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(credits to Latin Shout-outs)
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Do less please.
Thanks,
Your audience

Tyler's Conspiracy Corner: A Response

by Robby Allen, KJCL 2014-2015 1st VP

To the uncultured barnacle with the mindset of a degenerate peeping Tom, or to call him something worse, Tyler Schreiver: have you ever even been to a KJCL event? I don't expect you to stick your nose into a book or a museum or an art gallery or anywhere that's your own

business, but perhaps you're not too barbaric to know what KJCL is like. The KJCL **loves** my purple mohawk, as a matter of fact, so I am a "man of the people." Do you know why they love it, Tyler? Because I represent the KJCL, and KJCLers are sharp. They appreciate my artistic modern revision of the Roman *galea* which really isn't that hard to understand. The mohawk is like a valiant crest exuding no mercy upon ignorant plebeians with whom you might be familiar. The mohawk is purple not only to represent the JCL, but my authority which squashes any questioning infidels as any proper *princeps* would do. The sides are a natural 'gold' (a physical quality desired by all dignified Romans) like the metal plates of a helmet protecting the brains of KJCL. So who are you, swine, to criticize my flawless purple mohawk? Envious, perhaps? Here's a tip: if you quit stalking other people, you have less to compare yourself to- contrast, rather, as it's hard to liken a JCLer or anyone civilized to a Scythian such as yourself.



Robby Allen and Alex-Schlake; photo credzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

The Super-Serious, Super-Invasive, Super-Personal, Exclusive Interviews with the KJCL 2014-2015 Officers

questions written by Ruthie Dworin, KJCL 2014-2015 Torch Editor, except where noted

JASON (PRESIDENT)

1. WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR FAVORITE PART ABOUT YOUR TERM IN OFFICE?

I have really loved planning all of our KJCL activities with my fellow officers, especially NJCL. In particular, I loved when my fellow officers decided to lead a national fellowship with the theme of *Jason and the Giant Impeachment*. It was this kind of creativity and fun that I got to work with all year round and I could not have wished for any more!

2. HOW WOULD YOU IMPROVE UPON YOUR PERFORMANCE AS PRESIDENT THIS YEAR?

I really wish I would have said yes to more suggestions that people had made to me throughout the year. Because of time constraints we were unable to do so many of the ingenious ideas that have been proposed. I would improve my performance by taking more time to start each of these ideas.

3. HAVE YOU SURPASSED YOUR BROTHER?

You mean other than in looks?! Just kidding. Although my brother and I have had so many “battles” throughout our years, I believe that the role of KJCL President was not one of them. We each took the office in a new direction and each had our pitfalls. This may seem like a cop-out, but it is the truth.

4. DO YOU THINK THAT PARKER HOUSEHOLDER WOULD HAVE MADE A BETTER PRESIDENT THAN YOU? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Although I admire Parker Householder, and during his 10 minutes in office he surprisingly did not destroy the entire KJCL, I don't believe he would have made a better president than me. This is ONLY because his unnaturally deep voice was not as personal as my comforting and luscious speaking tone.



Jason Grout; photo credzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

ROBBY (1ST VP)

1. HOW COULD YOU IMPROVE UPON YOUR PERFORMANCE AS 1ST VP THIS YEAR?

Honey, don't mess with perfection. Though I guess I could have been more persistent in getting new schools in- but hey! I got a few! To come next year...

2. FOR WHICH OFFICER/MYTHOLOGICAL BEING WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY THE HIGHEST RANSOM? THERE IS A RIGHT ANSWER TO THIS.

Um... sorry; there's a reason I don't do Certamen. I am afraid I do not know what mythological being is worth a high ransom. Is it Randolph?

3. GIVE A DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE LAST TIME YOU ATTEMPTED TO ASSASSINATE JASON GROUT.

Well, after my short coup during his GSP and his failed impeachment at NJCL, I've had to get crafty. At the last officer meeting, I discreetly took off his car breaks, laced his cookie with laxatives, glued the toilet seat down, and placed vampire bats in the bathroom. He was supposed to be devastated by the laxatives, then he would rush to the bathroom, try to lift up the lid, get stuck there, then attacked by bloodthirsty bats. Eventually he would rush away in his car in fear of his mortality and bowels, but he could not stop his car. It was a magnificent plan if I do say so myself, except he never went to the bathroom. So instead I wrote this terribly long paragraph to to distract him as a man with a poison dart gun sneaks up behind him in the unseen distance.

4. DO YOU REGRET RUNNING FOR THIS OFFICE INSTEAD OF ANOTHER ON THE BOARD?

Nope! I feel like a had a lot of my own power here- not too much, not too little, and I liked working independently on a lot of my own projects but also helping everyone else. It has been a great experience, however, if I were to run again, I would like to try Historian, maybe. Everyone is your friend when you have a camera!

Or precious, precious President.....



Robby Allen; photo credzzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

LIBBY (2ND VP)

1. WHAT SNACK BEST DESCRIBES YOUR EXPERIENCE AS 2ND VP THIS YEAR?

Well that's a rather personal question but if you must know I would have to say COFFEE. At nationals I survived on it due to the late hours of fellowships and late nights of spirit preparations. Also there was a dunkin donuts that sold a delicious oreo coffee type thing that saved my life I'm pretty sure. Some say coffee isn't a snack, but I say we would have gotten nothing accomplished this year without it so show some respect.

2. HOW COULD YOU IMPROVE UPON YOUR PERFORMANCE AS 2ND VP?

I wish that we would have begun the year by getting every school officer email; this would have helped me communicate with schools about upcoming service opportunities. I really want service to be as exciting as spirit is. I love both of those parts of JCL equally and I want everyone else to as well. But overall I think I have done a good job to increase service projects.

3. WHAT IS THE MOST VALUABLE THING YOU HAVE LEARNED AS 2ND VP?

Okay so I have learned a lot but here are my top two lessons; first, it is okay to ask for help and second, I am so blessed. If you know me you know I am so stubborn and I like doing things my way. Like so stubborn. My best friend tells me it is my worst quality, but personally I like how stubborn I am. I find that stubborn people are the ones that get stuff done. But what I have learned despite my stubbornness and will to go it alone, you need help. I learned I needed my officers. You can't do it all alone, which is what I had been doing. I am kind of a tyrant in my life, but like a nice tyrant that wasn't intentionally a tyrant. Ya know? Second lesson I learned was that I am so blessed. Most high schoolers don't get to experience this JCLove that we do. Guys they don't even realize what they are missing. As your KJCL 2nd VP I have gotten to meet a lot of you. Just to meet all of you is a blessing in itself, but seeing how spirited you all are has been incredible. Goodness, the fact that a dead language has killed so many voices, mine included, is so weird/beautiful. So there ya go...you all have been a blessing and a lesson that I won't soon forget.

4. IS IT POSSIBLE TO PROPEL A PLANE SIMPLY WITH THE POWER OF JCL SPIRIT? IF SO, DESCRIBE THE SCENARIO.

I think it's time you all found out the truth. In 1903, Romulus and Remus Wright had a vision: to power the world with the screams of nerdy teenagers. You see, they thought that electricity and gasoline were just too expensive. I mean, 25 cents is a steep price. So anyway they had this dream but how were they going to get the screams? Well Remus had the idea to make them take standardized latin tests during a weekend of fun, but Romulus thought it was better to get happy screams than sad screams. He thought, "Why not put weird, usually introverted teens in a room and have a competition, a cheer fest to see who has the most JCLove?" Remus thought it was a great idea. "Why not call it the Just Plain Weird Children That Love Latin Club?" he said. But Romulus said, "You are foolish--let's call it the Junior

Classical League.” And so they did and every year children all over the country would meet and scream. And those screams would power the country until the next year. But then a bigger idea came about--what about a national convention? “But how would we get there?” said Remus. “We will fly on top of wings and those wings will be powered by screams” said Romulus. So the Wright brothers began to develop what we now call the airplane. So whenever you are soaring above amber waves of grain, know that if Latin were truly dead your plane would crash. Know that if we cease to scream, we cease to fly. #JCSpirit



Libby Califf; photo credzzzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

CATHERINE (PARLIAMENTARIAN)

1. HOW COULD YOU IMPROVE UPON YOUR PERFORMANCE AS PARLIAMENTARIAN THIS YEAR?

I do wish that I had started looking for potential candidates for state elections at NJCL Convention. Other than that, I honestly won't know until state convention ends, because my duties center around state elections.

2. IF THE 2014-2015 OFFICER BOARD WERE PUT IN A LORD OF THE FLIES SITUATION, WHO WOULD SURVIVE THE LONGEST?

Glasses are a precious commodity, so Ruthie, Janice, and I would be killed early on. Of the remaining officers, I think one in particular would seize the opportunity to overthrow authority and survive the longest. (Hint: His name coincidentally sounds a lot like "Roger.")

3. IS IT TRUE THAT YOUR DISLIKE OF THE NICKNAME "KIT-KAT" STEMS FROM THE FEAR THAT IT WILL DIMINISH YOUR PARLIAMENTARY SKILLS?

How did you find out?! Yes, it's true: the secret to being a good parliamentarian is tricking people into believing that you are a stern rule-abider. If people started calling me "Kit-Kat," the illusion would be exposed and no one would respect me anymore.

4. AT GUNPOINT, WHICH RAP SONG WOULD YOU TRANSLATE INTO LATIN? you are not allowed to cop out of this by saying "Umm...I don't know any rap songs." Find one. And then translate part of it into Latin.

"Alphabet Aerobics," which I only know because Daniel Radcliffe rapped it on *The Tonight Show*. And just for you, Ruthie: "Amatores facticii omnino miri non sunt/ Per analysim, oppugno, animo res." (For everyone else: Artificial amateurs aren't at all amazing/ Analytically, I assault, animate things.)"



Janice Im (left) and Catherine Li (right); photo credzzzz: Katie Kalbfleisch

JANICE (SECRETARY)

1. RESPOND TO THE RUMOR THAT KJCL 2014-2015 WILL BE THE SITE OF THE IMPENDING APOCALYPSE DUE TO YOUR SINISTER-NESS.

Seriously guys, who let out *that* rumor? Hehe, everyone knows I would *never* do such a thing (cute face).

(Away from the microphone, which she holds with her **left hand**, whispers) "Ruthie, get them ready now. KJCL doom impending upon us in five...four...three...FINALLY !!! HA HA HA HA HA! Nobody will ever know. I can be a darling on stage."

2. WHICH RAPPER DO YOU FEEL BEST REPRESENTS THE JCL EXPERIENCE: TUPAC OR TYLER THE CREATOR? WHY? no cop-outs allowed

(Stares at Ruthie until she shrinks... just a bit--You know I am no big rapper fan!). They both sound pretty nuts if you ask me. But I'd say Tyler the Creator JUST

because Tupac is practically a criminal with all of his offenses, and I'd like to be able to say with dignity that we Romans and Greeks do not get jailed at JCL!

3. IF YOU GOT THE CHANCE TO GO TO MARS TO START A NEW CIVILIZATION, WOULD YOU ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE NEW LINGUA FRANCA LATIN? WHY OR WHY NOT?

Well, well...another tough question to answer, I see. At first glance, I stared at my keyboard, ready to type LATIN and ARE YOU KIDDING? OF COURSE I WOULD. But at second thought, I have decided that I would ultimately make the new lingua franca Korean or some closely-related version of Korean. I am still fully Asian at heart, you know.

4. WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING ABOUT ANOTHER OFFICER AND WHY HAVEN'T YOU TOLD THEM THIS?

Hahaha, I don't do favorites (unlike our very own Magistra Shiroma at Manual), so I won't name any names. I'll point out a few attributes, from several people (hope you recognize it when you see it). With the mix of snide remarks (this one I know personally), fun-size craziness, and hilarious awkwardness, I've really had many good laughs over last year continuing into the present. Why haven't I told them??

Well...cause I'm more of an observer than a commenter, and no one really expects me to enjoy snide remarks.



The KJCL 2014-2015 officer board (minus Janice) in Atlanta, GA; photo credzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

MACKENZIE (HISTORIAN)

1. WHO IS YOUR FAVORITE OFFICER, PAST AND PRESENT, AND WHY?

My favorite past officer is probably Cullen Smith because he was the first one to befriend me before Nationals at Vegas and that still means the world to me.

Present...oh this is hard... uhm, I guess I'll go with Jason. But that's because I'm trying to get as much help as I can from him and I can't do that until I "kiss up" to him... (jk Jason)

2. DESCRIBE YOUR FAVORITE MEMORY OF YOUR TERM AS HISTORIAN.

I loved the moments when I watched people go through my pictures on facebook and they usually laugh because there are pictures on there that they would have never expected to see.

3. HOW COULD YOU IMPROVE UPON YOUR TERM IN OFFICE?

Maybe I could have been more communicative with other schools. I don't honestly know. I feel like I've done somewhat well in this office. I probably just need to be more focused on getting this scrapbook done.

4. FOR WHICH MYTHOLOGICAL CREATURE/OFFICER WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY THE HIGHEST RANSOM? there is a right answer to this

Either Ruthie or Libby. They were my two roomies in NJCL and they both mean the world to me. If you guys were suddenly held hostage and it was up to me, yeah, I'd be your superhero. *inserts guy with cool sunglasses*



Mackenzie Gordon; photo credzzzzz:

SCHLAKE ("TECH COORDINATOR")

1. RESPOND TO THE RUMOR THAT YOUR FIRST NAME IS NOT ACTUALLY "SCHLAKE."

Bu-but it is...if you would like I can show you my 100% totally legitimate birth certificate that says my name is just "Schlake"

2. HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT YOUR POSITION POTENTIALLY BEING REMOVED (A.K.A. INCORPORATED INTO SECRETARY, A SUPERIOR JOB)?

Haha...no. If you read one of the latest *Torches*, you would understand that mine is the most important position KJCL has ever had. If they were to get rid of it there would be uprising. KJCL would become the Hunger Games.

3. DO YOU IDENTIFY MORE WITH ARIANA GRANDE OR TAYLOR SWIFT AND WHY?

Ariana Grande cuz we both gots da red hair

4. FOR WHICH MYTHOLOGICAL BEING/KJCL OFFICER WOULD YOU BE WILLING TO PAY THE HIGHEST RANSOM? There is so definitely a right answer to this and a wrong answer means death.

Roberto Esteban Julio Ricardo Montoya de la Rosa Ramírez Allen...definitely not Ruthie



Schlake; photo credzzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

RUTHIE (TORCH EDITOR)

questions by Robby Allen, KJCL 2014-2015 1st VP

1. **GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY AS A GIRL LITERALLY LOOKED DOWN UPON HER ENTIRE LIFE. HAS THE KJCL INSPIRED YOU TO REACH HIGHER?**

I would say that it most definitely has. The KJCL has taught me that height does not determine JCLove or JCSpirit. Or awesomeness. Or talent. Or wild, Einsteinian brilliance. For, you see, I have all those things, yet very little height.

2. **HOW COULD YOU IMPROVE UPON YOUR TERM IN OFFICE?**

If I could go back to the beginning of my term, I'd learn more about formatting of newspapers and the best ways to go about it then so that I wouldn't have to learn it all over the course of the year, forcing JCL-ers to bear with me. I would also find new ways to get JCL-ers to read the *Torch*, especially by contacting schools who don't usually participate in JCL except for state convention.

3. **HOW DO YOU RESPOND TO THE "SCHLATHIE" ALLEGATIONS?**

Rudely.

4. **WHAT DO YOU PLAN ON DOING NEXT?**

The next step for me is running for KJCL Secretary. I held that position for two years at my school and I really enjoyed it. Even now, a few years later, I look back on my notes with pride and nostalgia because I tried to record absolutely everything that happened in meetings, which was a lot of goofing around with friends. I'm looking forward to doing that with this officer board and hopefully with next year's.



Ruthie Dworin; photo credzzzzzz: Mackenzie Gordon

The Challenge: Be the Most Enthusiastic JCL-er You Meet

by Ruthie Dworin, KJCL 2014-2015 Torch Editor

Are you as pumped for convention as this crew is? I doubt it, but you get all of convention to prove me wrong. During the weekend of January 30, all 400-ish of you crazy Latin nerds will sacrifice sleep and time that you only use for studying (obviously, because you're a nerd) to hang out with some of the best people you will ever meet while playing Certamen, screaming nonsensical or Latin-related cheers in a room to prove your spirit, going to colloquia where you learn something that makes you ask more questions about Latin, and talking to Latin enthusiasts from all over the state.

Are you pumped to meet Latin nerds with whom you can scream nonsense? 'Cause I am!



The Kentucky NJCL delegation 2014; photo credzzz: Mackenzie Gordon