



# the Convention Ear

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## EXCELSIOR, True JCL Believers!

One of the many convention themes this year is the idea of superpowers. It makes sense - after all, if you've got the whole "seize the day" credo down, the next logical step is to start seizing Martian mega-geniuses who want to enslave the planet using their atomic robots and fiendish mind powers. Or something like that.

But that raises a question - how might some of our most beloved heroes have dealt with operating in ancient Rome? After all, as superhero expert Sylvester McCoy so eloquently stated, "Superheroes are a truly all-American phenomenon, like gyros, formation marching, and the golden ratio." And yet, in the words of anyone who has finished *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, that can't be the whole story...

### Superman

**THE CASE FOR:** You mean, *other* than the super-strength, invulnerability, heat & x-ray vision, and flight?

**THE CASE AGAINST:** The fact that eyeglasses won't be invented for a thousand years takes away pretty much his entire disguise. Although I suppose he could comb his hair differently or something.



### Spider-Man

**THE CASE FOR:** The vast reach of the aqueducts pretty much means Spidey is just a few hours' swinging from anywhere in Europe.

**THE CASE AGAINST:** It took until the sixties for comics to discover irony, so how's the wisecracking webslinger going to cope in the dark and dreary past? After all, taking down the bad

guys while quoting Juvenal's satires doesn't quite have the same zing to it.

### Batman

**THE CASE FOR:** The story of a man who loses his entire family and swears vengeance against the corrupt system that destroyed them? That's already the plot of *Gladiator*, so the Dark Knight should fit right in.

**THE CASE AGAINST:** Just a guess, but the Batmobile probably doesn't look nearly as impressive in chariot form.

## WHO LET THE NEWS OUT?

- **NSCL GENERAL ASSEMBLY IV** will be from 12-1:30PM. All current members (and Slashers!) should come, listen to speeches, and vote on next year's officers.
- **MANDATORY STATE FELLOWSHIP** is 1:45-3:00PM, and is where you will be voting on next year's NJCL officers. Don't be late!
- **ATTN. SPONSORS AND CHAPERONES:** a friendly reminder that teaching materials exhibit is today from 9AM-1PM, and tomorrow from 9AM-2PM in the Art & Architecture, Room 103.
- **THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!** rehearsals for those in the show *only* will be from 5:15-8:45PM in the Gee A (Bay Bay) 3<sup>RD</sup> Floor Ballroom.
- **THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT!**, every attendee's perennial favorite show, is tonight from 8:45-11PM, in the same location.



quid est hoc?

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apple pi for the answer.



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*Wonder Woman*

**THE CASE FOR:** She’s the Amazon daughter of the immortal Hippolyta, raised on the isle of Themyscira. Oh, and her swear of choice is “Great Hera!” Frankly, I’m a little confused why she isn’t working in ancient Rome already.

**THE CASE AGAINST:** The brutal corruption, constant backstabbing, and endless lies of Roman politics means interrogating anybody with the lasso of truth should take at least three weeks.

*Captain America*

**THE CASE FOR:** A guy who is basically the living embodiment of *pietas, fides*, and all the other patriotic Roman virtues who also happens to be the perfect warrior? He’ll probably be emperor within a week.

**THE CASE AGAINST:** Considering how long the average emperor reigned for and the kind of fate he usually met, that may not be nearly as good as it sounds.

*The Incredible Hulk*

**THE CASE FOR:** A world where people resolve conflicts by cutting off heads, overthrowing governments, and torturing families is ideal for a hero whose entire power pretty much depends on him never attending anger management.

**THE CASE AGAINST:** Oh sure, there might be a few problems. But then, problems generally just make Hulk madder. And when Hulk mad, Hulk SMASH! Q.E.D.

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## Carpe Match Up! LAWL

Match each animal with the sound it makes:

- |           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Apis      | Balat    |
| Bos       | Barrat   |
| Cuculus   | Bombit   |
| Elephants | Coaxat   |
| Equus     | Cuculat  |
| Gallus    | Cucurrit |
| Leo       | Fremit   |
| Mus       | Grunnit  |
| Ovis      | Hinnit   |
| Passer    | Mugit    |
| Porcus    | Pipiat   |
| Rana      | Rugit    |
| Ursus     | Vagit    |

If you have missed an issue of this year’s Ear, you can get them all after convention on NJCL.org’s Convention highlights.

## thar be yer personals

Dear California,  
Thanks so much for cheering for us at Ludi Volleyball after we lost!  
It was really appreciated and y’all are great. Love,  
Louisiana JCL

Thank you SOOO!!! much Reed Mikawitz from Alabama! What you did was soo sweet and nice. There should be more people in the world like you! Sincerely and with all our love  
N.C.

FLORIDA,  
you guys are absolutely the best group of people to work with!  
Somehow, you all always manage to come out on top. Keep up the spirit and let’s show EVERYONE how it’s done!  
- Your FJCL Executive Board

To the NSCL Parli,  
You don’t know it, but you’ve made my week awesome a lot more meaningful.  
Thanks!

Oak Hall Students,  
I hope that you all are having a great time this year at Convention.  
- Mr. J

Welcome to the New Death.  
Love, S.P.A.N.D.A.

TX Novices are AWESOME!!!  
TX Lowers are AWESOME!!!  
TX Uppers are AWESOME!!!

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and here, too...

Laura Sroka-  
We think that you are more awesome  
& beautiful than ever.  
Love, Florida

WHO RAH RAH WISCONSIN?

We love you crazy kids! Love from  
everyone's favorite slasher. Carolyn  
And also Ben Viper  
Yay teachers!

LoST—large black zippered bag  
(Glencoe publishing bag) with togas.  
Please return to registration table in  
Carrick.

Ritchie,

All of us are missing you. Our thoughts  
and prayers are with you and your  
family. And, we're representing the  
Gator Nation here in Vol country.  
~ Your Friends

Broderick, Jane, Claire, and Grace,  
Your first NJCL. So glad you're  
here. Collect as many memorable  
experiences as you can. I'm so proud  
of you.

~ Magistra Joucoeur

Colette/Humana,

I couldn't be more honored to have  
been your Latin teacher. Now,  
watching you pursue Latin (teaching?)  
is inspiring. I'm always here to  
support you.

~ Magistra J

To MassJCL--

Y'all were outstanding in Spirit. Keep  
on trucking! OKLAHOMA (2000 NJCL).  
We can do it!

~ Love, Jacob (your 2<sup>ND</sup> VP)

Spider pig. Spider pig. Does whatever  
a spider pig does.

Don't worry--it's just the Firnedly  
hand of JCL! ;)

To all NJCL Forum members:

We need to meet! Keep an eye out  
for members at dinner Friday. We'll

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## Lifeless JCL Spirit Bear Lacks Enthusiasm

Disappointment settled on certain JCL delegates after the Spirit Bear proved to be a boring and worthless gift. Upon receiving the gift with extreme delight, the receivers soon became depressed under the realization that happiness does not come from a \$4.99 bear from Wal-Mart. Recently it was decided that the bear would be given to the winner of a *Price is Right* contest, which Bob Parker recently confirmed would be the only time he would return for the show.

Some however, still question this final attempt by the JCL to revive life into the bear— one of the fellow receivers of the bear said “I tried to teach some cheers or maybe make it do some magical things like Transform into something awesome like Susan Schearer or even Jordan Wilson. But all it did was stand there and do nothing. I don't trust this thing; pretty sure its spying on us like that Robot movie or whatever. Where's Han and Chewie, I want to start a Rebellion!”

So as the bear has come unto question, ideas for a Spirit Object for next year are already under way. Rumors range from the Spirit Soap all the way to the Spirit Energy Drink “Sheer Octane.”

## Ludi Loves Locally Lamented Lameness

Scientists are still puzzled after the odd events surrounding today's Ludi basketball. For the first time in recorded history, a Ludi event ended early. Players and organizers alike were visibly confused when the event ended an hour early. Delegate Alistair Gordon Lethbridge-Stewart (UN) reports, “What was really quite particular about this year's Ludi basketball was that the final game between Illinois and North Dakota took place before the preliminary round. I'm convinced that this aberration helped propel Illinois to victory.”

With their victory over Texas in the last game of the event, Florida netted another bronze.

The UT/UTK/UTenn/UT-Knoxville Vice-Provost for Paranormal Phenomena, Liz Shaw, offers an explanation: “We've seen things like this before happen near the HPER and the KCC. The time stream in these areas is very flexible. Just last week we found a freshman from 1970 in Ballroom Ø. We believe that Mr. John Benton got lost during finals week in 1970.”

It is believed that the executive board and national committee knew of this phenomenon during the fall planning meeting and have been taking advantage to ensure on-time GAs. We can only hope that they will share their secret with The Ear. We could use the extra time.

# Officer Reports: Spirit Awards to Switch to Game Show Format

In the never-ending quest to promote JCL spirit, the Executive Board is considering “snazzing up” the spirit awards given at the end of each assembly. Though nothing has been announced officially, 2<sup>ND</sup> VP Jon Chang has hinted at obstacle courses, double or nothing options, and “fabulous prizes”, only some of which winners will be expected to immediately donate.

NJCL Editor Caitlin Johnston explained the move: “We knew all the states were already giving 110 percent, but we asked ourselves - how do we get them to give a million percent? With this, we’re at least halfway there.”

Local manufacturer William Hartnell has informed the Ear he recently received an order for a large labyrinth set, which he claims includes the giant talking head of Julius Caesar and a number of themed rooms, including the Shrine of the Silver JCLer.

The hot buzz for the host of this “spirit awards showdown”, as it has been dubbed, is technology coordinator Jordan Wilson, who is currently fielding a number of emcee offers after his inspired reading of the announcements at yesterday’s assembly. “Right now, I need to take some time for me before I make this decision,” commented rising star Wilson, “and I’ve obviously got a lot of fond memories of JCL. But hey, if the boys at CBS call me about *The Price is Right* gig, I’m out of here, baby.”

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## Marathon Provides Runners With Challenges, Education

Groggy JCLers, watched over by intrepid, ever alert SCLers, trooped down to Tom Black Track early yesterday morning for a race officially described as “somewhere between a mile-and-a-half and five miles.” The race offered a grueling workout and new insight into the rich tapestry that is the history of Tennessee Volunteers athletics.

“It was somewhere between Pat Head Summitt Street and Philip Fulmer Way that I truly realized the tradition of success this university has nurtured,” noted JCL runner Tom Baker (GF). Colin Baker (TL), his identical twin (no relation), continued, “I mean, the 1998 football national champions, not to mention a seven-time champion women’s basketball juggernaut. It’s all right around us.”

But the education began from the very start. According to SCL helper Audree Riddle, “As I walked across Andy Holt Avenue on the way to the track, I thought of the university president who presided over the legendary campaigns of both Bowden Wyatt *and* Doug Dickey. If that’s not a legacy of excellence, I’d like someone to tell me what is.”



Others were impressed with the university’s clever wordplay. Delegate Paul McGann (SK) says “I lost my third place position when I stopped to ponder the genius of Peyton Manning Pass. I knew he was worth naming a street after, but then the ‘pass’ part hit me again and I was all like...whoa... works on two levels.”

# ...don't worry, we only cut Steve's personals. really.

have a sign!

~ Anubis

To Tyler & Sam,

You're the first certamen team from NC

to make semifinals in at least 15 years.

We are more proud of you than words can say. Love,

~ Your NC Delegation

To Magistra Bush of IN,

Thank you so much for taking time out

of your summer to spend with us Latin

nerds! We can't wait to spend another

Rockin' Awesome year with you!

~ Flora, Varro, and Livia

Magistra Greenman,

You've been an awesome Latin teacher that has truly touched my life for the better. I couldn't have wished for a

better, more passionate, more spirited

teacher, made better with the fact

I had you for 4 years. Thank you for

taking us to Certamens and State JCL

and Nationals. I will truly miss you

next year - but I promise to come visit.

Thanks for your dedication.

~ Leanne H.

NJ -- you are red hot! Mike + Alasdair,

thanks for your help! Gateway 4—I love

you all

~ Mama Cip

Dear Zach Fenno,

You will always be a pretty pretty

princess to me.

Ryan, Wayne, and Steve—sometimes

you frighten me. But don't worry, I still

love each of you.

Corey, David, Thanh, Jenna, Dianna,

Adjani, Stephanie:

Thank you for all the time you've put in

this summer for Certamen. vos omnes

amo. nunc, ite et superate!

~ vilicus.

Stow, Ohio Delegation,

WANTED! Latin teacher / JCL sponsor.

Will worship! For information please

contact Stow-Munroe Falls, Ohio school

district. Please don't let Latin die in

Stow!

Aaron, Evan, Michael, Nalin, J.P., Allen,

Danny, Corey, Dianna,

I hope you guys are all enjoying the convention.

Have fun. *vos omnes estis optimi!!*

Love, vilicus

Anastasia, Regina, Agatha, Calypso--

Hope you're having fun!

~ Magistra M.

To Stephan, Dillon, Kayle & Luke Daddy

You're the best Novice Certamen team in NC

history! Love,

~ Your NC Delegation

Dr. Chaos,

We have the ND girls under control this year.

~ Your Chaperones

Mervine, Forrest, Thean, & Jessica - Poppa

loves you!

Sara—I found five dollars

Jen—Sweet!

LA Delegation you are awesome!

Your Lost State Chair!

Sara—looking at a thing in a bag

I can has cheezburger nao plz? Dining hall

are gross.

~ Cheezburger Cat

Ramu from Georgia:

Thank you sooooo much for my awesome

get well soon gift. Not only are you good at

ultimate frizbee, but you also know how to

make a girl's day. Let's be friends!

~ Vicki from Indiana :)

Holy crap!

Off to me meeting! Hold me calls! Yargh!

*Ladies...*

Ms. Bickley

Thank you for working so hard for Latin.

Go RRHS & go TX!

Louisiana JCL, you guys are amazing & so

spirited! my cute, little Annies and fabulously

wealthy Daddy Warbucksese—I LOVE you all!

Peace, Hannah :)

Filiae,

Ita vero, it's a dream come true.

Have fun.

~ Tua Mater

Ale from TX, You are an awesome Certamen

player. Go alpha!

*Fructus,*

*Amor viri inter luggernautas.*

~ SM

Raquelly:

I got a sandwich in my head!

~ Gir

You're talkin', I'm listening

Melissa—Dr. Dre got some...

To Tyler Roberts, TN

-> Sorry about that nosebleed!

~ Jacob, MA

P.S. = No more nose-grabbing!

YATTA AAAAAAAAAAAAA

North Carolina we want to see you STOMP!

And win it! Stomp! And win it! Love,

~ Your Sponsors & Chaperones

Mr. Tyliaski

You wanna clash me?

~ Kavinda Wewegama

Hey Tony—I hear Blue Man Group is coming

to town. Want some tickets?

Hey Mr. Webb, Waa!

love, LJCL

Where's the love for the ferret?

That's what she said!

Viva la Voldie!

~ Death Eaters Union

Jen—Dobby got shanked!

Audree—thank for the bacon on the wall.

Love, Jen

Nick:

Do a little dance!

~ Kristen, IN

Steve—check it out! Check it out! Check

it out! Check it out!

I just spirited in my pants!

~ Jon Chang

