

## Quid novi?

So, what's new with the Georgia Junior Classical League? Plenty, you can be sure! Since we last saw each other at Fall Forum 2006, much has been going on. You, Georgia Delegation, elected incredible state officers who have been hard at work. Fall Forum went extremely well this year (we can all agree on that!) On January 28 your officers convened with **Mr. Ward** and **Mrs. Faulkner** at her home in Snellville, Georgia, just slightly off the beaten path.

*The really great news is that as of January, we have 34 chapters in Georgia with 1574 members of JCL!*

**Mr. Stephens**, Treasurer

At the meeting, many plans and modifications were made for State Convention to enrich the experience

and make everything run more smoothly.



There has been greater interest than ever in *Certamen*. Beside the Fall Forum tournament run by *Certamen* Czar **Mr. Adams**, three other tournaments were planned prior to State. The annual *Eastside Certamen* Tournament, however, was cancelled due to a failure of other teams to *R.S.V.P.* quickly. *Vae tardis!* But

see the results for the annual Lupercalia tournament inside this issue.

We are also proud to say that after winning second place at National Convention this year for her amazing scrapbook of GJCL, **Allyson Eidson** has been elected National Historian and is the first from Georgia in six years. We are incredibly proud! Allyson Eidson is a senior at **Davidson Fine Arts Magnet** in Augusta, Georgia. Her fine arts focus is theater. Although she loves performing, she also enjoys writing monologues and plays. Besides theater, she loves fashion design and created her own prom dress last year – JCL purple, of course! A few random facts: she loves the color orange, eating cold left over Japanese food, and is not a natural blonde...or is she? Please see page 7 for Allyson's advice on running for a national office, and consider running and representing us back home in Georgia!

## A Lovely Little Letter From the Editor

Seeing as this is the first edition of the *alae Mercurii* to be created and distributed in a few years, I thought it would be appropriate – nay, *necessary* — to explain a few things about how this is going to work (at least under my watch). First of all, let us all be reminded from whence our beloved newsletter's title came! *Alae Mercurii* means “the wings of

Mercury.” Mercury, the Roman god often depicted with a staff and a winged cap and feet, is considered to be the god of commerce, cunning, and invention. Mercury is the messenger god of the Roman gods. Thus, it is clear to see why we call this what we do: the wings of Mercury. The title exemplifies our goal to keep in touch and, Mercury will

ing, keep in touch at a rapid pace! While our GJCL website is beautifully done, the *alae Mercurii* does fit so nicely into your personal scrapbook. I have two rules as editor: read this religiously and PLEASE send *anything* at all to [editor@gjcl.org](mailto:editor@gjcl.org) that you want to see published about your school, your JCL chapter, or your own fascinating life! Thanks, can't wait to hear from you!

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#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Check [gjcl.org](http://gjcl.org) for State Convention information!**
- **Submit news about your school's chapter! [editor@gjcl.org](mailto:editor@gjcl.org)**
- **Congratulations to Governor's Honors Program finalists! GJCL wishes our scholars the best possible experience this summer!**

## Get to Know Your 2006-2007 GJCL Officers!

### **GJCL co-chair Mr. Ward**

Born: 1/22/75. School mascots: Eastvalley Elementary Eagles, East Cobb Middle Rebels (now the Jr. Wildcats – I guess “rebels” offended some), Wheeler High School Wildcats, Boston College Eagles (again). Ambitions: be a good teacher and a great father; get my taxes done before April 14th; remember birthdays; compete in an adventure race/kayak race; read Gibbon’s *Decline and Fall of Rome*. Favorite movies: *Star Wars* IV-VI. Favorite ice cream: chocolate chip cookie dough. Hobbies: building stuff. My current project is a playhouse. Reading, just about anything. Making Aubrey’s dolls talk.



**President Grace Jeong, Northview ‘08** Languages I Speak: English, Korean, Arabic, and Latin. Unique part: I traveled around the world most of my life. I was born in Korea. Starting at age 6, thanks to my Dad’s diplomatic job, I traveled and lived in Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Iraq, France, Singapore, Syria, Lebanon, and more! Now that I’m here in America, I want to settle here. Best out of all these places I’ve been to? It would be Jerusalem, Israel. Why I chose to be president: one chance, one goal: if you want to serve, serve

big. If you want to lead, lead in the front. Hobbies: Piano ever since I was 6, mostly spend my free time at church with buddies on the praise team, love to read and do sudoku! Music: all types! R&B, classical, new age, Christian...But I have to say, country IS a no-no for me. Movie: no particular favorite, though I was greatly inspired

by the most recent movie I watched: “Freedom Writers.” Favorite quote: “True miracles are created by men when they use the courage and intelligence that God gave them.” (Jean Anouilh)

**Vice President Beth Caldwell, Davidson Fine Arts ‘08:** Beth was born on March 19, 1990 in the beautiful Augusta, Georgia. Though some speculate that she may have been delivered by a pterodactyl rather than a stork, her life has been fairly normal. She enjoys coffee ice cream, and has a hard time getting the sports pie piece in Trivial Pursuit. To the dismay of many, she has never seen the *Star Wars* series, but thanks to her fellow GHP Latin majors, she has become familiar with a few scenes, particularly the trash compactor. Beth, of course, aspires to understand quantum physics in the future, or perhaps archaeology. Nonetheless, the GJCL experience has enriched her total growth, and she can’t wait until State Convention.

**Secretary Amanda Van Duynhoven, Mill Creek High School ‘07** (Pronounced Van-Dine-Ho-Ven) I have ambitions of one day speaking 42,000 languages. I like Gandhi, ultimate Frisbee, and awesome people (such as those in GJCL!). My favorite sports team is the Latvian National Futbol Team followed closely by the 2005 GHP Latin Ultimate Frisbee Team. (Third in my favor is the 2006 GJCL Ultimate Frisbee Team). I also like boring foreign movies and yoga. I spend about 36 hours each day at dance class, but I still can find lots of time to day-dream about Latin. My hobbies including making horribly embarrassing speeches involving Latin rap and overusing the word “amazing.”

**Parliamentarian Jenny Brown, Centennial High School ‘08** Jenny is one of the most talented accordion players this side of the Appalachians. Please come see her in concert – hopefully she will drop some of those singles on us at state convention.

**Historian Margaux Melby, Holy Innocence Episcopal School ‘08** Margaux is a really cool girl who absolutely loves spinach and broccoli, and is strongly opposed to the consumption of sugary things. She had been experiencing e-mail difficulties, but now she is rockin’ so feel free to send her your school’s pictures.

**Editor Margaret DeGrace, Marist '08:** I was born in New Jersey, thus my inability to comprehend such things as “grits” and “soul food.” I am a huge Jets, Mets, and Georgia Tech fan all the way because no one else is. I participate in every activity going – right now, that would be track simply to prove that 5’1” people actually can clear hurdles (at least some of the time). I love languages and am taking AP Latin and Spanish II at school, but am attempting to teach myself a few others. My main source of income is dog-sitting and I hope one day to add doctoring and/or teaching to that very short list, so that I can financially support my love for book-buying and soybean/vegetarian eating.

**Webmaster Patrick Miller, Marist '08:** I enjoy JCL in all forms. I have been to State Convention three times and National Convention once. I am an avid *Certamen* fan and die-hard Socrates lover. When I am not in the Latin room, you can find me on the baseball or ultimate Frisbee field. Either there, or picking roses and writing poetry. I also juggle and play the harmonica very poorly. I support Duke basketball all the way and the Tampa Bay Devil Rays occasionally. When I’m not busy, I eat and sleep like a normal person.

**Hostess Emily Richter** I am the hostess with the mostess. I’ve always loved Latin ever since I was little mainly because it runs in the family. My grandmother, aunt, and cousin are all Latin teachers. I’m pretty outgoing. I love just hanging out with friends and just laughing in general. I’m a big UGA fan and hopefully that’s where I’ll end up, but we’ll see. I would say that “The Garden State” is the best movie ever and if you haven’t seen it, you don’t know what you’re missing!

**Host Matt, Centennial High School '08:** My life in a paragraph: I was born in Decatur. I am blessed with a great family, a psychotic cat, and a wonderful girlfriend. I spend my time reading, studying, and listening to music (Radiohead, Bjork, Sunset Rubdown, Benoit Pioulard, The Arcade Fire, Devendra Banhart, Explosions in the Sky, etc.) My favorite movies at the moment would be Pan’s Labyrinth, Vanilla Sky, and Children of Men. Had I the opportunity to compose the perfect meal, it would consist of corned beef, edamame, and cabbage (cooked, preferably with the corned beef). I wanted to become a JCL officer because I felt that it would be a great opportunity for me to contribute to JCL. Of course, I am absolutely infatuated with Rome and its culture, and it is my desire to one day teach Latin. Before I discovered Latin, I wanted to be president.

**GJCL co-chair Mrs. Faulkner** Born 8/1/74 at Northside Hospital in Atlanta and raised in Atlanta. Schools: Dyer Elementary (Dragons), Benefield Elementary (Buccaneers), Snellville Middle School (Comets), South Gwinnett High School (Comets – not original), University of Georgia GO DAWGS SIC EM WOOF WOOF WOOF! Married in 1995 to high school sweetheart, Mark. B.A. in Latin and Classics 1998. Goals: to be the best mom I can be, to spend more time with my family. Hobbies: Gardening, X-Box (I am a total Halo Junkie and am counting the days till Halo 3 is



released!), reading anything I can get my hands on, crocheting, sewing, and being active in my church. Favorite food: chocolate. Favorite TV show: *Battlestar Galatica* and *Law and Order: SVU*. Favorite vacation spot: Carthage: “I would love to go back there. I will one day!”



## Fall Forum at Northview High School

As you well remember, there was an incredible selection of workshops at Fall Forum this year, and consequently never a dull moment. We learned about Law and Order in Ancient Rome with **Dr. Keith Dix** of UGA, made *Milliflori* bowls with **Mrs. Hwangbo**, explored the UGA study abroad program in Rome with **Dr. James Anderson** who also spoke on “Ghostwriting”, and participated in a Naming Day Ceremony and experienced *Tali* with **Mrs. Miklosovic**. We spoke Latin in the classroom with **Mr. Patrick**, relived the Battle of Actium with **Marist** students, and feasted at a Roman Banquet with **Mr. and Mrs. Brady**.

We also enjoyed old classics such as Roman Helmet-making with **Mr. Stephens** and the famous Star Lab with **Mr. Kattoula**. **Allyson Eidson** taught us how to make a JCL chapter scrapbook, and **Beth Caldwell** and **Jenny Brown** taught us about running for a state office. **Mr. Wickerd** taught a clinic on GHP for Latin and **Mrs. Frank** had a session on artwork in GJCL. Finally, there was a big turnout for **Mrs. Faulkner**’s traditional class on costume making. Next time, she would like to make more handouts with diagrams on how to make costumes. She would love to explore the option of running a workshop

in which kids can create their own togas – possibly at State!

We so greatly appreciate all those at **Northview High School** who helped host Fall Forum, especially their

*So often, people comment that it would be great to see students get as excited about academics as they do for sporting events. The Fall Forum truly was an example of students doing just that. It was a wonderful day and I was honored to have been a part of the festivities.*

Northview Principal, **Mr. Zervakos**

**Principal Zervakos** who offered the delicious Greek cuisine! There has been nothing but the highest praise for every workshop and teacher!



This Georgia Junior Classical League delegate, sporting one of **Mr Stephens**’ get-ups, reviews his Fall Forum schedule.

### Olympika Results

- Catapult (small):
  1. Roswell
  2. Walton
  3. Chattahoochee
- Ultimate Frisbee
  1. Northview
  2. Roswell
  3. Wheeler/ N. Gwinnett (tie)
  4. Cherokee
  5. Hillgrove
- Tug of War
  1. Roswell,
  2. Beach
  3. Northview
  4. Cherokee
  5. Hilgrove

## Sight Reading

- Level 1
  1. Omar Hadziabdic
  2. Daniel Cates
  3. Alex Fulmner
- Level 2
  1. Rachel Pendergrass
  2. Arielle Arantes
- Advanced Level
  1. Hannah Thalenberg
  2. Lauren Connell
  3. Tina Gou



**Harrison High School** delegates, in a futile attempt to earn extra credit from their sponsor, **Mr Fields**, take on the roles of Cleopatra's heirs in a scene from **Marist School's** Fall Forum workshop.

## Pentathlon

### *Magna cum laude*

Kaitlin Timmer, Allison Crane, Della Cummings, Jeffery Landis, Julia Huth, Bryce Taylor, Elizabeth Seago, Sarah Tapp, Kyle Remley, Katheryn Woodruff, Chris Hains, Helen Mo, Ashley Tomlin, Young Kim, Sam Crowe, Chris Brotherton, Hari Kim, Grant Neal, Archit Bhise, Caroline Jordan

### *Maxima cum laude*

Melissa Buckman, Carol Pittman, Matt Hunt, Yu-Jin Lee, Ross Keong, Spencer Tompkins, Don Lee, Charles Guan, Glenna Fiddymment, Garrison Copeland, Chip Davis, Rob Powers

### *Summa cum laude*

Leaha Wynn, Scott Oliviera, Brittany Mayo, Vanessa Oduah, Christine An, Kenny Pak, James Yoon, Renee Roesel, Patrick Miller

Special congratulations to **Patrick Miller**, Junior at **Marist School**, who achieved the highest score on the Pentathlon and was the State convention packet winner!

## Focus on Community Service



What's the only way to have more fun than simply being a member of your school's JCL? To serve your community together! **Marist School** JCLers do just that every year with their annual Vergil Read-a-thon. In the predawn darkness, members congregate in the flag circle and begin reading Vergil's *Aeneid* by candlelight. As students arrive at school, the epic is read in English (though traditionally started and concluded in Latin) and students are asked for pledges and donations for the completion of all 10,000 lines. All funds raised go to the Lost Boys of Sudan, longtime friends of Marist JCL. This year Marist raised an incredible \$1,800! The fundraiser was featured on the local TV news program *11 Alive*. In addition to serving those in need, the JCLers bring Latin into the whole school community.

Everyone — faculty, administrators, and students alike — join in the spirit and read right long with the Latin scholars. How can you ignore a bunch of kids in togas reading outside at 6:30 in the morning?!

### GJCL *Lupercalia* Certamen Results February 2007

#### Novice

- 3rd Milton
- 2nd Holy Spirit
- 1st Northview

#### Lower

- 3rd Northview
- 2nd Walton
- 1st Berkmar

#### Upper

- 3rd Centennial
- 2nd Milton
- 1st Walton

Eleven Georgia schools brought 26 teams to this event hosted by Marist School.

**Mr Folds'** jacket is still missing...





## How to be an NJCL Officer

Allyson Eidson

One day back in Latin I, my teacher had a quote on PowerPoint for that day's board-note: "There is no easy way from the earth to the stars" (Seneca). It stuck to me and to this day it is one of my favorite quotes. After nearly two years in the JCL, I realized I wanted to serve the JCL. I started my JCL career at the end of my freshman year by turning in an "essay" to my teacher stating why I should be Historian. I chose the position of Historian because I found myself to be creative and artistic and that would be the best position for me. Well, I didn't get the position. Even though I was sad, I didn't let it get me down. I continued to work hard within the JCL. I just kept thinking, "One day I will get the position of Latin Club Historian..."

That summer I attended the 2004 NJCL Convention in Richmond, Virginia. It was an amazing experience! It brought me so many good experiences and opportunities. Especially since my Latin Club's Caesar informed me that the girl appointed as Historian was unable to take Latin the upcoming year and therefore unable to be Historian. Right there Caesar appointed me the Latin Club Historian. That wasn't the only reason my first national convention made an impact. I got to observe the national elections and I loved it. It inspired me to hear the National Historian, Leigh Rougeou, speak at her workshop and to watch the Historian hopeful, Ryan Manning, run for national office. It was there I decided: I want to be an NJCL Historian. At the time it was a pretty lofty goal since I had just become a local Historian. The next year I became the GJCL Historian and the rest is history! I ran for national office this summer in Indiana, but I couldn't have done it without the state of Georgia! I received so much help and support.

Now, being a national officer is pretty amazing. Our Fall Planning Meeting was held at the University of Tennessee. We spent many hours in long board meetings, walking the campus, and many other national convention planning sessions that weekend. It's a lot of hard work but it is also a lot of fun. My fellow officers are some of the most wonderful kids I know.

JCLers have so many opportunities by being in the JCL. We're amazingly lucky! I truly wouldn't be who I am with out it and I know I am not the only one who has been touched by the wonderful people we meet and the Latin events we attend. The JCL is an organization where there is something for everyone whether it is being a state officer or a *certamen* monster! You guys can do anything. I am now National Historian, but back in freshman year I wasn't allowed to even be local Historian. I agree with Seneca, there really is no easy way from the earth to the stars. I believe it's that dream of the stars that keeps us going and gives us the will to work. You should never be afraid to follow your dream if at first you don't succeed. This is going to be a great year in the JCL for all of us, so ...

**CARPE DIEM!!!**

**If your JCL chapter  
has an item of interest,  
please let me know  
about it!**

**Send it to edi-  
tor@gjcl.org  
and keep up the good  
work!**

### Poet's Corner

To whom do I give this new and crisp twenty  
just now printed by Uncle Sam?  
AP Reader, to you, in the hope  
that you think my wretched answers are something,  
already by this time when you alone of the scorers  
have suffered through 1000 essays,  
weak, by Jupiter, and lackluster.  
Therefore, have for yourself whatever this is of currency,  
no matter whatever sort, and may it, o patient AP Reader,  
bring me a score which mirrors the fingers of one hand.

Margaret DeGrace  
(after Catullus 1)