

Bucephalus

Latin Olympics

By Matt Glodz

This year the organizers of the Latin Olympics were faced with many unexpected obstacles. New policies established at the UIC campus, where the Olympics took place, required a two thousand dollar fee to pay for clean up of the facilities after the event. Organizers were also faced with the cost of purchasing ribbons for award winners. CPS would not cover either fee, the latter of which they have paid for in previous years. Due to budget cuts and added fees, the organizers of the Latin Olympics feared for its existence.

However, thanks to the help and passion of Alice Mulberry and other generous contributors, the Latin Olympics were able to come back for another exciting day at UIC. This was largely due to the fact that Jay Mulberry, Mrs. Mulberry's husband, donated the necessary \$2000 out of his own pocket to cover the cleaning costs. Northside College Pre-

paratory raised \$270 through program fundraising that went towards purchasing the many ribbons that would be earned at the event.

"Mr. Mulberry has very generously taken on various expenses that have been placed on the various schools this year, and [NCP] Latin Club wanted to reimburse him in whatever way we could, so we have decided to hold a fund-raising car wash on May 19th to raise this money," said Jane Bialek.

When the day of the Latin Olympics finally arrived, over 250 eager students flocked to the UIC campus to take part in the event. Despite the many obstacles that were faced, the event ran smoothly. The day started off with the famous academic tests that ranged from English derivatives to Roman History. Later, students took part in other events such as art contests, costume contests, and



Latin students Robin Tholin, John Mussman, and David Velasco scrub cars clean at the Latin Club Car Wash. Profits were given to Mr. Mulberry, who funded classics activities out-of-pocket earlier this year.

oratories.

"Performing the skit for Sight Latin with my partner was so much fun and we really had an interesting experience with it," said Finu Lukose, recalling his first Latin Olympics experience. Northside did exceptionally well, with its students snagging the top 12 places and 14 of the 15 spots for most sweepstakes points accumulated during the event. Bridget Illing's statement, "Northside totally dominated!" seemed to fit the day.

During their free time, students were free to explore the UIC

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Smokin' the Competition

By: Katherine Nunes

How many people can have 4 years of perfect National Latin Exam papers? This year, there were only two worldwide. One of those fantastic students is Andrew "Smokey" Foertsch-Jans, a senior at Northside College Preparatory High School.

When asked if he has any special studying techniques to get himself ready for the NLE, Andrew said, "I study for Certamen and IJCL. Studying for those helps

for this, but I don't study specifically for it."

Andrew has been a certamen player for three years and has attended the last four IJCL conventions.

He continues, "The only interesting thing about it to me is the book award. The Oxford Classical Dictionary is the coolest thing ever. Whenever I get a chance to page through it, I find all kinds of interesting randomness."

Indeed the OCD is a fantastic and useful prize.

Through the continuing praise for his high achievement, he smiles and says modestly, "People shouldn't put so much stock in four years of perfect papers because the NLE is not the final judge of your intelligence with respect to the classics [but] I hope that my achievement will encourage excellence in the younger members of Northside Latin."

Andrew will attend the University of Chicago in the fall.



Andrew "Smokey" Foertsch-Jans received the Oxford Classical Dictionary, among other honors, for his four years of perfect papers.

Carthago servanda est? : New youth group focuses on Rome's ancient rival

Fun Stuff

By: Harold Jaffe

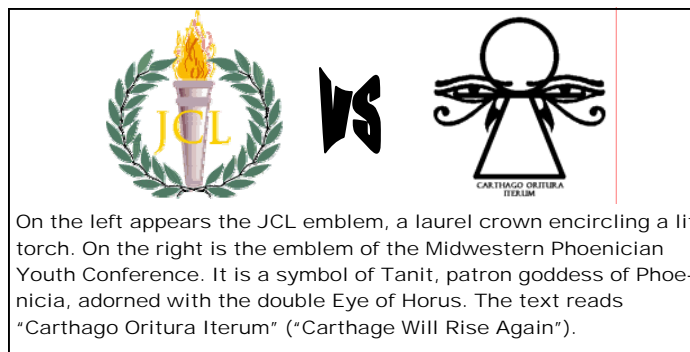
TINLEY PARK, Ill.~ Move over Illinois Junior Classical League: there's a new ancient civilization-themed youth-oriented organization popping up in the Land of Lincoln! Since its inception in late February (coincidentally around the same time as the 2007 IJCL Convention), the Midwestern Phoenician Youth Conference has been steadily growing in both numbers and popularity. Though each group strives to provide an experience that develops responsibility, fosters brotherhood, promotes enthusiasm, encourages competition, inspires dedication and enriches its members' total growth, the two sharply diverge when it comes to geographic focus. Whereas the historically eurocentric IJCL focuses its

attentions almost exclusively on the civilization of Greece and Rome, MPYC places greater emphasis on the small settlement that spread from the Middle East throughout North Africa and beyond~Phoenicia.

followed in the footsteps of their antecedents, each becoming the arch-nemesis of the other and making numerous vociferous proclamations to that effect. Tensions ran high during this year's IJCL Convention, held this year at the Tinley Park Con-

ference was averted only by the efforts of a mysterious samaritan who refused to divulge what his middle initial 'H' stood for.

"Well, nobody said developing responsibility, fostering brotherhood, promoting enthusiasm, encouraging competition, inspiring dedication and enriching one's total growth was easy," replied one young man, speaking on condition of anonymity, when asked about the heated rivalry between the two groups. One thing is for sure: both the Junior Classical League and the Phoenician Youth Conference are here to stay in Illinois. The only question is whether the next Punic War will be fought at the certamen buzzers~or on the battlefield.



On the left appears the JCL emblem, a laurel crown encircling a lit torch. On the right is the emblem of the Midwestern Phoenician Youth Conference. It is a symbol of Tanit, patron goddess of Phoenicia, adorned with the double Eye of Horus. The text reads "Carthago Oritura Iterum" ("Carthage Will Rise Again").

Although both organizations devote themselves to the study and promotion of grand empires that rose and fell a long time ago in continents far, far away, both IJCL and MPYC have

vention Center, when a crowd of teenagers, allegedly MPYC members, decided to "hang out" in the center's lobby during a respite in the convention's bustling activity. The possibility of vio-

IJCL 2007

By: Sika Yeboah-Sampong and Katherine Nunes

This February more than seventy Northside IJCLers journeyed to Tinley Park. Accompanied by parent chaperones and sponsor Chester Tylinski and outfitted in purple t-shirts emblazoned with *Hoc Tangere Non Potestis*, Northside students showed their overwhelming enthusiasm for IJCL's School Spirit Theme - 'Chillin' in My School T'. Aediles Jane Bialek and Spencer Rosenfeld led Northside in both new and well-established cheers, including 'Qui Sumus' and 'Eat 'em Up NCP'. Northside's skit, organized by Patrick O' Connor (Latin IV) and Robin Tholin (Latin III) was definitely a crowd-pleaser with its take on JCL's more stringent 2007 convention/skit regulations, for which the preceding skit was terminated early.

Although Testing Session I and Art Registration ran smoothly, students lost some of their high spirits when Latin Oratory did not proceed with such ease. The judges for Latin Oratory left about eight people hanging when they abruptly cut off the final oratories in order to stay on schedule. After much protest by students and Mr. Tylinski, Northside's sponsor, the problem was remedied with an early morning

start for the remaining students who wished to deliver their oratories.



(Seated from left) Aimee Hoffman, Chynna Moerlien, Harris Grigoropoulos, and Khanh Than "buttrace" during Thursday's Fellowship. Onlookers (from left) Jennifer Toms, Spencer Rosenfeld, and Jane Bialek judge the outcome.

After a midnight fellowship, Northsiders prepared themselves for an early start on Friday. With a cold breakfast of half-frozen muffins and juice, Alicia Gresla (Latin III), Northside's state-of-emergency candidate for the position of Historian, and regular enrollment candidate for the position of Parliamentarian, Jennifer Friedmann, along with the other candidates, delivered their speeches to the assembly.

"It's not easy giving a speech when you think people are worried more about which school you're from than what ideas you have. After staying up working on a speech it was a little disappointing," says Alicia Gresla.

Ancient Roman Games and NJCL 2nd Vice President Jon Chang's *Volunteer-*

ing and Play-Doh were the featured workshops this year. Jon Chang had JCLers talk about service projects they'd done recently to get people thinking about other ways Illinois can participate in service opportunities.

Certamen Round I had IJCLers digging deep into their brains for answers. The Upper Level team had only one complaint for the Certamen coordinators,

"[N]ot all the Upper Level matches had buzzers. At the Upper Level you often have the fastest players and thus it is crucial that accurate buzzing order is available," said Kavinda Wewegama (Latin IV). During Certamen Rounds II and III the improvement of Barrington and Naperville at the Upper level and Barrington Middle School at the Novice level was especially noted.

The disorganized atmosphere of the convention was displayed when Talent Show winners who were supposed to perform their acts during the Roman Banquet were not given the chance.

"John Mussman and I were really excited to perform in the talent show together," says talent show winner Jane Bialek. "I had been in the talent show [as a solo act] for the past two state conventions. I was so excited to perform a new act with my partner. In the past, winners were announced immediately after the competition and then

performed at the Roman Banquet. This year, not only were the winners never announced, but the banquet came and went and there were no performances. After John and I found out that we were one of the winning acts, the disorganization was very frustrating. We were unsure as to whether or not we'd ever perform."

Once it became apparent that the talent show winners would not be performing at the banquet, supervisors said they would be able to perform at the dance.

"But that fell through," adds Ms. Bialek. "We never ended up performing or getting any recognition [for our achievement]."

Adding to the disappointment of the night, the good turnout of Northsiders at the dance was lost by the never-ending game of "Musical Men". It appears IJCLers have better things to do than play a twenty minute game of unstable musical chairs. Not to say that Northsiders don't know how to have fun. Some students learned how to swing poi, while others played some ever-popular party games outside the convention hall.

"The most fun I had at Convention was probably the

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Cooperation with Key Club

By: John Mussman

Recently the NCPHS Latin Club concluded a deal with Key Club in which it received \$250 in grant money, in return for pledging to help staff several of Key Club's upcoming events. The praetors

wrote and presented grant applications to both Key Club and Student Council, hoping to obtain funds to purchase a new Certamen buzzer system; Key Club responded several days later, and Student Council has yet

to make a formal decision. A new buzzer system – which would typically cost around five hundred dollars – will allow our teams to prepare more effectively for competitions such as the ICL Finals and NJCL Certa-

men. This relationship with Key Club promises to be mutually advantageous. Hopefully the organizations, which share a similar goal of serving the community, will maintain this cooperation on future endeavors.

IMPORTANT DATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Certamen

Mr. Tyliniski will be leading Certamen practices for the state team. They are still in need of a third coach and would like an SCLer assistant at each level. If you are a student that wants to play or are an SCLer, or know someone in one of these positions, please contact Chester Tyliniski at CTyliniski@northsideprep.org.

NJCL Canned Food Drive

Please bring at least one non-perishable item with you this summer to NJCL. National officers would like to donate food to the Second Harvest Food Bank in Knoxville as a show of JCL spirit for our host community. Acceptable items include: canned fruits and vegetables, canned meats (tuna and chicken), peanut butter, and other non-perishable, high protein items.

Also—Donations for the Send David (Velasco) to College Fund can be sent to 1851 N. Harding Ave, Chicago, IL 60647. Make checks payable to David Velasco.



Ms. Sika Yeboah-Sampong received third place in the NJCL Creative Writing Contest 2007, category 10th Grade Latin 3. Her story *Cloud of Doom*, references the historic eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

NJCL Meeting 1 – June 10th at Lincoln Way East from 3-5pm

NJCL Meeting 2—June 24th at Barrington High School

NJCL— July 24 - July 29, 2007 in Tennessee

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campus and the air was definitely filled with their energy and excitement. Some students engaged in fun activities that included Frisbee and hacky sack. Others just relaxed and enjoyed the fresh air, or indulged in scrumptious treats from UIC's student café.

As a whole, the Latin Olympics were definitely a great success. Thanks to the hard work of its many supporters, the Latin Olympics were able to take place once again. The hundreds of students who took part in the event had a great and memorable event. They are all looking forward to next year with great anticipation.

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enormous game of Mafia we played after the Roman Banquet. It was intense, loud, and governed by Robert's Rules of Order (at least for part of the time). The community of our own Latin Club and of IJCL as a whole is a great one with which to spend as much time as possible," says Monica Laytham.

On the final day of convention, Northside took home numerous awards, notably second place for Spirit, first place for the Skit Competition, and first place at all levels of Certamen. Upper level students ex-



Northside JCLers play Mafia at dinner with chaperone Connie Ma and sponsor Chester Tyliniski before moving outside to accommodate growing participation.

pressed their pleasant surprise at the efficient setup of the finals and the well-written questions.

"I was also very impressed by the questions, as they are the best I have seen at an Illinois competition. The questions for at least the Upper Finals were written by Mr. Conrad, and I greatly laud his work," says Kavinda

Wewegama.

However, IJCL Election results were far from exciting. Neither Northside candidate was elected.

More difficult to accept was the continued game of musical

seats by members of the previous year's board, only losing Northside's Tess Banasz-kiewicz, a graduating senior, and adding no new members.

With all the contests finished, bags packed, and good-byes said the students departed. Northside had most definitely seized the day by taking home an immense number of ribbons, awards, and of course, JCL spirit.