



# the Convention Ear

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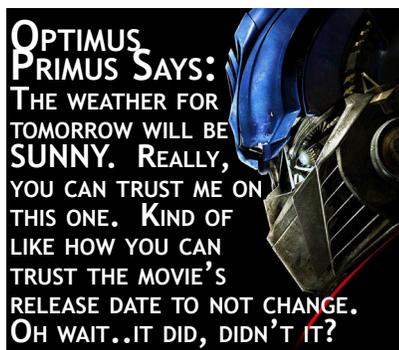
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## WELCOME TO NATIONALS!

### HERE'S THE GOOD NEWS..

- **BE SURE TO WATCH THIS SPACE** for the latest updates and schedule changes, along with reminders about important events, and that sort of thing.
- **GRAPHIC ARTS REGISTRATION** is today from 8AM to 12PM, and again from 4:45PM to 6:45PM. Go register now, especially if you need to! Today is your only chance, after all.
- **THE JCL DESK** and Lost and Found are in the lobby of South Carrick and can be reached by telephone at (865) 974-0212.
- **THE NSCL MIXER** is a superb opportunity for recent high school graduates to see what SCL is all about. The first SCL General Assembly is right afterwards, and those interested are welcome to attend, as well.
- **TONIGHT'S DANCE** is "Southern Hos-pool-tality." Don't worry, we're not *really* sure what that means, either. Course, there is always Karaoke..

..THERE IS NO BAD NEWS!



### Seher Sends Salutations



Salvete JCLers,

Welcome to the beautiful campus of the University of Tennessee for the 54th annual National Junior Classical League Convention. This year's executive board has planned many exciting events to take place, and we hope you will seize every opportunity to enjoy them. Get ready for an amazing time!

The program lists all the activities that will be taking place throughout convention. Make sure you look through every single event and try to schedule time to do as many things as you can. With this year's theme, "*carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero*" being your guide, I urge everyone to make the most of this year's convention. For those JCLers who are first time attendees in middle school, please come by to the Middle School Mixer hosted by yours truly and get to know what JCL is all about.

Aside from attending contest sessions, I hope you will rise to sing a karaoke song, scream your head off at general assemblies, boogie down, make friends from all over the country, ludi till you're loony, buzz your buzzers till your fingers are sore, learn something new in a colloquia session, and then relax while creating beautiful classic art pieces under a tree. There are many exciting things to do, and I hope you will experience everything that you can. Remember to come by and meet your current NJCL officers; we will be looking forward to meeting each and every one of you.

*Carpe diem,*  
Seher Munivar  
2006-2007 NJCL President



The University of Tennessee - Knoxville

*Established:* 1879

*Motto:* "*Veritatem cognoscetis et veritas te liberabit.*" "You will know the truth and the truth

will set you free."

*Logo:* A clever "UT" integrating the shape of the state, which we suppose is better than the "T" they were rocking before

*NJCL Conventions hosted:* 2; 1994 & 1980 (so, familiar territory)

## A Letter FROM THE Editor

Dear convention-goers,

Welcome to this year's convention! We've got only one short week together, but between contests, athletics, dances, and more, you'll never be unsure of things to do. Try to participate in everything you can, because—as the saying goes—what you put into it is what you get out.

Now, I know you might find that program of yours a bit packed, but never fear, for the *Ear* is here! Brought to you by SCLers who've had far too much caffeine (and not nearly enough sleep), it's chock full of amazing stories of real people like you (well, and maybe me). New editions show up daily right around lunchtime, so be sure to pick one up and check out all the goings-on!

See you in the headlines,  
Paul De, NSCL Editor

### PERSONAL ADVERTS

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.

## James Jibes Jocularly



You finally made it. On behalf of the entire indispensable Senior Classical League, I would like to welcome you to the 54th National Junior Classical League Convention. It is our goal to make this convention the best one yet for you. Throughout the coming week, you will compete in a plethora of contests designed to measure your knowledge of the classical world. If this is your first convention, I congratulate you for stepping into a world only known to lovers of the classical civilizations. If this is not your first, I welcome you back to the most fun packed week that we know.

It is important to realize that this week could not be possible without the hard work of the National Committee, the NJCL and NSCL Executive Boards, and all of the chaperones and sponsors that have traveled hundreds of miles to accompany you to this convention and continue to support you in your classical endeavors. For so many of us, this week is about strengthening our friendships with those that we only get to see for one week out of the year. It is these friendships that bring the Senior Classical League back every year to convention. We realized that our days of traveling to conventions did not have to end after graduating high school. Joining the Senior Classical League was the solution. We love coming back year after year to make more friends and memories while strengthening bonds with those we already know. The NSCL mixer is a perfect place to come meet new friends in the SCL. Graduation is only a stepping stone in your classical journey. Join the SCL!

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James Black  
NSCL President

### THE SUBMIT YOUR PERSONALS FORM!

**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 PM each night. We may not be able to print all personals due to content or space limitations. Apologies beforehand, as there will be no refunds for personals we are unable to print. **PRO-TIP:** The shorter the message, the more likely it is to be included.

**THE MESSAGE:**