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SCRAM DAY 2004

Hundreds of student classicists gathered on Saturday, November 20th at Loyola High School of Los Angeles, CA for the annual Southern California Regional Amici Madness (SCRAM) Day -- an opportunity to compete in gruelling Academic Tests, to square off in arduous gladiatorial fights, and to put wits and reflexes to the test in rounds of Open Certamen. In addition to the traditional Ultimate Discus, Jewelry Workshop, Bellum of the Bands, and oratorical competitions, Southern Representative Patrick Lee, who headed this year's SCRAM Day, added a new spin to the event: Fugepilam (Dodgeball) kept delegates on their feet and a dip in the pool for Naumachia (Innertube Water Polo) cooled competitors off.



BENTLEY HIGH STUDENTS Ed Hess, left, and Nick Volkert, both 17, engage in a friendly gladiatorial combat during the Ludi Octobres (Latin festival) at the school in Lafayette on Saturday.

LUDI OCTOBRES 2004

By Edward Hess

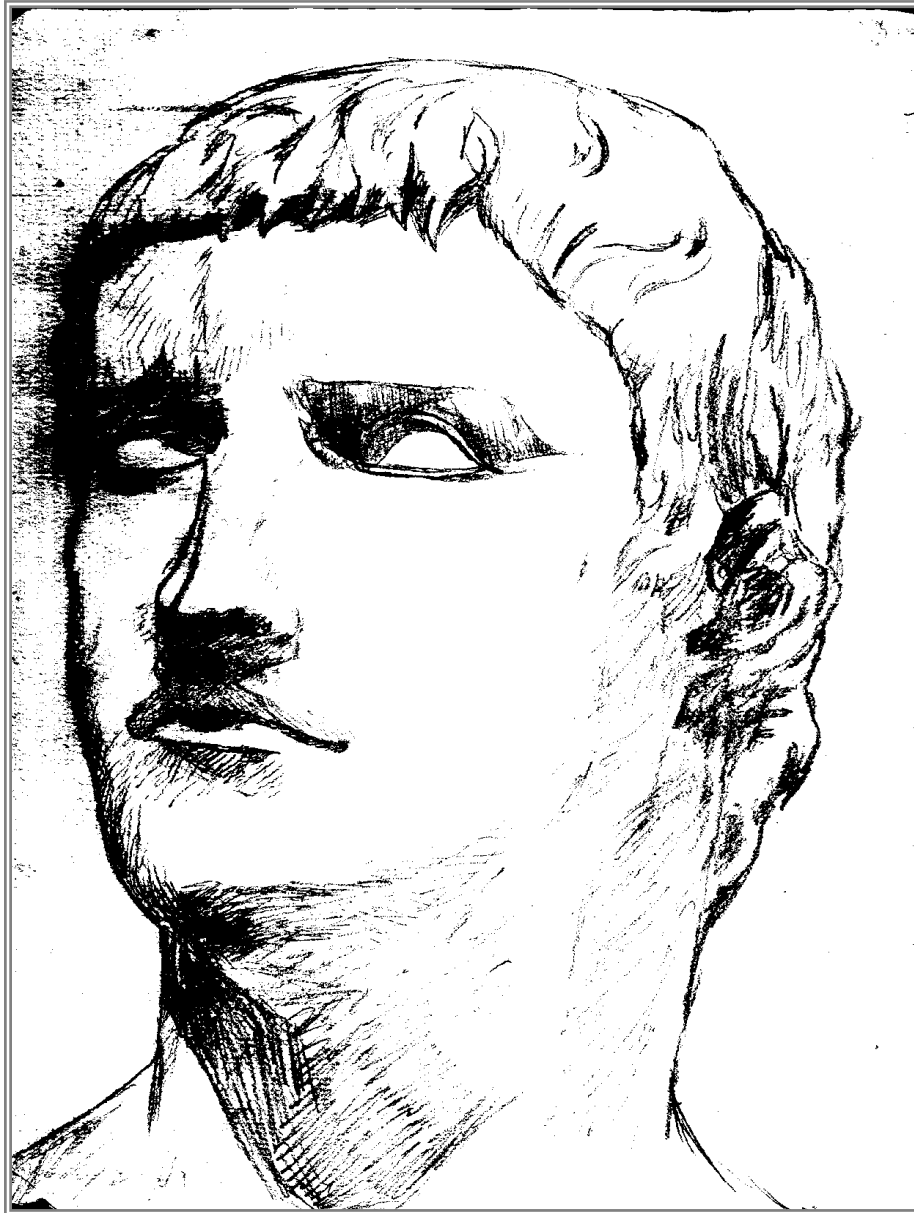
We had about 450 participants, who came on a drizzly Saturday. They convened for an opening assembly, where First Consul (and Northern Rep.) Edward Hess gave opening remarks, following a welcome to the school by Upper School Head Laurie Kahn. State Convention Pres. David McCleary exhorted all Ludi Participants to attend

the State Convention in March. Delegates then went on to academic testing, after which they enjoyed a lunch of pizza, salad, cookies, and assorted beverages. There was also a snack bar for intermediate concession needs. Due to the rain, First Consul Hess, assisted by his secretary for technology, arranged for a screening of "O Brother, Where Art Thou" in the school's Student Center. After lunch, delegates attended workshops, and then went to sports activities. Awards were furnished at the closing assembly.

ars gratia artis

This year's Nuntius will feature exclusive student artwork, celebrating the continual classical influence on literature, art and other realms of modern culture.

a capite ad calcem: *Gabe of Santa Monica, CA commemorates the style of the classic bust (sketching in pencil):*



Interested in submitting your artwork to the Nuntius? Email nuntius@cajcl.org! Carpe Diem! We welcome all student work: short stories, comics, drawings, photographs, etc -- email us today!

NOTA PRINCIPUM

Convention President Dave McCleary of University High School hosts Convention at Knott's Berry Farm this year to celebrate its Golden Anniversary:

Salvete, amici! My name is Dave McCleary and I'm from University High School in Irvine. This year University is hosting the 50th CJCL convention and I am the CJCL convention president. The convention will take place between April 1 and 2, 2005. We have some amazing plans to make this the best state convention in fifty years. To start, we are making radical changes to the banquet by having it at Knott's Berry Farm, a local amusement park. Delegates will have four hours to enjoy the park and its many thrilling rides. We have many other surprises in store for what is going to be an amazing convention.



NOTA PRINCIPUM

National JCL Parliamentarian Jeffrey Beeson is calling on you to run for NJCL office. Don't know the specifics? Check out the California JCL website (<http://www.cajcl.org/officers04.html>) to learn about your state officers and their responsibilities. The qualifications (as specified in the NJCL Constitution) are as follows: *To be eligible to run for elective office, a candidate MUST have the permission of his parent(s), local sponsor, and state/provincial chair or co-chairs; (The state chair(s) MUST have fulfilled ARTICLE IV, Section 5, prior to granting said permission.); MUST have attended at least one National Junior Classical League convention; MUST not be a postgraduate or midterm graduate; MUST be the only candidate for any elective office from his state and MUST be a member of a chapter in good standing. MUST be enrolled in a Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities class at least half of the year during which his office is held, or have completed all Latin, Greek, or Classical Humanities classes offered at his school. A sponsor from the candidate's state must be present with him at the Nominations Committee, but in the case of a state of emergency, a sponsor present at the convention may stand up for him with the acquiescence of his own sponsor. The Nominations Committee may waive the following qualification by a two-thirds majority, or by a simple majority whenever fewer than two candidates have been nominated for an office: No state office two years in succession.*

WOODBRIIDGE CERTAMEN



Tom Yang of Woodbridge High School invites you to pit your knowledge of Latin Vocabulary, Grammar, Roman Mythology, Geography and Daily Life against fellow Latin aficionados in a game of wit and agility -- complete with buzzers.

Most JCLers, who have played or seen certamen, would agree that certamen is one of the most exciting and challenging contests in a Latin convention. The quick thinking that the challenging toss-up and bonus questions require, the tension that builds as the three opposing teams race to edge out the others, the adrenaline that flows as the round nears the final questions, the thrill that ensues a victory – all these elements make certamen the king of all Latin academic contests.

Is it not a pity, then, that during the whole school year there are only two times when JCLers get to participate in this fun and exciting event? In Southern California, there have been only two certamen competitions – the Open Certamen at SCRAM, and the Competitive/Open Certamen at the State Convention. Virginia, in contrast, has more than 10 events interspersed throughout the year. Now, comparing California and Virginia is a bit extreme, but it underscores how little certamen activity goes on in California.

And so, seeking to ameliorate the current situation in Southern California, Woodbridge High School JCL, led by Academic Co-chair Tom Yang, decided to host an event just for certamen. The First Annual Woodbridge Certamen Invitational will be held on Saturday February 19th, 2005, at Woodbridge High School (last year's State Convention site). The invitation letters and registration forms were passed out to the sponsors at SCRAM, and will be soon available on the CJCL website (www.cajcl.org). Fees are only \$10 per team, so even JCLers who are a bit short on their sesterces can participate without worries.

The questions will be written to match the difficulty level of the State Convention certamen, so as to provide the teams with a good experience going into State. Also, since a school may bring any number of teams, the Woodbridge Certamen Invitational will be a great place to try out and finalize the teams.

Woodbridge High School JCL again extends an invitation to all Southern California chapters to participate in the First Annual Woodbridge Certamen Invitational. For more information, contact Tom Yang at T_Y_i@yahoo.co.kr.

NATIONALS

Members of our very own CJCL Board and about thirty California delegates attended the 2004 National Convention at the University of Richmond, Virginia from July 26th - 31st. California took home several prestigious awards, including third in spirit, fourth in Upper Certamen and third in Lower Certamen, and the Spirit of JCL award for two consecutive days. Nationals is a fantastic opportunity for students interested in enriching their study of classics, and several of our board members flew home with unforgettable memories:



Parliamentarian Valerie Powers remembers:

When we all were waiting for our Metro at Union Station in Washington DC, I accidentally leaned on the emergency button while talking to one of my friends. Suddenly, all of the lights started flashing red and a scary voice on all of the loadspeakers yelled "Managers, state your emergency!" I was terrified, even though everyone from the CA pre-convention was cracking up. So, right when our Metro arrived, I quickly hopped in.

Board President Cathy Li:

On "Pirates of Westhampton Lake" day, I was dressed in a really old pair of jeans that had a small hole under the back pocket. After almost two hours of running around and jumping on and off of chairs, the hole got a LOT bigger, but I couldn't do anything about it because the spirit competition was about to start. I was standing in the front, facing the California delegation so I could hold up signs. Since we were in the bleachers, I accidentally sat on the bald head of this really old man from Pennsylvania that was right in front of me ... with a giant rip in the back of my jeans.



Webmaster Anson Stewart:

We adopted Alabama's lone delegate. Despite the people staying up late after curfew, nobody from California was eaten by the radioactive monster of Westhampton lake. A highlight of the otherwise dull academic testing orientation was the comment of Mr. DuBose (an Texan in a cowboy hat): "You need your nametags fo' shizzle." The Convention Ear's forecast was later for drizzle, then for sizzle. The Virginia delegation was awesome in helping people with luggage. Our tours around Washington DC and the Civil War sites were awesome, despite having one tour guide who started speaking Spanish to us because she thought we were all Latinos.

Scram Scrimmage

The CJCL Nuntius presents a few snapshots of SCRAM Day '04:



The CJCL Board sold themselves at this year's Rent-A-Roman (our *dominus* is wearing a hat).

The winner of the title of Ms. Rome performed a traditional Korean drum ceremony.



Eager Certamen competitors

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