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THAT WAS ENTERTAINMENT!

The annual showcase of JCL talent and SCL humor, That's Entertainment!, proved a compelling, if extraordinarily well-lit, evening of highs and hijinks, much of which could be heard. Struggling through emergency lights and misfiring acoustics, the show's performers rallied admirably, offering an eclectic mix of acts ranging from original songs to martial arts, from breakdancing to Leonard Cohen, and from glowsticks to contortionism.

Shining the brightest with a luminosity only matched by the convention center's high-voltage floodlights, were the JCL contestants. New 1ST VP Brandon Bark of Louisiana took home the grand prize, fifty dollars produced rather mysteriously from the person of judge Cameron Ward. Bark won the award with his rendition of Beethoven's Sonata in C Minor, performing the Finale Prestissimo.

Second place was awarded to Jacob Andrews of Illinois for his display of woodwind prowess, in an act that included not one but two tin whistles. Special mention must be made of his use of the tenor recorder, which transformed an instrument usually associated with elementary school music programs into an Irish music playing machine that this reporter can attest had at least one audience member riverdancing in her seat.

Rounding out the winners was Ryan Schmidt of Virginia, who provided a drum solo that, in the words of local indigenous person and part-time rock critic Jon Pertwee, was "the sort of thing that would resurrect Keith Moon, John Bonham, and Ringo Starr, combine them into one super-drummer, and then turn that new mega-drummer into a puddle of soul-melted rocking goodness. Wait, what's that about Ringo Starr?" If this analysis is too technical for some of our readers, the solo's quality was more readily evidenced by the reaction of convention acolyte Susan Schearer, who was by all accounts "totally rocking out" to the percussive display.

The evening's hosting and humor were provided by the SCL, which was faced with its own set of problems. Certainly, co-star Optimus Prime's sudden bout of laryngitis made it difficult to fully understand his



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THE NEWS—IT'S TRUE, IT'S TRUE, IT'S TRUE

- **THE NSCL BANQUET** is 11:30AM-1PM. All current members (including Slashers!) should come and enjoy the best food you'll have at convention, and meet your new officers.
- **STATE FELLOWSHIPS** are 11:45PM-12:15AM, and *still* mandatory!
- **COMPETITIVE CERTAMEN** is from 12-3:15PM in the Music auditorium. The first ever WSOC finals are at 2:30PM.
- **OPEN CERTAMEN FINALS** are in Humanities 123 from 12:30-2:15PM.
- **COLLOQUIA SESSION VI** is 2-3PM in Humanities 60 and 71. It's your last chance to see some amazing speakers.
- **FAREWELL DANCE (NOT THE SWIM)** has been moved to the Courtyard. Come out for the most memorable part of convention.



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answer.

MIKAELA BANES SAYS:



dramatic interpretation of a letter of complaint. Co-star John McClane is rumored to have been a handful. "He kept almost swearing backstage and then never quite did," reported cast member Audree Riddle. "He was also convinced he was only there because Shrek canceled, which is only kind of true."

Continuity problems also dogged the show's plot, which confused some audience members. Befuddled delegate Peter Davison (AM) mused, "They said Harry Potter died at the start of the show but then he appeared in a sketch later. And that promise of c never materialized...they just started hosting the show, you know? And hey, that's another thing - they said the SCL had gone to attend Harry's funeral, and then they still did the show. Also, what was up with the officers being played by two different sets of people? Did they think we wouldn't notice?"

Ultimately, however, the thematic strengths of the show, which could best be described as "strongly profreaking," outweighed any plot issues. And then, of course, there were the Racketeers, who mixed up the genders and provided their inimitable take on cutting edge television in a Journey-fueled homage to *The Sopranos*. They also performed their unfortunately silent spoken word piece to the theme music of an obscure British television show apparently called *Doctor Who*. Unfortunately, nobody at the Ear is aware of this program, which we believe is some form of medical drama about an anonymous surgeon, so we can provide no further commentary on that topic.

Transformahs—Credits in Disguise

Optimus Primus	Paul De
Megatronus	Isaac Meister
Autobot Bumblebee	Sara Radosevich
Autobot Ratchet	Ryan Kelley
Autobot Ironhide	Alasdair Wilkins
Autobot Jazz	Mike Erickson
Decepticon Barricade	Andy Mollo
Decepticon Bonecrusher	Colette Forcier
Decepticon Devastator	Tyler Cunnion
Decepticon Frenzy	Evan Broder
Decepticon Scorpinok	Ava Caffarine
Decepticon Starscream	Chris Warrington
Decepticon Soundwave	Ellison Jusino
The Allspark	Audree Riddle
Fuuuuuuuuuuu	Kevin Fu

holy crap! personals.

The Michigan delegation knows about a Latin teacher and JCL sponsor who is relocating to Iowa. She will be living either in Iowa City or Cedar Rapids. Anyone who knows about a job in this area should contact Deb Stakenas.

To Magistra Williamson—thank you for all your many years of dedicated service, your love, and your unwavering support in over thirty years of teaching. We all love and respect you *ad infinitum*. Love, your OK JCLers, sponsors, and chaperones.

Patrick,
We will miss you very much. We are very sorry you have to move to Colorado. You are an awesome certamen player as well as a truly spectacular friend. *Spero amicitiae nostrae memoriam sempiternam fore. Amamus te!*
~ Your OHS JCL Peeps

Boxotron love. Even with the broken voicebox, which is supposed to be Bumblebee's.

Hey y'all!
Indiana wants P. Buckmaster (MO) for President in ~2008
Love,
~ Hoosier Buddy?

Yes Mama Cip. We love you too!
~ The Gateway 4 *continued on page 3...*

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P.S. P.R. Cip...we know your secret!

To Kentucky Fried Kyle:
The Alabama guys were right.
Kentucky people are HOT!
~ Your secret Admirer from Missouri

Brooke,
Popcorn at 12:00 in a white bucket!
~ Paula

Hey Ladies!
I have your iPod in Humes Hall as
Jeremy Walker said in G.A.!! Come
by the lobby for pick-up.
Love,
~ Tony

Congrats Kate Kukla

Indiana—
congrats on being such a wonderful
delegation, you are an inspiration
to us all. We promise never to steal
your stampede again.
Love,
~ California

Gale S. from WI
Thanks for the refuge. You're so
fine and divine.
~ PNG and Billy

Medrena Wand,
Go eat some fried chicken!
-Brotherlady

Joseph from Oklahoma, I have been
in love with your face all week!

Momma Hendy and Poppa C:
Thanks for working dealing with
us to make IL ROCK THE HOUSE!
We are so sad that this is our last
convention as a board family!
Love,
Maria, Chase, Claudia, Erin, Sarah
(and Katelyn)

Kavinda,
Let's get stepping!
~ Mr. Tylinski

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holla at yo' horacecopes

in a particular order

LEO

The best angle to approach your most challenging problems is
the Try-angle.

VIRGO

The sense of hearing is often the first to go, but with you, it's the
sense of dignity.

LIBRA

Don't be overly judgmental of Jon Chang's intentions or actions.
Don't worry: you can get him back with canned food.

SCORPIO

The smart thing to do is start trusting more in your President.
She will become the next Susan Schearer.

SAGITTARIUS

So you have a killer up inside you? If you can't talk to your mother
then you should talk to your diary.

CAPRICORN

A JCL summer romance will find you tonight. You will be swept
away only to discover he is freaking with Grace on Fire.

AQUARIUS

Don't heed the advice of Britney Spears or Lindsay Lohan: *semper
ubi sub ubi*.

PISCES

Try to avoid any Virgos or Leos with the Ebola virus; you are the
true lord of the dance, no matter what those idiots at work say.

ARIES

Although you believe in *Aequitas* and *Veritas*, watch what you do
around cats.

TAURUS

See that JCL crush of yours eating the pizza? Ask for some.

GEMINI

Watch your "freakin'" with that girl you like—she just so happens
to be John McClane's daughter.

CANCER

Today's your last day of convention, so make it worth it and
seriously *carpe diem*. Ludi skydiving behind the Convention
Center is screaming your name.

JEDI

Use of the Force is acceptable during the spirit procession,
provided that no noise is made...or caused to be made.

you totally should've sent us more personals. fo srsly.

MUCH LOVE AND GLITTER to WI troublemakers in the back row; the best delegation a girl could ask for. Now if only we had an SCL bigger than 2...
~ Mooooo

Magistra Long,
If you and Mr. Long had competed, the Certamen would have been cool. Thanks for the trip
~ Sherlock, Watson, and Cody P.

INDIANA -
Thanks for all of your help + support with my campaign! I couldn't have done it without you!
STAMPEDE!!
~ Kate

Steph -
Thanks for everything this past year at Shaker and at state. Best of luck to you at Yale!
~ Lovett

To my loyal warriors,
Equipment can be found at edheller.com, and information about the organization at belegarth.com It has been a pleasure to work with all of you.
~ Greg

I LOVE YOU Clinton! But NO hugs for you!
~ Brenee, "You Favorite Officer"

Dear NSCL board,
Your skit sucked.
Love, NJCL Officers

Dear NJCL board,
Your face's skit sucked!
Love, your NSCL Officers

Ambulator,
Thanks for always believing in me.
~ Kate

Caitlin,
You won the dance-off, but I still beat you in Ultimate.
~ Zach

To whichever state sold 2 Indiana girls

their green shirts: We want to pay you for them and we've been trying to. Be at the Bazaar!

Dear Florida Letters,
You guys are awesome. Florida is what?
Heart! ~A

Many thanks to the she-penguin for help and support!

TT,
1. You're AWESOME.
2. I really want to know how JM says your name.

Mrs. Bower,
We love you and will miss you. We wish you all the best. You've always been a source of inspiration to all your students through your dedication and compassion toward Lincoln's Latin club. Good luck. Enjoy your retirement.
-Shannon, Marshall, Joel, and all the rest

CHANG! You should be banned from SPIRIT! You're a noise-maker! You make our hearts beat!
LOVE,
Rolla, MO GIRLS!
P.S.: Zack would not approve!

Hey Virginia (especially Mrs. Bowman)! Thanks for helping me carry my dreams all around for "That's Entertainment."
Vobis maximas gratias ago!
Ryan

To the beautiful boy from Florida outside That's Entertainment: you are not unappreciated, but you should really wear your name tag.
~ An Enforcer

Vanessa,
I'm so proud of the great job you've done at convention - I'm looking forward to the rest of your term of office.
Magistra Marshall

Lisa W., it's only a matter of time

before I strike.
~ The Death Trap

Clint,
I love you! But I'll give you hugs, unlike Brenee,
~ China H.

Jonny C,
I will miss being filled with your spirit.
Love,
Izzy

Dear Illinois boys:
~ musicians from the busy, thanks for the chat - looking forward to sharing a deep dish!
~ Corey, you saved my shins from complete & utter mutilation. I owe you one. ☺
♥ Crystal & Karynn from Flawda

Dear Luke,
You're my boy. We're proud of you.
~ T.J. & Sam

Mr. Cox,
Si iam satis temporis ad hoc legendum repperieris, victor Certaminis eris; sperat tantum omnes discipuli tui. Pectore ab imo, AFM

Dear Amy Tober,
You're the most interesting person we've met so far. Just thought we'd let everyone know.
~ T.J. & Sam

Don't worry, the voice of the SCL isn't *actually* unable to pronounce difficult names. At least, we thought. Most of the time. Have been. Before.

Laura,
Wasn't that doc cute?
-Your personal nurse

To Troha,
Thanks for making Nationals fun again; you're awesome & you didn't even know.

To my supportive co-chairs, treasured colleagues, co-sponsors and chaperones and all of you beautiful, unique,

hokay so, we totally had to make up extra personals

and funny kids in the NC delegation:
Thanks for all of your hard work and
the best nationals we've ever had.
I've got nothing but love for you.
~ Packie

To all my GJCL ladies: You are the best
and I have had a blast with you all this
week. Can't wait till next year!
Love,
Mama F
P.S.: I love you GJCL guys too. :)

Congratulations Grace! We love you!
~ GJCL

Gentle—we'll be your PAs, but you can
get your *own* lattés!
~ Sennifer

Allison,
You made GJCL proud! Hope you
enjoyed your year as NJCL historian.
We love you!
~ GJCL

Let's bother John! Bother bother
bother bother. Bother.
~ The botherer

Luigi,
Congrats on your claymation; NC is
proud of you. We love you!

Ed—it's been a blast! Shall we co-host
again in 2020? Your co-conspirator in
the purchases of Dolly memorabilia,
B.

Hari, Dan, Vicky, James, & the others
that were there for me yesterday.
Thank you! ~ Lost Baggage

Dear Emily,
NC is thrilled to have a national officer.
You are an awesome delegate.
Love,
Your NC delegation

Tess and Jenn—
Why are you still wearing your
nametag...it's three o'clock!
Your Favorite SCLer

Happy birthday, Leslie Perkins!
The FL Delegation

Harry Potter Spoiler No. 6,452:
Turnus dies.

To the Sex Vultures:
Awesome fun guys! Testa Kles would
be proud!
~ K

hollaback now youngin', woop woop
facebook t-shirt guy rocks!

BForce,
I am so proud of you for attending
convention and making the best of it!
You were fabulous last night and I am
glad you had a chance to show off your
worm!
-Sissa

Filia, hope you have enjoyed your first
convention as a teacher!
Cum amore,
Mater

Keep 'em coming!
The Ear Staff

Dear Carissa,
Congratulations on becoming
NJCL's newest parliamentarian. All
Massachusetts is incredibly, incredibly
proud of you.
Love,
Your delegation

*G. Canis dicit discipulos Sancti
Stephani esse optimos.*

*G. Canis dicit felicem tibi natalis diem
Leslia!*

*G. Canis dicit bonam fortunam
Floridae.*

*Auris Conventionis dicit G. Canem
linguam torpere oportere.*

To those hotties from Alabama:
2 years in a row you guys have rocked
the house. Thanks for making this year
as fun as the last - even the one who
got here late turned a few heads.
(Maybe it was the pants...)
We're awesome! Hit 'em in the head
with a Big Dead Possum!

Jen—thanks for making convention
great...as always!
Love,
Sara...*ladies*.

Dear Mr. Broder:
It has come to my attention that you
have made an unauthorized use of
the copyrighted work of DC Comics,
entitled "Batman," in the preparation
of the work "Batman in a Toga." I
believe you have willfully infringed
their rights under 17 U.S.C. Section
101 et seq. and could be liable for
statutory damages as high as \$150,000
asset forth in Section 504(c)(2) therein.
I demand that you immediately cease
the use and distribution of all infringing
works derived from the Dark Knight,
and that you desist from this or any
other infringement of the rights of DC
Comics in the future.
Very truly yours,
Helena Wayne, Esq.

d00d. *no one* wrote me a personal,
ftw?!
~ Ed.

Slasher from North Dakota—thanks for
all your input and fun conversations. I
hope you come back next year as a full
SCLer. pz,
~ Colette from IL

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*Nota bene...*the "s" in Illinois is SILENT.
This message provided by the Council
for Proper State Pronunciation.

this convention is bananas, B, A-N-A-
N-A-S.

Don't you think she looks tired?

Paul—someone has now.
Sara

Be seeing you.

It's the end, but the moment has been
prepared for.

All was well.

ludi soccer tests athletic mettle, brain transplants

For the third straight day, JCLers and SCLers alike woke up as the sun was rising for some early morning athletics. Completing the trilogy begun by track & field and continued by the marathon, ludi soccer provided yet another exercise opportunity in the dew and dawn of a Tennessee morn, with Illinois emerging victorious.

Although the tournament progressed with relative ease, it may well be soon seen as the end of an era. SCL referees, pushed to the edge of exhaustion by their around-the-clock responsibilities, have often been accused of coming to such events only physically, leaving whatever is left of their minds in their bed, assuming they even got to sleep there in the first place. Sources suggest that this is a perception that will no longer be denied, but instead heartily embraced, as SCL scientists have begun experimenting with the possibility of separating members' consciousnesses from their bodies.

Leading neurosurgeon Christopher Eccleston explained, "It's a common refrain that SCLers need to be in two places at once. If this works, we can send a few minds to the track to organize the event while their bodies rest up. If we need a few extra bodies to direct people, we'll send some bodies over while their minds take time to recharge. Fantastic!"

It is generally felt this procedure is in keeping with the spirit of JCL. Outgoing national historian Allyson Eidson noted, "We recently made the jump to digital scrapbooks. Aren't digital delegates simply the next logical step?"

Eccleston, a mad scientist currently on sabbatical from Flydale North University, freely admitted the process is in its infancy, and that many of the details have yet to be finalized. "It's still unclear what the free-floating mind will look like. Some of us want it to be a flying disembodied head, while others want more of a gaseous cloud thingy. One of us even wants it to be a giant face in a jar, which is frankly just silly. Whichever way we decide, it'll probably take some getting used to. But in the name of more sleep, I think people will make the sacrifice."

When asked whether the same process could help JCLers also catch up on sleep, Eccleston scoffed at the idea. "How could they possibly be just a floating head? I mean, what would they kick the soccer ball with? Headers only go so far, you know."



And now, announcing your 2007-2008 NJCL Executive Board

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Congratulations to all newly elected officers, and thank you so much to those outgoing!



