



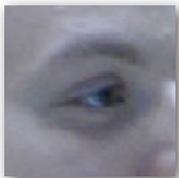
the Convention Ear

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THIS IS HOW WE NEWS IT..

- COLLOQUIA SESSION IV is today from 4:30-5:30PM again, and is absitively posolutely great.
- CONTEST SESSION III is 3:30-5:45PM in the Convention Center's 3rd Floor Ballroom. SWEET.
- COMPETITIVE CERTAMEN, ROUND III and WSOC is 7-11PM. Come and cheer your favorite (or not so much) state(s) to victory!
- OPEN CERTAMEN will be in Humanities from 8:30-10PM.
- LUDI SOCCER will be Friday morning from 7:15-10:15AM. Check ch-ch-ch-check-uh, check it out, wha-wha-wha-wha-what's it all about?
- FOR TONIGHT'S DOLLYS AND DAVYS dance theme, we expect to see totally amazing costumes. Thanks to the two JCLers who actually looked ready for last night's hillbilly hoedown.



quid est hoc?

turn to page 8 for the answer.

We Interview the Candidates



NAME: Dallas Simons

AGE: 17

POSITION SOUGHT: President

DELEGATION: Tennessee

LATIN LEVEL: IV

NATIONALS ATTENDED: III

STATES ATTENDED: IV

QUALIFICATIONS: 2006–2007 Tennessee Junior Classical League President, 4 National

Conventions (including this one) attended, active member of TJCL, 2007–2008 Homework Hotline Executive Board (Nashville Public Schools leadership position)

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I have the leadership experience required to be in the position of NJCL President. I possess the organization and communication skills necessary to work effectively with fellow officers. Most importantly, I am an individual who can represent the JCL as a whole, and serve as an effective spokesperson for our organization.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Surrounding myself with the Classics by vacationing in the Mediterranean.



NAME: Grace Jeong

AGE: 16

POSITION SOUGHT: President

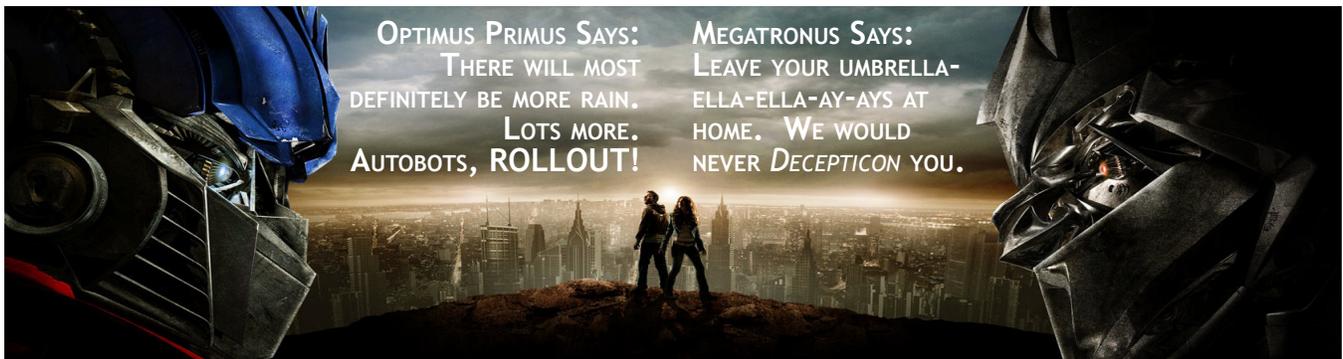
DELEGATION: Georgia

LATIN LEVEL: III

NATIONALS ATTENDED: III

STATES ATTENDED: III

QUALIFICATIONS: Local Publicity Officer, Georgia Junior Classical League President 2006–



OPTIMUS PRIMUS SAYS:
THERE WILL MOST DEFINITELY BE MORE RAIN. LOTS MORE. AUTOBOTS, ROLLOUT!

MEGATRONUS SAYS:
LEAVE YOUR UMBRELLA-ELLA-ELLA-AY-AYS AT HOME. WE WOULD NEVER DECEPTICON YOU.

more amazing candid(ate) interviews, cont.

2007, Finalist Latin Major Finalist for Georgia's Governor's Honors Program, Organized Fall Forum 2006 & 2007 State Convention

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? Number one, experience. Number two, fully "understanding" the duties of NJCL president and the organization's purpose. And lastly, when's the last time you've seen someone both physically & metaphorically on fire for Latin? Prove it! Come & shake my hand!

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Playing Latin "unum" with my closest friends fired up for Latin. But really, this wouldn't happen in the first place.



NAME: Adjani Delgado
AGE: 17
POSITION SOUGHT: 1ST VP
DELEGATION: Texas
LATIN LEVEL: III
NATIONALS ATTENDED: II
STATES ATTENDED: III
QUALIFICATIONS: Latin Club Social Chair, Latin Club Vice President (two-time),

TSJCL 1st Vice President, NHS Vice President, LHS Member

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I'm very dedicated to the JCL, and its members especially. I have a lot of experience not only recruiting people to join Latin, but to also become JCL members. This past year I organized a penpal program with a middle school from Illinois, and have had the chance to meet my awesome penpal here at nationals. I have a lot of experience with the JCL, and would work my hardest to increase chapters and publicity.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Sitting in a corner crying, wishing I was here.



NAME: Brandon Bark
AGE: 16
POSITION SOUGHT: 1ST VP
DELEGATION: Louisiana
LATIN LEVEL: III
NATIONALS ATTENDED: II
STATES ATTENDED: IV
QUALIFICATIONS: Served on Louisiana JCL State Board

as Editor, 1st Vice President, and President (three years), created a new Louisiana JCL Publicity Catalog to simplify the contest for new chapters and to provide greater consistency with NJCL

scoring, worked extensively with newer chapter and non-JCL homeschoolers to strengthen current membership and build new chapters

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I believe that what separates me from my opponent is my experience in JCL leadership as well as my specific focus on publicity and membership activities during my term as both LJCL 1st Vice President and President. I have three years leadership experience on the state board, which I believe has acquainted me with the strategies of increasing membership and performing successful publicity events.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Hmm...some of my other hobbies include reading, playing piano, and hanging out with my friends. I'd probably have done a lot more hangin' this summer if I weren't attending Convention—I had to land a summer job this year b/c my parents make me pay for it. But, it's definitely worth it!



NAME: Maggie Marshall
AGE: 17
POSITION SOUGHT: 2ND VP
DELEGATION: Virginia
LATIN LEVEL: IV
NATIONALS ATTENDED: III
STATES ATTENDED: III
QUALIFICATIONS: Currently the Virginia 2nd Vice President in charge of coordinating

spirit; also served at local level

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? JCL is my life. I live and breathe spirit. Without spirit, convention would just not be the same. My main goal is to make spirit everyone's favorite event!

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? In my world, I would be cruising under the ocean in my yellow submarine, but in reality, I would be at soccer practice.



NAME: Emily A. Calder
AGE: 17
POSITION SOUGHT: Secretary
DELEGATION: North Carolina
LATIN LEVEL: IV
NATIONALS ATTENDED: I
STATES ATTENDED: III
QUALIFICATIONS: Local JCL Member (2004–Present), Local JCL Secretary (2005–2006), State JCL Secretary

...even more candidate interviews. finally done?

(2006–2007), dedicated Latin enthusiast: *ad infinitum*

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? Willingness to serve and to perform any task in the name of JCL, acute attention to detail, obsessive sense of organization.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? I would be providing care for my neighbor's four children on weekday mornings and on weekday afternoons. I would be working in customer service at a local bakery. By night, I study.



NAME: Carissa Williams
AGE: 17
POSITION SOUGHT: Parliamentarian
DELEGATION: Massachusetts
LATIN LEVEL: IV
NATIONALS ATTENDED: III
STATES ATTENDED: V
QUALIFICATIONS: MassJCL Parliamentarian, MassJCL

2nd Vice President, Local JCL President, 2nd Vice President, Parliamentarian & Historian (Lunenburg High School)

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I am experienced in all aspects of the office. I also hope to employ new and innovative methods to encourage candidacy for office and involvement in constitutional affairs at all levels of the JCL.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Knitting...between Red Sox games.



NAME: Megan Aydelott
AGE: 17
POSITION SOUGHT: Parliamentarian
DELEGATION: Maine
LATIN LEVEL: III
NATIONALS ATTENDED: I
STATES ATTENDED: V

QUALIFICATIONS: Studied *Robert's Rules of Order*, feels understanding of parliamentary process book describes well enough to run any of the procedures that would be needed as Parliamentarian.

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I am the best person for the job of Parliamentarian because I have run not only in JCL elections, but other elections at school also, since I was in the 3rd grade. This experience will help me run next year's elections. I also have been studying, and will

continue to study, the Parliamentary procedure until I consider myself an absolute expert on it. My devotion and dedication to JCL can exceed that of almost anyone.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? If I was not at the JCL Convention this summer I would be at home wishing I was here, studying in math, Latin, and science, and trying to figure out the perfect senior prank for next year.



NAME: Pranish A. Kantak
AGE: 16
POSITION SOUGHT: Editor
DELEGATION: North Dakota
LATIN LEVEL: III
NATIONALS ATTENDED: I
STATES ATTENDED: IV
QUALIFICATIONS: Current NDJCL Editor, corresponded with NJCL Officer Caitlin

Johnston a lot!!

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I have served on my state board, have great ideas for publicity, membership, and Torch U.S. articles submissions. Come see me if you want to chat! I have a good heart; I fundraised \$890 for 2 scholarships that were created this year at state by me.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? (*no answer provided*)



NAME: Kate Kulela
AGE: 17
POSITION SOUGHT: Historian
DELEGATION: Indiana
LATIN LEVEL: III
NATIONALS ATTENDED: II
STATES ATTENDED: III
QUALIFICATIONS: Served as Indiana JCL Historian 2006–2007, created traditional

scrapbooks since 3rd grade, experience in both traditional & digital scrapbooking, created digital scrapbooks of IJCL events

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I have experience of both traditional & digital scrapbooking which will allow me to help all state historians whether they are creating a digital or traditional. I have the desire & determination to accomplish the goals I have for this office.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Showing my animals at my county fair, attending soccer practice.

Competitive Certamen Round 2 & 3 Brackets

Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
TX-TN-IN IL-WI-CA VA-GA-OH KY-FL-MA NC-ND-ME	GA-LA-OK OH-WI-NC TX-MA-IL IN-FL-ND α-VA-KY MO-TN-CA	MO-ND-MA OK-KY-GA IN-TN-CA OH-TX-NV ME-WI-FL UT-IL-VA LA-NC-NJ

Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
IL-TN-ME VA-WI-IN KY-GA-CA NC-FL-OH TX-ND-MA	OH-LA-OK TX-WI-NC IN-MA-IL α-FL-ND MO-VA-KY GA-TN-CA	MO-ND-MA OK-KY-GA IN-TN-CA OH-TX-NV ME-WI-FL UT-IL-VA LA-NC-NJ

ROUND 1 SCORES

Novice: NC: 55, TN: 125, CA: 60, TX: 150, WI:35, OH: 135, IL: 60, GA: 105, MA: 150, VA: 80, FL: 245, ME: 0, KY: 55, ND: 90, IN: 70

Intermediate: MO: 10, LA: 45, NC: 65, GA: 15, WI: 145, IL: 140, OH: 60, MA: 65, ND: 75, TX: 170, FL: 145, KY: 0, IN: 65, VA: 190, CA: 20, α: 150, TN: 70, OK:15

Advanced: LA: 60, ND: 60, GA: 95, MO: 20, KY: 40, CA: 205, OK: 55, TN: 270, NV: 0, IA: 0, TX: 115, FL: 145, OH: 100, WI: 55, VA: 180, ME: 0, IL: 220, NJ: 15, UT: 25, NC:10, MA: 195

World Series of Certamen Round 3 Brackets & Scores

Room 300A	G-B-R	Room 300C	J-E-U
Room 301A	M-H-C	Room 301C	P-K-F
Room 301E	S-N-I	Room 200A	A-Q-L
Lecture Hall	D-T-O		

Round 1 A: 45, B: 20, C: 165, D: 30, E: 85, F: 25, G: 30, H: 90, I: 0, J: 0, K: 155, L: 45, M: 0, N: 40, O: 30, P: 200, Q: 50, R: 0, S: 29, T:170, U: 40

NOTE: Semifinals to begin immediately following completion of Round 3.

the last of those accursed interviews.



NAME: Sarah Bonser
AGE: 16
POSITION SOUGHT: Technology Coordinator
DELEGATION: Ohio
LATIN LEVEL: III
NATIONALS ATTENDED: II
STATES ATTENDED: III
QUALIFICATIONS: Been local level Tech Coordinator for

2 years. Working two technology-related jobs over this summer vacation—one being a professional web designer with NetLeads.com, the other being tech intern for Lakota Local School District. Assuredly proficient in programs such as Dreamweaver, Flash, Photoshop, Illustrator, and the classic MS Paint. Can also work with any operating system thrown at her. Also, won second place last year in NJCL individual website competition.

WHY ARE YOU THE BEST PERSON FOR THE JOB? I know a lot about hardware, software, and website design so I can help JCLers, no matter what their problem is. I will make improvements to the national website such as an easy-to-use site map and offer online graphic arts registration forms. I also would like to encourage competition in the website contest by hosting free tutorials for HTML on the site forums. I also want to enrich our total growth by providing layouts for people who don't have local JCL websites.

IF YOU WERE NOT AT THE JCL CONVENTION THIS SUMMER, WHAT WOULD YOU BE DOING? Having my own JCL convention.

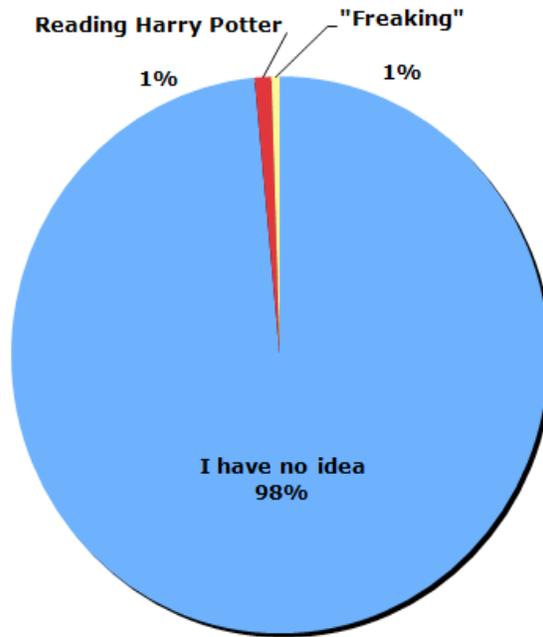


NAME: Noah Young
AGE: (no answer provided)
POSITION SOUGHT: Technology Coordinator
DELEGATION: California
LATIN LEVEL: III
(information form was not received)

Round 2 D: 100, B: 65, U: 75, G: 35, E: 0, C: 255, J: 20, H: 65, F: 150, M: 10, K: 205, I: 30, T: 184.5, N: 35, L: 25, S: 70, Q: 155, O: 10, A: 75, T: 135, R: 20

Statisticians Most Certainly Agree

Posters today unveiled the results of the latest SCL ABC/Gallup Poll. The decline in the Harry Potter spoilers can be attributed to market oversaturation and Ministry of Magic involvement. The margin of error is $\pm 1\%$.



Certamen Coots Certainly Compete Chaotically

Erudition and silliness collided explosively Wednesday at the World Series of Certamen, at its historic debut after the ordinary business of Competitive Certamen wrapped up. The brainchild of Chris Sloan (TN), a self-described “soulless corporate lawyer with no concern for anything but [his] own self interest” and Charlie Bergen (TN), a student at “Princeton University”, WSOC, as it has come to be known, was eagerly anticipated by everyone from SCLers who just can’t let go of their nerd-sport glory days to sponsors who have never even picked up a buzzer.

Avoiding the constant question challenges and Macchiavellian protests that dominate the Certamen circuit demanded a serious rewrite of the rules. The overarching theme? No whining. The result? Scoring like “let’s give them four points” and “I’ll give you a hundred points if you get it before I read the question”; general hilarity ensued. Despite heckling you ordinarily wouldn’t see outside a GA motion to adjourn, teams didn’t seem to mind.

But it’s easy to see that at the end of the day, WSOC and its players are dancing puppets for the amusement of that rarest of species, the Certamen groupie. The opportunity to see the “Bad Larrys”, headlined by longtime Ohio Certamen coach Larry Dean, play the group of former Certamen stars he trained drew a huge and often lively crowd.

For the interested, WSOC continues tomorrow after the third round of Competitive Certamen. Eheu-tastic.

They’re to be Your Entertainment!

in a *particular* order (obvi.)...

Brandon Bark, LA

Garrett Goss, GA

Jacob Andrews, IL

Sarah Grace Prestidge, TX

Kyle Aaron Lloyd, KY

Chris Brotherton, GA

Mariam Al-Koshnaw, NA

Amanda Van Duynhoven, GA

Natalia Emanuel, Jesse
Ashcraft-Johnson, Ryan
O’Connor, IL

Overblues, IL

Jocelyn Bauman, ND
Jenny Brown, Margaret
DeGrace, Kat Nardizzi, GA

Ryan Schmidt, VA

Congratulations to all those
who made it into the show!
Please meet in front of the
stage after today’s GA for a
brief meeting.



Lights, Camera, Ludi

After the questionable results from yesterday's swimming Olympika, the consulting firm of Dewy, Cheatem, and Howe was hired to observe all of today's Olympika and Ludi events. Although official results will not be available until February 30, 2008, this intrepid Ear reporter was able to obtain preliminary reports when Mr. Cheatem was jockeying for camera time when the WBIR reporter was present at today's Track & Field event.

Although not televised, Volleyball was no less exciting than Track & Field. After a nail-biting final game, TX/OH triumphed over Wyoming. Said amazed spectator Erol Flinn (State Chair, Guam), "Those TX/OHians just had longer toes than the Wyomians. I mean, the length of the ring toe makes all the difference when it comes to this sport." This year's favorite, Florida, struggled through blood, sweat, and tears—well, mostly blood (sorry, Laura. I had to.)—to defeat a strong Illinois to take third.

Thanks to a brief respite from the rain and the amazing engineering feat that are the UT IM fields, Ultimate proceeded without a single drop of rain falling. The same cannot be said for the players. After man stumbles, falls, trips, and attempts at flying, Georgia narrowly beat out Kentucky to take the title. In third were Illinois.

In other news, Ludi Chess is still going strong. Rumor has it that one particularly intense game is still in progress. Experts are worried that the players may spontaneously combust from deep concentration. Fire extinguishers and buckets of water are on hand.

Secretary Makes Key Decision, Resigns



Sources close to the NJCL executive board are reporting secretary Isabel DeBoel has resigned her office to pursue her lifelong dream of educating the world on better room key awareness and maintenance. These reports follow her emotional plea at yesterday's assembly for the reunification of a missing, unidentifiable key with its owner, based only on its serial number. As of press-time, her desperate appeal has gone unanswered, and hope is fading fast.

"Isabel has been considering it for a long time," said source Audree Riddle, who has asked to remain anonymous, "and in the end, it just made sense." Current rumors suggest DeBoel will pursue a locksmith degree to aid her in her quest. It is believed she will then form the Junior College of Locksmiths, which will apparently be "just like the Justice League, only it helps people find their keys and stuff."

The news has come as a shock to many, but it is hardly unprecedented. "Well, many JCL secretaries have had an obsession with keys," explained erstwhile NSCL historian Nathaniel Compton in a message recorded on an old cassette tape recently discovered in a sunken treasure chest. "Last year's secretary, Preeti Shenoy, demanded she be given five rooms just so she had a full keychain. And one of the secretaries back in the eighties, David Tennant, had a skeleton key that he claimed could open any door at convention. I'm pretty sure he got sent home early."

It is unclear who will fulfill DeBoel's duties for the rest of convention, although Parliamentarian Jon Survant mentioned he believes he brought a small voice recorder to convention, and "it can pretty much do all her stuff anyway." The same sources have also suggested further departures may be coming. There is no word yet on who, although First Vice-President Adam Dede has strenuously denied he is looking into starting an adult-sized inflatable factory.

"It's such a shame, because I was really possibly maybe potentially going to theoretically just perhaps ask her to read the minutes at the next assembly," noted NJCL president Seher Munavir. "And I might have really meant it, too. Oh well, Seher la vie. Get it? 'Seher' la vie? Oh, me."

...dude sweet, it's your PERSONAL ADVERTISEMENTS

Luna totally starts dating Ron.
~ Hermione

Ancilla looking for her *Grumio*.
Meet for some delectando in
Pompey. ~ AK, TX

Vergilicious shirt orders will be
accepted at the Lakota West
bazaar table. The cost of \$20
includes shipping and handling.

To the Kansas delegate in pink—
that is a *great* look for you. Pair
it with some nice heels and you
might give Jon Chang a run for
his money.

Congrats to TEXAJO...NJCL Ludi
Volleyball champions! Good
teamwork, y'all!

Rachael,
Happy late 18th from your NC
delegation! We love you.

I have three—no, four dollars!

Peggie, I am so glad to be back
at Nationals w/ you. You're a
great friend. ~ Shara

Chase, we will always bank on
you. We're glad we don't have
to let you go! Much love,
The Girls

To the Hayfield delegation: I
am so proud of you for all you
do, and for your dedication that
brings you to NJCL. It is all of
you who help make my job the
best in the world. And, Ben—go
for it: you'd be a great Latin
teacher! ~ Magistra Greenman

Hey Steve! Whatcha lookin' at?

Gentlemen, I bring you—more
corn! ~ Dr. Weird

Special Ez, because you walk
around in a fez, when you say

“chez” everybody sez, you're
just a little bit special. ~ MM

Special Matt, you wear a hat
like that famous cat, and when
the kids point and say “who's
zat?” They all know that you're
special! ~ MM

Special Jess, you wear a paper
bag for a dress, and 'cause
you see monsters in Loch Ness,
everyone thinks you're special.
~ MM

Magistra Moore, because you're
so awesome, I want to be your
boyfriend.

Love,
Russell Crowe

Okay Maine, you guys are TOO
nice. Now we have to be BFFs
(esp. you, Jeremiah). Thanks
for the thanks. ~ Shara, NCJCL

Magistra Moore, whoever you
are, please stop harrassing our
client. He doesn't want to be
your boyfriend and he DID NOT
throw a phone at you!

Love,
Russell Crowe's lawyers

To the NC delegation:
I wouldn't want to be at Nationals
with anyone else. ~ Packie

Darling Magistra Moore,
I really do want to be your



boyfriend.
Love,
Russell Crowe

Matthias,
What is, is. We can't change it.
But don't let it ruin the rest of
your week. Carpe diem! ~ MM

To Sam Anneken, KY: The NLE
apologizes for inadvertently
omitting your name on the
gold medal lists for the last 4
years! Congratulations on your
outstanding work.

About that one right above this
one—whoa. sorry, d00d.

Love,
teh earz

BA + BMHS + DSHA + LP + MW +
MUHS + RK = Awesome!
Love you all,
JP

Hello, dear.

Happy birthday, Brie! ~ NDJCL

Sherwin,
The NSCL officers (and probably
the NJCL officers) love you for
ever for feeding us real food!

PLEASE DO NOT DISPENSE WITH
THE READING OF THE MINUTES.
~ ~~the iron fist~~ er, anonymous

Fawkes carries Johnny Depp back
from World's End. ~ Dumbledore

Dude, we
thought you
learned the first
time.

...wow, are we tired of typing...

