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NJCL: The Mustangs make a Splash at Nationals

By: Katherine Nunes

Leaving from Lincoln-Way East on July 30th Northside College Prep had 34 delegates attending the 53rd NJCL Convention in Bloomington, Indiana this year, the most students the school has had attend a national convention so far. With so many delegates attending it was impossible not to bump into a few people you didn't know. While some students worked on getting to know people from other states, others worked on learning about their fellow Northsiders.

"Bonding with some of the upper Latin students was fun," says Dashiell Bark-Huss.

Anna Karen Morelos remembers, "We stayed up really late a couple of nights talking. It was good."

Even those who were up half the night were awake and running early each morning. Between the testing and certamen, Northside students had challenges ahead of them.



The Northside delegates pose after Fellowship. Exhausted by a week of contests and dances, the delegates still manage fantastic attitudes.

Even so, at the NJCL Convention this summer Illinois's Certamen teams did better than they've ever done before.

"[This] was the first year (in recent history) in which Illinois had a team from all three levels at the semi-finals," says Kavinda Wewegama. "[It's] a major achievement for Illinois as a state, whose players do not have the same support from the state itself as some of the other elite teams across the nation do."

Andrew "Smokey" Foertsch-Jans was delighted by the performance of the Lower and Novice teams, "They did really well and

weren't awestruck by the skill of other states' certamen teams."

We also had a first for Northside this year when Theresa (Tess) Banasz-kiewicz ran for national office as 2nd Vice President. With an unfading smile Tess (and the other prefiled candidate) accepted a loss. The news wasn't all bad. In a state of emergency the new national board elected Illinois's John Chang to the 2nd Vice Presidency.

Thankfully for the students, the 2006 National Convention had many *enter-taining* aspects. Of the many students who tried out, Illinois had five of the thirteen

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Fitting into the Latin Family: Latin I students getting adjusted to the life at Northside

By: Katherine Nunes

Hard to believe that it was three months ago already that the freshman entered the halls of Northside for the first time. Among these couple hundred students is a group who has a chance to spend their Monday afternoons translating the classics.

The Latin I students have spent these past few months learning the basics of Roman culture, mythology, and, of course, Latin grammar.

“It’s hard at first, but then when you can relate it to English [grammar] it makes Latin a lot easier,” says Heta Panchal. They’ve

also had a chance to get to know their classmates. Many of the freshmen who have come to Latin Club have found themselves surrounded by upper level students eager to make them feel welcome.

As Rachel Spaulding put it, “The students in Latin seem to be more enthusiastic, more interactive than those in other languages.” This quote may stem from the experience with the

first Latin Club of the year during which members played games and got to know each other.

“I think it was a really

good idea to spend some time with them before throwing them into certamen and such. It makes the transition easier,” says Katherine Nunes.

For all their hard work, the freshmen seem eager to continue. Many are looking forward to the IJCL Convention in February during which they hope to show off their talents and newly acquired knowledge.



2006-2007 Latin Club Officers Selected

By: Katherine Nunes

Northside’s Latin Club greeted its new officers for the 2006-2007 school year on October 13, 2006 at one of the most public induction ceremonies ever. Club members crowded the room. Hilarity mingled with seriousness as each board member accepted his/her title and duties and then read a passage from Ovid’s *Ars Amatoria* chosen by the Consuls. The ceremony culminated with the reading of

a final passage by the entire Senate. Even our fabulous teacher and sponsor Mr. Chester Tyliniski read a section.

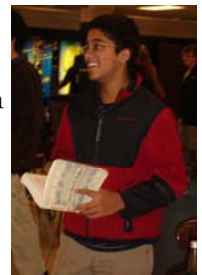
As in past years, a credit to our kind webmasters, ballots were posted and counted online. Students voted by ID number to ensure that each person had their vote. However, there were a few modifica-



tions made to the election process this year. In September the former board created rules for campaigning. The components of each candidate’s campaign was limited to information the candidates wished to share fit into a half page containing only black text and initialed by the Consuls before its posting.

The new board consists of Natalia Emanuel and David Velasco as Consuls, John Mussman and Adam Swiatlowski as Praetors,

Katherine Nunes as Quaestor Scriptorum, AnnaKaren Morelos as Quaestor Pecuniarum, Jane Bialek and Spencer Rosenfeld as Aediles, Jacob Gruber as Censor, Matthew Rickard as Tribune, and Andrew “Smokey” Foertsch-Jans and Kavinda Wewegama as Proconsuls.



Toga-Treating: Northside's Latin Club Trick-or-Treats for Unicef

By Jane Bialek

This past Halloween, while most kids their age scurried around demanding candy, Northside College Prep Latin Club members made a great show of generosity and good will. Donning the official Latin Club gear—the toga—the students ventured into local neighborhoods to “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF.”

Toga-Treating, as it was affectionately named by the participants, was the brainchild of Jane Bialek, a Latin III student and Aedile of Latin Club. She, as well as Robin Tholin and Spencer Rosenfeld, fellow Aedile of Latin Club, brought this service project idea to life. The Illinois Junior Classical League, an organization in which Northside is an active chapter, oversaw the service project.

The event took place over two days: Saturday, October 28th and Tuesday, October 31st. A two-day system proved to be very beneficial. Not only was everyone who expressed interest in Toga Treating able to attend, but the first day served as a sort of test-run, to figure out the most effective ways to acquire donations. The Saturday team consisted of Jane Bialek and John Mussman of Latin III, and Matt Glodz,



The students prepare to go Toga-Treating.

Bessie Nolan, Ciara Proctor, and Rae Spaulding, all of Latin I. Not only were the donations abundant (one household donated a \$50 bill!), but Latin I students got an opportunity to be involved in Latin Club and have a good time.

The Tuesday excursion proved to be much larger. Participants included Jennifer Toms and David Velasco of Latin IV, Jane Bialek, Anne Celestino, John Mussman, Ryan O'Connor, Spencer Rosenfeld, and Robin Tholin of Latin III, and Finu Lukose of Latin I (all pictured above).

Toga-treating on a larger scale had its share of benefits. The increased amount of participants allowed the students to cover a greater area. However, the donations were not as easy to obtain, since it was Halloween night. Many participants noticed that

many people had already donated to UNICEF. Also, many toga-treaters found themselves with an abundance of candy, since many people did not anticipate people asking for donations.

Regardless of these few bumps in the road, the Toga-treaters were able to raise over \$250, and, combined with personal donations made by fellow Latin Club members, the club was able to send a hefty \$300 check to UNICEF.

UNICEF is a division of the United Nations that focuses on the survival, welfare, and protection of children in the most impoverished areas of the world. The money that is raised through the popular “Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF” program is used to provide funding for UNICEF’s five main focuses including child protection, basic education, and children’s rights. The coordinators of the Toga-Treating project felt

that this endeavor was a meritorious cause. Latin Club members believe that it is their responsibility to help other children across the globe obtain the same access to education that they often take for granted at Northside. They are confident that the \$300 they raised this October will promote a higher quality of life for children in need and help them get an education in order to succeed and promote peace in the world.

Northside’s Latin Club hopes to make Toga-Treating an annual tradition, and have high expectations for future community service projects. Northside’s Latin Club also hopes that other Latin Clubs and Junior Classical League chapters will be encouraged to participate in community service based on Northside’s success.

ICL Round 1

By: Katherine Nunes

Buzzers in hand, each player listens attentively for a key phrase in the question. On November 14, 2006 Northside College Preparatory's certamen teams participated in the first round of this year's Illinois Certamen League. The Novice team placed 1st with 715 points, leading Loyola Academy at 2nd place by 145 points. The Lower team placed 1st at 525 points over Loyola by 260 points. Finally, Northside took first place in the Upper Division with 795 points, leading Loyola's 2nd place by 155 points. This year the Upper team achieved an all-time high score for North-

side's Upper Level, scoring 795 points in three rounds, as well as its highest ever achievement for a single round (320 points in Round 3).

Although the teams answered approximately the same number of total toss-ups as they did at last year's ICL Round 1, the final scores were much higher due to improvement in teams' ability to answer boni. Team members recognized an especially good performance by the second place team Loyola Academy at all levels.

"This year's Round 1 of the ICL tournament is probably one of the best I

have ever seen with respect to competition," said Kavinda Wewegama of the Upper team. "Overall, the competition seems to have become more intense. At [the] Upper Level, we had a very tough time against Loyola. I commend [the Loyola Upper team] very much for their effort and dedication in building a formidable team. I definitely expect them to continue to be a challenge."

Many students were also impressed by the performance of the Northside Novice team. They did very well in their first round, but the Upper level team members suggest they remain

guardedly optimistic, as the Novice team is likely to continue facing stiff opposition from the other teams in the coming rounds.

There was an enormous show of support by classmates who were not competing on swing teams.

"What continually surprises me...is the number of Northside students that show up at each round even though they won't be playing on the team," said Adam Swaitlowski, who plays on the Northside Upper Team.

"It provides a whole new level of support and confidence for those of us playing, and shows not only



The Latin 1 students practice for ICL.

that we have a very dedicated Latin club, but that our members know that a Certamen meet isn't just about competing: it's about having fun too."

The only complaint the players had was that the bracketing of the teams was not effective. They played several teams twice, but were unable to play some teams. Most notably, no Northside team played

Loyola, which came in second at all levels.

John Mussman perfectly expressed the feelings of the night: "Our Certamen teams performed excellently as usual, but we need to tighten our game if we are to maintain our lead over the other schools. At the advanced level in particular, Loyola will be close on our tails throughout the remaining rounds."

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acts selected for *That's Entertainment*, four of which were Northside students. Jennifer Friedmann, Jane Bialek, Kevin Kilgallon, and Jordan Stacey all participated. Mr. Kilgallon took third place for his guitar playing. Other nights, after working hard testing and orating, many students went to the dances.

"The dances are always great because they allow delegates to unwind and meet new people in a stress-free

environment, and the different themes for each night let people be really creative," says Jennifer Toms. Most of the dance excitement was concentrated on the Farewell Dance, held the night before delegates leave.

Tess Banaszkiwicz summed up the feeling, "The farewell dance is awesome since EVERYONE goes and you have to dress nicely or you can't get in. Who doesn't love getting dressed up?!"