL) and our alligator overlords. And remember: DO NOT FEED THE SCLERS!!

MISSING

WHERE IS SHE

SINCLAIR FRANZ
FLORIDA SLASHER
REWARD: $130

Last seen taunting the alligators in Cypress Lake, shouting ‘you’ll never be omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, and indispensable.”

Jon Gumz (CA) Cast in Brown Squirrel: The Movie

Inspired by the return of the cheer Brown Squirrel after a three-year hiatus, SCL Hallmark quickly expanded to buy the SyFy channel, now rebranded as SCLy-Fy, and greenlit an adaptation of Cronenberg’s The Fly.

When SCientistL Jonathan Gomez (played by Jon Gumz) completes his teleportation device, he decides to test its abilities on himself. Unbeknownst to him, a brown squirrel slips in during the process, leading to a merger of man and rodent. Initially, Gomez appears to have undergone a successful teleportation, but the squirrel’s cells begin to take over his body. As he increasingly wrinkles up his little nose, Gomez’ California SCL friends are horrified as the person they once loved deteriorates into a monster.

Gumz was cast after winning a bushy tail shaking competition open exclusively to those who entered the NSCL Raffle. It’ll be released as a double feature with Singin’ in the Swamp next summer.
You are da Cajun Queen
Da sweet tea, see the Cypress trees
Cajun Queen
Feel da heat, da humidity, eauxh yeah
You can dance, you can swing
Wearing your Mardi Gras bling
Ooh, see dat girl, watch dat scene
Diggin’ the Cajun Queen

Inspired by the NJCL Choral Presentation yesterday, LJCLers proposed an amendment to the state constitution to make Cajun Queen by BAAB the new Louisiana national anthem.

Scarlet and Violet Starter Pokemon Spotted Around ULL Campus

Nintendo and Game Freak have announced a collaboration with NJCL to promote the upcoming Pokemon Scarlet and Pokemon Violet games. In a groundbreaking act of marketing, delegates may glimpse three new starter pokemons amongst the iconic campus wildlife. “The overlap between the games and the current convention are clear” remarked Phil Dilinger. “The University of Louisiana at Lafayette campus has the perfect ecosystem for all three Pokemon, and we’re excited to teach kids about Latin roots through video games!”

Look for the grass type Sprigatito (*Feles memeticus*) in the colony of campus cats, the fire type Fuecoco (*Alligator gooficus*) basking alongside the Cypress Lake alligators, and the water type Quaxly (*Anaticula josukeformis*) among the flocks of ducks. At press time, neither Game Freak nor NJCL had any comment about alleged hordes of Trubbish living around Thibodeaux Hall.

Voltron: Spirit Defender

A coalition of smaller states dethroned TSJCL as the convention spirit champions at General Assembly IV. For decades, the TSJCL has won convention spirit wars by being louder and, well, just bigger than most other states. The coalition combated Texas’s might by forming “Defender of Spirit” Voltron, a 300-foot tall, extra-extra-large state comprised of six robots, piloted by delegates from Indiana, California, Ohio, Kentucky, New Jersey, and the UK. They used their combined power to overcome TSJCL’s spirit.

Decades ago, during a particularly heated spirit contest where TSJCL attempted to raise their power level more than 9000, the St. Olaf’s College auditorium imploded. Susan Schearer separated Voltron lest a single state gain too much spirit power, bonded the robots’ energies to Paul De’s life force, and scattered them across the universe for the next generation of delegates to discover.

For the past eight years, UK JCler Alistair Gordon Lethbridge-Stewart had been closely monitoring TSJCL’s recent rise in power. Worried that they were yet again becoming too powerful, he convened the other states’ delegates. They found Paul and began scouring the globe for the robots. By chance, they found them in the alligator habitat at the University of Louisiana, Lafayette. Under cover of the 69th NJCL convention, they united the robots to form...VOLTRON.
Coffee Stonks

The Lafeyette economy has been booming the past week over what experts are calling “The NJCL Effect.” Droves of high school students from across the nation descended upon campus, and immediately started buying up pillows, bedding, utensils, and more coffee than anybody should ever consume. Economist Dr. Gary Gary Baker first noticed the trend when he saw JCLers selling out the entirety of the local campus coffee shop. “This level of economic stimulus is unprecedented,” said Baker. “If we could harness the power of JCLer spending across the world, then we frankly wouldn’t even need economists any more.” We tried to catch a JCLer to interview them about their effect on the economy, but they were all running around shouting increasingly incoherent memes and spirit cheers and could not be stopped for an interview. However, once the caffeine wears off in a few days, we will attempt to follow up with them. Long-term outcomes of “The NJCL Effect” are currently unknown, but we at The Ear feel qualified and caffeinated to say that everything will be fine.

(Mis)Pronounciations

Following That’s Entertainment!, we present the ULTIMATE translation guide*:

Bourgois is bo-ur-go-is
Pontchartrain is pont-char-tra-in
Lagniappe is lag-ni-ap-e
Opelousas is o-pe-lo-us-as
Rougeou is rou-ag-e-o-u
Ouachita is ou-ua-chi-ta
Atchafalaya is at-cha-fa-la-ya
Tchefuncte is tch-ef-un-cte
Natchitoches is na-tch-it-o-ches
Tchoupitoulas is tch-o-up-it-ou-las

*Brought to you by SCL Crisis Line (call 725)

Imposter Candidate Sighted

During the recent elections, many of the candidates have been seen campaigning directly to delegates, but an imposter candidate has appeared in a snazzy suit, campaigning for a fictitious position called Delegate Coordinator (DelCo). His website (see QR code above) contains many dubious claims: Latin being their first language, dominance in underground Certamen duels, and being the watercolor painter behind the master oil painting “Water Lilies.” Their natural charisma and charm ensnared many JCLers’ into endorsing their I.R.O.N. F.I.S.T. program, including the NJCL President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, and Editor, as well as every state JCL president. But beware of their charm, JCLers, because signing their steno pad constitutes a legally binding contract to do the Stanky Legg.
On Tuesday afternoon, an unnamed JCLer was seen stealing food from the campus alligators. As we know, taunting the gators is expressly forbidden by the NJCL. The student was set to be sent home at their parents’ expense, but the parents refused to buy their naughty child a ticket home, stating that if they broke the rules, they should figure out a way home. Around 9 p.m., unknown persons were seen walking the JCLer to the swamp next to the student union. When the group returned, the student was not with them. Convention Ear staff have discovered that the child was fed to the alligators, presumably to send a message that rule breaking will not be tolerated. Stay safe out there, kids, and make sure not to taunt the gators.
I love latin convention so much!

Magistra Santos, Mr. Lee, Mrs. Bideman, Mrs. Reed, Mr. Hagen: Thank you for being such amazing State Chairs! It’s been a hard couple of years, but we appreciate your hard work so much! -<3 TSJCL

Mrs. Haworth, play me back in 8 Ball

You look so tall in person, Bering.

Krystal, thank you for being a great co-chair and friend. While you are moving from NJ, you will always be a part of NJ-JCL. Ex imo pectore, Craig

Simothy, What a fantastic 4 years! I’m so happy you made it to a NJCL convention and are having so much fun. I couldn’t have asked for a better way to conclude my time as your teacher. Magister Jacobs

NJ-JCL delegation, You are the best delegation we have ever brought to convention. Thank you making this trip so enjoyable and representing our state so well. Magister Jacobs

Thank you Magistra for everything that you do. I’m so glad I was able to be your student throughout all of high school. The DHS JCL would not be the same without you. -Ro

salvete, Andrew, Asher, CJ, Lawson, Maddie, Marco, Natalie, Nick, Ty, & Victoria: I am so glad that y’all are here and hope y’all are enjoying convention! I’m so proud of y’all. Magister Lee

Giselle, I’m so glad you came to Nationals with me this year. You are rocking it! Love, Intergalactic President Piris

Ambulator, Thank you so much for all you have done for your students over the years! Its been wonderful spending this week with you, and here’s to many more! Love, former and current CP students

Dear Mrs. Haworth, Thank you for being my Latin teacher this year. I was worried when I found out that I was getting a new teacher but you made this year a blast. Can’t wait for next year. From, Jake

O Iuppiter, mi pater, ubi es? Dixisti esse magnum dolorem in tuo capite .... Securim habeo! -Vulcanus

...as we were saying... Shall we pass an offa to bring us among those whom you favor? Or have you transferred your wrath to the elevator of Huger? Your humble suppliants of 4th Floor Coronna Hall.

Clint, Mary, Mel, William - y’all are superstars! I’m so grateful to have such dedicated and hard-working Co-Chairs! Gracias!

Shout out to little miss “got full ride to Princeton and can’t open a microwave” - Joisey gang

Wanted! NJ man escaped from Louisiana state prison wearing large cowboy hat, if you see this individual stop him and congratulate him on his fashion sense - New Joisey state board

To my STE Latin Nerds - YOU ARE AMAZING!! I hope you had the best time at convention. Shout out to our seniors: Monique, Heidi, Terrence, Karah, Liam.<3 Ms Beinemann

Many thanks to my amazing colleagues and chaperones: Shawn Jennings, Pete Jennings, Emily McCray Melissa Meingast! You are rockstars!! MB

Ambulator: I never could’ve imagined at the 2003 NJCL convention in VA that we’d be sitting side-by-side in GA here. I wouldn’t have it any other way. Thanks for everything, meus magister et amicus.

Parva, we love you!
Thank you for everything! We would not be where we are today without you, and we could not be more grateful for your continuous support and friendship. - Krista & Bering

Abhinav, Mr. Soto, Mr. Rist, Parva, Iams, Trace, Connor, Emma, and COACH. Thank you so much for everything you’ve done! We love you! - the Texas Advanced Certamen Team

to Situla: We miss you and wouldn’t be here today without you. We love you so much. Love, SAS <3

SOCK ARMY ASSEMBLLE!

Congratulations, Rupert! We are proud of you! - CAJCL

Athena, please make sure to feed Cricket and Dragonfly and give them scratches! - tuus Pater

Indiana Delegates, You all have been a fantastic group. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I have! JCLOve, Haworth

- | | Missing persons alert! Racketeers - last seen in Fargo in 2019. Please come home!

Vincent, Holden, Chris, and Rebecca - I’m so proud of you. You’ve done such an amazing job and have been a wonderful group to end my time at Clearview with. Go View! - Magistra Kubichek

Dear Franklin kiddos, I’m so very proud of you! It has been so wonderful seeing you bond and grow! Dear Penelope you are one awesome kid!

Vincent, you have done such an amazing job leading NJ at Convention. I can’t wait to see what you do for the state this year! - Magistra

To the TSJCL Officers, You are amazing! Thanks for all your hard work and dedication this week. e corde, TX State Chairs

MANY A STICKER HAS BEEN HANDED OUT. TEXAS ABDUCTED THEM AT ONE POINT BUT THEY WERE RETURN BY A CERTAIN SAX GUY. FIND ME WITH FUN EARRINGS.

There once was this kid, who got into a fight with his mom...

Hey man

21-22 Officers, thanks for making this one of the best years of my life :-) Reunion every four years in Lafayette? We can relive our Spring Planning days of “Ashley’s Weight Conscious Pizza” (I still shudder at this concept) and watching the Winter Olympics together. <3, Dakota

Before I go, I just want to tell you: you were fantastic. Absolutely fantastic. And you know what? So was I.

They’re all about duty.

to all the newest sclers (and of course all the 🐊 🐍 🐍): thanks for making this convention one of the more memorable in recent memory, for multiple reasons. here’s to many more! ~ paul d.

Kathryn and Chris (and Liz), you are the best siblings in the world. Love, Sue

To the members of the Sister Classical League, Bri and Kristina, thank you for your support, snacks, and late night talks. Hugs, Susie

Mrs. Marilyn Reinhardt, a Latin teacher for 26 years at Memphis University School, has retired from teaching Latin II. She came to MUS in 1973 and has taught Latin to a myriad of boys there. She has led numerous certamen teams to victory at TJCL Convention and has made many trips to the NJCL Convention, this year at Lafayette being her 19th. Mrs. Reinhardt, we appreciate all your help, support, love and enthusiasm. Gratia tibi agimus, Memphis University School.

THANK U FOR AN AMAZING YEAR! I’m so proud of all the work we did and I’m glad that I got to spend so much time w u! Good luck on all ur adventures!!

Wisconsin SCL. Growing in power every day.

Bri!!! Thank you for being a friend and a shoulder to rest on!

LJCL, your enthusiasm and spirit is what keeps me coming back every year! I hope you come back too.

I have a secret plan to fight inflation?

Bow ties are cool.

What’s next?

And is never heard from again. It’s true. It’s true.

thanks for reading <3
Across
6. convention university [sic]
8. a place to find classics in NYC
10. ultimate frisbee injury diagnosis
11. in partes tres divisa et... almost
15. my favorite TV set
16. 6th decl. nom. pl.
18. more of a suggestion
19. popular Convention Ear meme
22. SCL's first feature film
29. inconsistent lunchtime friend
32. take a picture of one to be redirected
34. Bikini bottom
35. S.A. weather
36. Mr. McDonald's occupation

Down
1. standard issue rations
2. not allowed at the 2022 convention
3. 1194X-1184X
4. Sage's Cajun's true identity
5. a river, misspelled
7. this convention
9. the one place no one wants the 2024 NAACL convention
12. ...o
13. feline-obsessed latin poet
14. find it at your local record shop
17. 725
20. only reason to sell at Lachi/Olympika
21. cajun Catalina 55
22. essential component of bourbon
24. free stickers hair color
25. Lesbia inspiration
26. swampy boy
27. 19-down 46.5 l
28. OCLI, storks
30. correct number of gumballs
31. 75th convention award
33. not a bug

LITTLE MISS
ACCEPTS HER ALLIGATOR
OVERLORDS

Build your own QR code!
Certamen

2022 NJCL Competitive Certamen
Finals — Thursday, July 29, 2021
Angelle Auditorium

Novice
11 AM CT
Intermediate
11:45 AM CT
Advanced
12:30 PM CT

FL vs. TX vs. MA
FL vs. GA vs. MA
MA vs. FL vs. TN

NB: The scores of the semifinal rounds are still being adjudicated. Check with the Certamen office for final scores.

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Jambalaya =

LITTLE MISS
GOT LOST IN STUDENT UNION

LITTLE MISS
LOST HER VOICE FROM SPIRIT

LITTLE MISS
ENTERS ALL HER GRAPHIC ARTS IN THE WRONG CATEGORY

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WSOC Teams

A - rootin’ tootin’ high rollin’ lil’ big hammies
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E - Capybara Clubbing Party
F - Parli-mint Condition
G - Diës Saturni Pueris Sunt

H - The Free Agents
I - Prison Pillows
J - Vinyl Pillows = Best Pillows
K - She’s Thingy
L - Elucidatory Signage
M - Ocnus Razor
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O - Calefacimus
P - Good
Q - Julius and the Caesars
R - Pulvinaria Perdita
S - Ivy Leaguers of Panama City Beach
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☐ I counted all the gumballs because The Ear said to
☐ The Latin was wrong! I checked!
☐ Not enough rats

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