Another five days at National Convention, five of the best days of our summer. Five days of forming new bonds, renewing old friendships, chanting cheers at spirit assemblies, getting lost on campus, slandering people at Gossip, complaining about tests, and more all-around Latin shenanigans.

My favorite part of these five days is the way people transcend their differences at National Convention. People from different chapters--friends and foes--compete against Latin students from the rest of the country, united as a state. Even then, we are still connected to every single person at Wake Forest in our love of the language and our passion for JCL.
NATIONAL OFFICE

James Dow, our previous State parliamentarian competed for National Parliamentarian. The campaign was interesting to say the least. James didn’t create the best first impression when he rushed in during Nomination Committee just as his name was called, wet from running in the rain. However, he redeemed himself when he delighted the entire stadium by juggling during his speech. What a boss! After the support and care of the entire Georgia JCL, we have yet another national officer. Boom boom Dow!

CAROWINDS

Road trip! During the bus ride to convention, we stopped at the lovely Carowind Falls, both a water park and an amusement park. Half the amount of lines as Six Flags but twice the fun! Whether it be showing off our bikini bodies (years of carrying Certamen books have toned our forearms quite nicely) or getting stuck halfway through roller coasters, we spent nine hours of fun in the sun.

FOOD

If the suspicious looking vegetarian special treat at Rock Eagle (aka Orange Goop) has sworn you off Convention food forever, meals at National Convention will be sure to win your heart back. Pizza counters, deli bars, buffet lines, desert stand, and unlimited soft serve ice cream cones!
OFFICERS

Decker likes robotics, Dance Central, blonde National CoCos named Molly, and of course, Latin.

President: Decker Onken

Vice President: Hali Mo

Hali, pronounced “hale-ee”. Hali likes swimming and squirrels.

Brendan Philips is both host and parliamentarian, a self-proclaimed “Parliamentoast”. He enjoys Paramore and an overabundant use of the word “swag”.

Parliamentarian: Brendan Philips

Secretary: Peggy Xu

Latin student by day, aspiring rapper by night. The toils of a double-life would take a toll on anyone else but our GJCL secretary Peggy Xu.
I just saw Sam without his fedora! Said no one ever.

Angela spends her free time reaping the benefits of her feminine wiles and fending off adoring admirers.

Yash is fluent in English, Latin, Bollywood, and most incomprehensible of them all, Computer Jargon.

Patricia is a tortured writer who suffers constantly from comparisons to her far more attractive twin sister, Angela.

Come get me, boys ;)

Historian: Angela Lin

Editor: Patricia Lin
A New Year of GJCL!

Heralded by the mud-slinging campaigns of the Obama/Romney presidential race and the exuberant rapping of Psy’s “Gangnam Style”, a new school year of 2012 and a new year of GJCL begins. To the cutthroat certamen-ator, this may represent the thrill of competition and sweet victory of accumulating wins; to the over-competitive Ludi guy, this may mean a reassertion of faith in his (meager) athletic abilities. But to every JCL-er, a new year signifies a nostalgic return to the Oldest and Greatest club, like falling back into the arms of an old friend. With that being said, get excited! It’s another year of craziness and classy classicists.

FALL FORUM

Fall Forum is an exclusively GJCL experience, hosted at the school of the current president. This year, Fall forum will be taking place at The Walker School, so if you’re as spatially disoriented as your editor, be prepared to get very, very lost. Come attend workshops, reunite with friends from different schools, take tests, play Certamen, run for the coveted officer position of Host/Hostess, and join GJCL in the kick-off event of the year. Hope to see you there!
GET INVOLVED

Ads? Fads? Bad jokes? Sensationalism? All are welcome in the Alae. If you have anything you want to share with the members of GJCL, don’t be afraid to send them to editor@gjcl.org.