



the Convention EAR

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Aquatic Adept Makes a Big Splash

An Olympika legend was born yesterday at Swimming, christened Splashius Maximus—or, as he was more tenderly referred to by the waterlogged SCL stopwatch timers in attendance, *Splashie*. Only Shamu could possibly exceed the sheer magnitude and force of his splashing power, and that's only in his home environment of Sea World. In the Royer swimming pool however, Splashius reigned supreme, as a splash zone had to be created around the starting blocks to avoid the massive number of killer waves produced by this juggernaut of the deep.

But he wasn't just *splashin'* around, Splashius went forth and conquered every event he entered, which we're pretty sure was all of them. Splashie found some time between each of his heats (which were many) to give us a few words, but we don't know how to translate killer whale sounds with onomatopoeia, so we'll just leave it to your furtive imaginations. We salute you Splashie, for lowering the water level in the pool, and for your outstanding aquatic achievements.



NEWS YOU CAN USE!

- Today is **State T-Shirt Day**. If you didn't realize that, you should work on your powers of observation.
- The **Bazaar** begins today. Drop by to see and buy the latest and greatest in JCL swag.
- The *Convention Ear* will not be held responsible for bad puns involving the words 'bizarre' and 'bazaar'.
- Tonight's dance is the **masquerade**. If you didn't bring a mask, check page 18 of your convention booklet.
- The *Convention Ear* is also usable as a mask, if you want the worst mask ever.
- **Competitive Certamen** begins today. Go out and cheer on your state's team.
- If your state doesn't have a team, why not cheer for one of the Greek letter teams?

WEATHER REPORT



OUTSIDE: DORM AC:

94°

-37°

Mostly Sunny

Mostly
Freezing



Ear Cockroach Etiquette



With the proliferation of cell phones at Convention, the staff of the *Convention Ear* has assembled a variety of tips and warnings related to these omnipresent nuggets of technology.

1. DO NOT wear your ear bud unless you are expecting a call.
2. DO remove your ear bud when talking to a national committee member.
3. DO remove your ear bud when talking to a JCLer.
4. DO remove your ear bud when attending an NSCL Assembly.
5. DO NOT wear your ear bud in the Showalter Fountain
6. DO NOT be surprised when people report you to IU police for speaking to the voices in your head.
7. DO NOT taunt happy fun ball. Oh wait. Wrong warning.
8. DO remember to call the NSCL Sock Puppet.
9. DO NOT call the homeless population of Bloomington.
10. DO represent 'kicking it' with the light gray portion of your pie chart.

Round 1 Certamen Bracket

UPPER			INTERMEDIATE			NOVICE		
KY	MO	IL	MA	WA	NC	WI	VA	NJ
LA	NJ	WA	FL	LA	GA	Alpha	IN	IL
FL	TN	WI	TX	IN	CO	MA	ND	TN
CA	VA	OK	VA	UT	ND	GA	CA	FL
OH	TX	NC	CA	OH	WI	TX	Beta	OH
IN	Epsilon	CO	Gamma	NJ	MO			
Zeta	MA	ND	Delta	TN	IL			
GA	ME	SC	PA	KY	OK			

Let's Get Personal

Calling all JCL delegates: Join the new Latin and martial arts based religion- Kung Fu. Only through the Fu can you achieve complete enlightenment.

Vanessa, Carissa, Grace, Audane, and Kerri: Congrats on a wonderful start to a great new JCL year. Felicissimus vobis sit annus!

If you see Massachusetts Co-Chair, Janet Fillion, today, wish her a happy birthday! Ms. Fillion, the Mass delegation loves you. Happy Birthday!

To Kavinda W.-
We heart you! You are 1337! You can come over and code our motherboards anyday. Even though you hate babies... and clowns.
Luv- SPANDA (The Sugar Pants Adoration 'N' Devotion Association)

Chaffeur seeks maid for craze Russian adventures. Apply in person at Moika Place. No vampires allowed.

To Lucy Robie and her helpers:
Maximās gratiās!
-A. Sanford, TN

Happy Birthday A. In your honor, either sushi or getting rid of the moldy-ness of our room. You choose. Love, N



Other useful Convention wristbands.

Don & Chris:
Thanks for taking over Sight Latin. We hope that you know that our gratitude will be everlasting.
Meg & Marilee

To Travis, Alli, Tyler, Lance and Erica:
Florida is proud of you!
Stu and Papa D
P.S. Okay, you too, Sean. Sigh...

Crown Point High School Delegates:
You're great! I love you.
-Mrs. K.

Florida Bus Babes-
You're my favorite!
-You know who

To JCL:
'Our spark of thought, once ignited, can never be extinguished.'
Signed,
The Wandering Muse

JCLers, Told to Start their Engines, Dance Instead

Last night's first dance, "JCLers, Start Your Engines", could easily be called a success, judging by the massive numbers of sweaty JCLers (and the occasional incognito SCLer) that gathered underneath the big flashy lights on the McNutt Quadrangle courtyard.

Of course, success at national convention is often measured solely by the drops of sweat per minute that pour from the sweaty bodies of delegates and other attendees. Going by this definition, even the wallflowers were quite successful—at least until it turned dark at about 10 and actually started to cool down.

Even then, however, the bubble of steam and heat enveloping the group was only broken where bodies were further than two inches apart. This, of course, was rare, except for the occasional interruption by someone standing completely still. While one may find this to be a strange occurrence at a *dance*, believe it or not, many girls still just dance with girls, leaving guys out in the cold. Heat. Whatever.

A special appearance was made by Chuck Norris, who delivered roundhouse kicks to a few people out who, in his opinion, did not meet the convention dress code standards of taste. Yes, Chuck Norris jokes are still funny. We think. And we're cool...at least, that's what our moms told us.



Above and Right: JCLers participating in Olympika take the oaths which will guide them toward good sportsmanship and long walks to events.

Personals Continued

U rah rah WI u roc!
-Mags and Cha 1&2

Brennan and Daniel
I hope you're enjoying your 1st convention. Good luck on you tests.
-Peebs

Indiana is so blessed to have an **amazing** historian. Good luck Kathy Kukla.

To Mark D. & Tiffany R.- I'm so glad you're in my delegation this year.
Winthrop JCL- Yay!

We got our hands up high
Our feet down low
And that's the way we. . .gigolo.
Go, FLORIDA!

Oh, you are standing up Lisanne.
HB2U, Love L

Legend!

Mrs. Marquis:
Vibrate is not the same as silent.
Turn off your phone during assemblies per agenda instructions.
Your friendly SCLers.

Steve X:
I understand you're just trying to be friendly, but I think I can tuck myself into bed.



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JCL Society Gossip — In Pictures!



The Pets.com Sock Puppet enjoys spirit. Cheer for the Sock Puppet!



This is the reason why you received a bar of soap in your bag. Like fellowship, please make it mandatory. Please. *(Scratch and sniff.)*



Our project is bigger than yours. A whole lot bigger. Just wait until we get it inside!



Being on Page VI makes me angry. You wouldn't like me when...oh, never mind.



Where is the Ludi Nap signup?



OOH! OOH! PICK ME! PICK ME!! My life would be complete if only YOU ASKED ME TO SECOND THE MOTION!!! OOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOHH!!!! *Darn.*



Caption redacted due to lack of creativity. Olya should be ashamed.