

# The Cornvention Deer

## 65 Deer Telling it Like it Isn't

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was it always bad kern(el)ing?

### Parliamentarians Learn to Rap from Scansion

*The Convention Ear* received an anonymous tip from a member of Team Editor that the group known as the “Three Parliteers,” had formed. Before taking the stage at *That’s Entertainment!* the parliamentarians were seen gathered around the back stage amidst whispers of “dactyl” and “spondee.” We have it on good authority that their beloved copy of *Robert’s Rules of Order* may actually just be a copy of Wheelock’s Latin! Clever Latin

students may have noticed that the meter of their hit single “The Parli Rap” overlaps suspiciously with the 5th *Carmen* of a certain golden age Latin poet. With their debut album “Straight Outta (Brian) Compton” on the way and a world tour (with a first stop in Bloomington, IN) in the works, we hope that Latin teachers consider using their works for the new teacher choice passages of the AP Latin exam!



### Deærest Cervidae

Liz No-one can spot this deer  
Ian Antler-son  
Trace “Turn”er  
Christopher Rourke\*  
Christopher Wanderrington  
Sydney Neigher  
Ella Ogle-deer-near-by  
Molly Moose-ran  
Austin Chew-ing grass  
Hilary Cheney\*  
Maddie Deer-trich  
Ryan Doe-vine  
Stephen Gentle\*  
Fawn Silver  
Deerw Alvarez  
Allie Kratochvil\*  
Quinn McIntire-herd  
Andrew Machkasov\*  
Wisper Reynolds\*\*

\*Deer by initiation ritual  
\*Deer by name

### Toeing the Line

The *Ear* has received an anonymous tip from Texas JCL delegates about a potential arch-nemesis to our publication. Rumors suggest a rival team is attempting to become the sole source of NJCL convention coverage—questioning our journalistic integrity and publishing their own version of events.

We’re flattered, really. Imitation may be the sincerest form of flattery, but this crew seems eager to shoe in their agenda, hoping to heel our legacy. Their ambition is bold—

but Deer JCLers, rest assured: we remain committed to reporting with accuracy, flair, and a firm grip on the facts.

We’re not here to toe the line—we’re here to define it. While others might try to stamp out the competition through imitation, we rely on the trust of our readers, the strength of our sources, and the speed of our pens.

So let them lace up. We’ll be waiting at the finish line.



## That's Entertainment! Remains Deer

Deer colleagues, I move to open the recap article of the 46th *That's Entertainment!* Is there a second? The chair recognizes the reader.

Hosted by the "Three Parliteers" Alden Okoh-Aduako, Joe Giambrone, and Wali Khan, *That's Entertainment!* highlighted the talent of JCL acts, the humor of SCL, and reminded us all of the importance of abiding by proper parliamentary procedure.

Ilina and Ishani Joshi opened with a fantastic "Fandango" on the violin and Aiden Hill sang a showstopping rendition of "Out There."

Laiba Nasir and Jonah Stahl sang a beautiful duet of "Only Us," Emerson Humphries tap danced, and Hayden Crane serenaded us with the ukulele.

Becket Yowell and Mathew Morris performed a bagpipe/electric guitar duet of "Don't Stop Believing"... twice!

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Zoe Newton harmonica'ed her way to 3rd place with her rendition of "Piano Man," and Czukas hit us with a Kazoo solo in the "The Purple and Gold Blues" earning 2nd place.

1st place went to Xuxa Yuen with her rendition of Liszt... but in a toga and with a few other surprise twists as well.

Due to the success of yesterday's silent spirit and the audience's steadfast support during the audio issues of video skits, we are excited to announce that next year's *That's Entertainment!* will be performed entirely in mime! So start preparing your acts now, kids!

## Growing the Future Little by Little

The Board of Governors of the American Classical League would like to recognize that this is Sherwin Little's final NJCL Convention as Executive Director. Sherwin's legacy at the American Classical League and National Junior Classical League extends well over 50 years, dating back to the time when he joined the Junior Classical League as a student. Sherwin was a student officer in NJCL, he has served on the National Committee for JCL, he has been President of the ACL, and as ACL Administrator, he led the organization through a remarkable transformation from a council structure to a board structure. For the last nine years, he has deftly guided the organization as its first Executive Director.

To honor Sherwin we have established a drive to add to our scholarship funds in Sherwin's name: Growth

Happens Little by Little. Our goal is \$20,000, and while we would love to collect that much before the end of the NJCL Convention, our campaign will extend through mid-October. We would like to suggest that each ACL member give at least \$50 to honor Sherwin's 50+ years of service, though any amount would be welcome. We would also love donations in any amount. There is a QR code on the graphic that will lead you to the Donate page on the ACL website. Please be sure you are logged in as a member and that you tag your donation with the phrase "Honoring Sherwin." You may also write a check to ACL and deliver it to the office here or make a cash donation. You can also contact the NJCL office to make a pledge towards this campaign.



## NSCL Scholarship Fund

*That's Entertainment!*, Ludi, Olympika, and *The Convention Ear* would not be possible without the help of the SCL. The NSCL Scholarship Fund aids in assisting SCLers in attending NJCL Convention. When donating to the SCL Scholarship fund, please specify "SCL Scholarship" or "Hal Rather" in the donation description.

A colorful graphic with a purple and orange background. At the top left, the text reads "HONORING SHERWIN'S ACL LEGACY: GROWTH HAPPENS LITTLE BY LITTLE". At the top right, there is a URL "bit.ly/HonoringSherwin" and a QR code. In the center, there is a circular photograph of a group of five people (three women and two men) standing together. At the bottom right, there is a call to action: "PLEASE WRITE 'HONORING SHERWIN' IN THE GIFT DESIGNATION FIELD IN YOUR DONATION".

## New Ludi Events Next Convention

Following last night's *That's Entertainment!*, the SCL has taken inspiration from the dedication of the JCL to watch videos, even if they must recite the video subtitles themselves. Thus, the SCL shall be organizing a new creative event: Dramatic Video Narration. JCLers will be given a video to narrate to the best of their abilities. Winners will earn a single pebble an SCLer will pick up on the way to the event. If you are interested in helping test the new event, please scan the QR Code on this page to show interest.



I think it's this one.



Or maybe it's this one?



No, it's definitely this one...

## A Final Update from the Disgruntled JCLer

Guys. I swear I did nothing wrong! That "secret" meeting was actually last night and the deer... They just... Guys, those weren't friendly—nor hands. I don't even know what I said to set them off!! All that happened was they asked my name, and then it was all over. I'd call for their immediate removal from convention at their parents' expense but none of my other pleas have been answered. Those deer are breaking so many rules in the Code of Conduct that it isn't even fair to call them JCLers. Maybe next year... Next year, let's bring back the Junior Corn League. Please. My Code-Abiding heart can't take another year of the Deer JCL. Signing off with a broken Code one last time. -Code-of-Conduct-ABIDING NJCLer

**\*Investigators with the *Ear* noticed a torn name tag containing only the name Hunter with the letter. Further information of the writer's identity has not yet been discovered.\***

## TODD SASS TRACKER



Has this delegate seen you?

# It's All Quizzes

ARE YOU MISSING CONTEST SESSIONS ALREADY? DO YOU WANT TO LEARN YOUR DEEPEST TRUTHS...? GET BACK INTO ANSWERING QUESTIONS ABOUT SHERWIN LITTLE, THE REVERSE CENTAUR, AND MORE.

## ARE YOU DEER, REVERSE CENTAUR, OR CORN

Take the quiz below. Keep track of your answers.

What do you like to do when there's a nice breeze outside?

- A. Sway in the breeze, taking in the sunshine
- B. Take a stroll, maybe munch on a snack
- C. Find the closest fountain and drink your fill

Pick a color:

- A. Gold
- B. White
- C. Purple

Where are you eating?

- A. Western dining hall
- B. Garden dining hall
- C. Ordered take out

Pick a Roman Emperor:

- A. Galba
- B. Otho
- C. Caligula

Pick a movie genre:

- A. Documentary
- B. Horror
- C. Comedy

### Compile your answers. If they are mostly:

A's: Congrats, you are Corn! You enjoy basking in the warm sunshine and absorbing sunshine. You bring a little pop of color to the fields of Ohio and we love you for it!

B's: Congrats, you are Deer! You enjoy a nice afternoon stroll through a park, but go with the flow. You bring pure joy to those around you just by being there!

C's: Congrats, you are Reverse Centaur! You're a little weird but it's OK! You are doing your own thing and that is amazing!

## SHERWIN LITTLE'S THE GRINCH QUIZ, EXPOSED

During General Assembly yesterday, NJCL Programs and Scholastic Services Chair Todd Wegenhart alluded to ACL Director Sherwin Little's end-of-semester activity he provided to his students: having them watch the 1966 adaptation of *The Grinch* followed by a quiz about what they watched. Wegenhart mentioned that the quiz was much more difficult than would be expected. We tried to attain the contents of this quiz to share with our readers, but Little was not willing to share his secrets. Fret not! The *Ear* has compiled its own set of questions that we believe reflect Sherwin's coveted, arduous, and garlicky assessment.

1. What color was the train that the Grinch stole?
2. How many sewing needles did Max have stuffed into his mouth while the Grinch was making his Santa costume?
3. What was the Grinch's favorite third declension noun?
4. Who would the Grinch consider to be a good acquaintance?
5. What is the Grinch's opinion on Parliamentary procedure?
6. Where was the Grinch on March 15th, 44 B.C.?

- Answer key:
1. All of them
  2. At least zero
  3. *Arbor, arboris (f)*
  4. NJCL Vice-Chair Jennifer Jordt
  5. The Grinch knows about Robert's Rules of Order but refuses to follow it properly.
  6. Wouldn't you like to know, weather boy?



### WHO IS YOUR JCLOVE?

Take the quiz below. Keep track of your answers.

What's your ideal first date?

- A. Camping
- B. The fields of Miami, Ohio
- C. Board Game Cafe
- D. Beach date

How do you want to fall in love?

- A. Through a long friendship first
- B. I freeze up, then I fall hard
- C. Through intellectual curiosity
- D. My cheeks get really red

What green flag do you want in a lover?

- A. Will fight for you
- B. Good listener
- C. Detail-oriented
- D. Go with the flow

Favorite NJCL Event to go with your date?

- A. Costume Contest
- B. Lunch
- C. NomCom
- D. Swimming

What's your favorite musical?

- A. *Falsettos*
- B. *Dear Evan Hansen*
- C. *Hamilton*
- D. *Little Mermaid*

If you had to choose a red flag?

- A. Steals your clothes
- B. Gets blinded by love
- C. Not self aware
- D. Snaps at you

#### Compile your answers. If they are mostly:

A's: Your JCLove is Patroclus. He's the ultimate sweetie and very loyal. If you can't make it to your NJCL event on time- he'll even borrow your nametag and take your place!

B's: Your JCLove is Jane Doe. She's a bit of a mystery, but she's always ready to get up and go. You both can run away together and prance into the sunset.

C's: Your JCLove is first name Robert middle name Rules last name Order. He always goes by the book, but that doesn't mean he can't be naughty too...like closing a meeting without a second ;).

D's: Your JCLove is Crowdaddy. Despite their hard exterior, they're a real softie. They'll be your Maine squeeze. Hope you like being spoiled because they'll butter you up.

### WHICH QUIZ SHOULD YOU TAKE? A QUIZ.

Take the quiz below. Keep track of your answers.

What is your favorite color?

- A. Brown
- B. Green
- C. Blue

Why are you being sent home?

- A. Grazing
- B. Stealing
- C. Canoodling

#### Compile your answers. If they are mostly:

A's: Take "Deer, Centaur, Corn...".

B's: Take "Grinch...".

C's: Take "JCLove Island...".

a tie: Take them all.

Fill in the blanks: How now \_\_\_\_

- A. Brown Cow
- B. Why now?
- C. Now. Now.

What is the best part of *That's Entertainment!*?

- A. Acts
- B. When it's over
- C. Skits

## Mysterious Bell Noises Detected in Oxford, OH

Reports of mysterious bell noises have begun to tinkle in the National Jingle Carillon League. The rate of bell-related complaints spiked 753% compared to Thursday of last week. Initial analysis indicates that the epicenter is near Oxford, Ohio. The noises started at 7:45 AM on Thursday and have been repeating at roughly 15-minute intervals since then.

According to NJCL spokesperson Alistair Gordon Lethbridge-Stewart (UN/IT), "We've been tracking an odd energy signature for the past few days. There was a large spike around noon on Monday at 39.5(degrees sign)N, 84.7(degrees sign)W. It's been spreading since then. It finally made it to the Pulley Bell Tower at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. Since then, our phones have been ringing off the hook."

Thanks to recent advancement in computer-aided analysis techniques, the NJCL believes the energy spike might be a part of a decennial cycle. Similar phenomena were detected in 2008 and 2018. According to contemporaneous reports, those who were subjected to more than three hours of ringing entered a zombie-like

state that persisted until they could be removed from the vicinity of Pulley Bell Tower. Those near sports fields were acutely affected.

Researchers are not sure what is causing the cycle to shorten, however. Many think that the nearby geothermal conversion has disturbed a natural barrier that keeps the mysterious energy at a safe level. Projections indicate that the next occurrence could be as soon as 2028.

"We're hopeful that the slated 2026 completion of the North Chiller Plant Geothermal Conversion project will restore the protective barrier, allowing the cycle to return to its natural order," said Tegan Jovanka (AU). "We're also working on other mitigation techniques based on Dr.



Hew's work at IUB. They've managed to have their last four cycles be almost exactly 10 years apart, to the week. We hope to replicate their results here at Miami University."



Please scan me.

## COMPETITIVE CERTAMEN FINALS ARMSTRONG, WILKS THEATER

Novice	Intermediate	Advanced
WI vs. TX vs. MA	WI vs. MA vs. TX	VA vs. FL vs. GA



## WORLD SERIES OF CERTAMEN TEAMS

### The Shritastic 4

Ron Roessler  
Shri Kannan  
Allan Lubben  
Lisa Bunge  
Dan Tess

### Callida Itum

Fred Muth  
Lisa Masoni  
Brian Briggs  
Max Payne  
Max Nupen

### Mens Rea In Corpore Reo

David Jaffe  
Will Nifong  
Joe Giambrone  
Nava Cohen  
Katie Collins

### Peppae Porcae

Noah Harris  
Ellie Riggs  
Jonathan Nunes  
Matthew Nunes

### LSU won the only world series we care about

Andrew Meche  
Katherine Norton  
Drew Alvarez  
Katherine Winchester  
Emma Hulse

### Taratantara 🏆👩🏻👨🏻

Logan Ferris  
Alex Switt  
Louis Dearman  
Zach Mair

### Cookie and Cookie

David Cookie Jackson  
Michael Cookie Howard  
Kevin Cookie Cox  
Alex Cookie Coisman

### Anseres Mori - The Silly Geese

Evan Dill  
Mary Beinemann  
Kyle Drugan

### VSCL Government in Exile

Matt Nelson  
Joseph Amsbary  
Lexi Harrell  
Monet Shum  
James Wilusz

### Astrologi

Al Kummer  
Nikhil Ranjan  
Rajaneekara Mills

### Dinuitives

Michael Cowett  
Micah Cartee  
Clair Fu  
Beth Moguel

### Redacted Due to Copyright Issues

Jeremy Walker  
Lindsay Pappas  
Lisanne Thorpe  
Steve Perkins  
Becki Bush  
Brittany Haworth

### Vae, Puto Certaminatores Fio!

Patricia Lister  
Nadia Ghosheh  
Vivian Xue  
Alex Bakalov

## PERSONALS

To Mrs. Kless,  
Thanks for everything you do for us!  
Miami was your First Nationals and  
you made it possible for it to be ours!  
We love you so much! We can't wait  
for OJCL with you (and the kids)!  
- Atlas, Anna, Monica, Madeline, and  
Catherine

MEJCL, you make your SCLers  
proud to call Maine home, congrats  
on all your good work this week!!

Mrs. Cook,  
Thank you for always being a mentor  
and an OG Maine JCLer. Congrats  
on your 40th convention and silver  
platter!  
-Maine JCL

Hey boyo. Guess what? Pulse charge!  
:] Proud of you for all you've done  
and all you're going to do. You are the  
GOAT and always will be. Welcome  
to the SCL! <3 ur loving big sister  
(the MOON haunts you)

Maine/Hampden JCL, You make me  
so proud!  
Benny J

Dennis-  
Here we are at another NJCL Con-  
vention! Your 30th, my 23rd. I guess  
I'll never catch up with you!  
Love, Susan

gratias maximas to whoever found  
and turned in my glasses!  
- Lucretius

Maximus,  
Thank you for being by my side  
through my first year of teaching! It's  
been an adventure! Here's to a year  
of myths and Wednesday documen-  
taries!  
Maximilianus

Look Mom,  
I'm in a newsletter!  
- Elijah Brown, IN

To Mr. and Mrs. Webb,  
Congratulations on receiving the  
Mildred Sterling Award! We couldn't  
imagine two more deserving individ-  
uals. It was a pleasure to make new  
memories with you this week, and we  
can't wait to make even more next  
year in Indiana!  
- LSCL

Hi dad,  
Thanks for taking us on this epic,  
skibidi trip to Ohio, BJ!  
Love,  
Your 20 children 🥰

Maia,  
I am so happy I am now sharing  
NJCL with you! Let's do more of  
them!  
Love, Dad

Katherine & Andrew-  
Thank you for yet another wonderful  
convention! We are so proud to work  
with y'all—looking forward to 2026  
in Indiana!  
Love, Susan & Dennis

Dear Virginia delegation,  
I cannot express how much we love  
your V-Aing at GA. It gives me a  
rush of adrenaline every time to see  
such spirit and coordination. Y'all are  
incredible!  
- a Texan

Mrs. Collins,  
You are the best performative matcha  
drinking teacher ever. Goodnight,  
love you!  
-Maine JCL

Meg, I am so so happy to have been  
here for your 40th convention—you  
only have 10 more until my silver  
bowl! Tua amica 🥰❤️

Hi, Trace. ;)

Yay Sophia!!!  
Maryzonavadc is so proud of you!

2026!  
Love, Susan & Dennis

Mr Jaffe,  
Your hard work at Silent Spirit didn't  
go unnoticed! Keep it up with the  
epic dance moves!  
-Maine JCL

Cameron, Colin, Gavin, and Lucas,  
Congratulations on your first national  
convention. I am so proud to be your  
teacher and coach. Can't wait to do  
it again next year at IU. 365 and *alea  
iacta est*.  
Magister I  
-yes, I did Venmo Sherwin :)

Ellie, Valentina, Zoe, Seba, Owen,  
Xander, Ethan, Eyal, Kai, Jaiden,  
Holly, Suzanna, Savan, Woods, Pres-  
ley, Sunday, Ash, Quinn, Laila, and  
McAlpine, thanks for being such a  
great group to travel with! Congratu-  
lations on all your accomplishments!  
-Emma, Mr. Snider, Mr. Apfel, Mr.  
Fleming, Mr. Turner, Mr. Soto, and  
Parva

Alexandra, Emma, and Katherine:  
y'all bring me SO MUCH joy seeing  
y'all continue to jump antlers first  
into all things SCL. I can't wait to see  
y'all's continued success!

Happy Birthday, Eli!  
Mr. + Mrs. Perkins

No, Josh, we do not have a secret plan to fight inflation.

Sarah, so so glad to have you back at Nationals, you've made this one for the books!! Ramblers forever!

Mr Knowles,  
You're an icon and we appreciate all the advice and input you give at fellowship!  
-Maine JCL

Mrs. Haworth,  
Thank you for always believing in me, sometimes more than I believe in myself.  
- Charley

Lola,  
I'm so happy to have gotten to spend this week with you! I've loved getting to know you, and I want you to know that I support you!  
- C

Hayden,  
Thank you for always slaying and for being my friend even when I say your dorm sounds like a swamp.

Nicholas and Zadyn,  
Thank you so much for all your jokes, love, Percival-bringing, and three fantabulous Nationals + even more wonderful Maryland events! See you in the M.D.S.C.L?

Maddie,  
Thanks for coming to nats with me this year! I'm so glad we got to be roommates!

HEY, LOUISIANA---  
Welcome to those at their 1st convention and welcome back to those returning home! You are a wonderful group and we are so proud of you! We hope you have had a fantastic

week and we will see all of you in Indiana, July 2026!  
Love, Susan & Dennis

If you didn't see on Wednesday's edition of the Ear, tonight at 7:30 PM in the Red Zone, I will be running a couple of games of Blood on the Clocktower. I travelled light, so I've only got Trouble Brewing, but if you're interested, drop on by!  
—Czukas

Before I go, I just want to tell you: you were fantastic. Absolutely fantastic. And you know what? So was I.

To C: I JCLove you too <34

And to M: Thanks for being my best friend! There is no one I would rather spend 4 national conventions with :)

To Philip, Isabella, Reese, Audrey, Yuki, and Lilia—my friends and fellow officers. Every moment has been wonderful: I love you all. To the California delegation: you bring me back, year after year. Your support means the world to me.  
Love, Felix.

Dear Florida Delegation,  
Thank you for your help in getting to nationals from the Cincinnati airport!! It was much appreciated!  
SinCerLy,  
A stranded SCLer

Thank you Kyle, it's been an amazing 20 years.

LJCL, you are the funkiest gators!  
Can't wait to see y'all back next year at IU! - LSCL

Congratulations Louisiana JCLers!  
We're so proud of you for your accomplishments in Miami. Thank you

for making this a week to remember, and we hope to see you again in Indiana!  
- LSCL

NJCL stands for National Jaywalking and Corn League. Do with this what you will.

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