



Convention **EAR**

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WELCOME TO CONVENTION!

Fenno's Fine Felicitations



Dear JCLers,

Welcome to the 53rd annual National Junior Classical League convention at Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana! I know that you are all anxiously waiting to start the numerous events occurring this week. The other officers and I have worked diligently to bring you a great convention.

This year you are at the most popular site for the convention. This is the fourth time that it has been held at this campus. I'm going to assume that means the conventions here are some of the best ever, and this one will not disappoint you. We have brought back the "Meet the Candidates Lunch," to give all of you a better idea for whom you are voting. Another exciting event brought back this year, which is similar to last year's carnival, is an event titled, "An Evening at the Piazza." There will be a wide variety of events to see and participate in. Also, you will be able to enjoy dessert here as well! We also have amazing facilities this year. The auditorium in which we are holding our General Assemblies and "That's Entertainment" is large, beautiful, and brings in big names such as David Spade and *Mamma Mia!*

Today begins yet another great national convention and another week of enveloping ourselves in the world of the Classics! I urge you to run out right now and start making friends from across the country!

Zachary Fenno
NJCL President 2005-2006



INDIANA UNIVERSITY FACTS

Established: 1850

Motto: Lux et Veritas

Logo: Kinda looks like a trident, doesn't it?

NJCL Conventions hosted: 4; 2006, 1996, 1986, and 1961

Not the same as: Indiana University of Pennsylvania, host of the 1989 convention

Secret passageways: Kitchen, Conservatory, Lounge, Study

NEWS YOU CAN USE!

- Watch this space for late-breaking updates and schedule changes, along with reminders about important events, etc.
- Graphic Arts registration is today from 8am to 12pm, and 6pm to 8pm. Go register right now! I mean it! Go on, the *Ear* will still be here when you get back.
- The JCL Desk and Lost and Found are in McNutt Quadrangle and can be reached by telephone at (812) 855-3400.
- The NSCL Mixer is a great opportunity for recent high school graduates to see what SCL is all about. The first SCL General Assembly is right afterwards.
- Tonight's dance is "JCLers, Start Your Engines". If dancing doesn't get your motor running, you can try Karaoke instead.

**WEATHER
REPORT
TOMORROW:
100% chance
of August**

From the Editor's Desk

Dear conventioners,

Welcome to convention! In the week ahead, you'll find yourself with no shortage of things to do: contests, athletics, dances...The list goes on, and sometimes it can be hard to keep it all straight!

With such an exciting week ahead, you need a guide to the world of convention. Don't panic! You've got the *Convention Ear*. Brought to you by a fearless gang of SCLers who've had far too much coffee and not enough sleep, it's full of information (useful and useless) and the *Ear's* trademark brand of quality journalism. New editions appear every day at lunchtime, so be sure to pick one up!

See you in the headlines,
Tyler Cunnion, NSCL Editor

PERSONAL ADS

appear each day in the *Ear*. If you want to submit a short message for publication, use the form below. Extra forms can be found at the JCL Desk.

Haag's Hearty Hello



If you are reading this right now, you already get it. You know what it means to love Latin. You were brave enough to take that fateful step, to sign-up for a convention that revolves around a civilization that has long since passed.

You crazy students, teachers, and chaperones have come from all across the country to Indiana to be with people just as obsessed as you are. This week will indubitably be a blast and I want to thank all of the people on the National Committee, on the executive boards of both the NJCL and NSCL, and of course all of our dedicated sponsors and chaperones. The success of this convention, however, depends solely on you. Every one of you, no matter if this is your first convention or fortieth, needs to discover all that this week has to offer. Most importantly, though, you should have fun. You need to enjoy your competitions, you have to soak up the excitement, and you must make friendships that will last forever.

At its very essence, national convention is about making memories. It is only a week, but it is about creating a mental imprint that will long outlast these next few days. I have nine such imprints now – each one special, each one unique, each one amazing. I am looking forward to my tenth this week, for there is little doubt that these next few days of happiness will stay with me forever. I hope that you will be a part of my memory of the 53rd NJCL Convention.

SinCereLy,
Steven Haag
NSCL President

P.S. Your Latin life does not end just because you graduated high school. On the contrary, it has just begun. Come hang out with the indispensable SCL at our mixer and learn how to take your Latin life to the next level!

SUBMIT PERSONALS!

INSTRUCTIONS: Write your message in the space provided. Enclose this form in an envelope (available at the JCL desk) with your \$1 payment. Personals are due by 10 P.M. each night. We may not be able to print all personals due to content or space limitations. There are no refunds for unprinted personals. **PRO-TIP:** The shorter the message, the more likely it is to be printed.

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