

MASCL meeting held (at the last minute) 13 November, 1999, in the conference room of MIT's Baker House (which is near Amherst Street)
In attendance (in order of appearance): Jeff, Erica, Katherine, Janet, Sean, Craig, Kevin, Sarah

As this meeting had very little logical flow to it due to the plethora of side discussions, etc., the only way for me to make sense of the scribbles I took as minutes is to order this by subject.

*Pictures

Photos from the first meeting in the BU Classics House were passed around. Sterling appears in all three--further proof of his plot to take over the world? (Sterling, if you showed up to meetings we wouldn't tease you so much. And Janet wouldn't have to hold the bank statements captive, either.)

*Scrapbook

Where, oh where is that scrapbook? Is it in Fargo? Is it lost forever? It may be time to consider purchasing a new one . . .

*Craig's screenplay

Janet upbraided Craig for not sharing a copy with her yet. The screenplay is currently under revision, to be published soon, and then there should be a multitude of copies available. Craig is already planning a sequel . . .

*SCLers in the news

Janet read an article from Business Week about some hacker named "FuBob." No personal information about "FuBob" was given, not even a hint about his JCL and SCL activities. This is the second time a MASCLer has been featured in a major magazine within the last six months (the first being Craig in Variety). Don't forget the large Globe photo of Sterling from last semester plus the photo of Letta and Craig enthusiastically reading Horace in the BU Bridge and a possible photo in the Globe of Jeff from MIT's recent rally.

*Fees / Membership

It seems we haven't officially gotten some of the new people to be full members yet. Remember that it's \$6 to become a member of NSCL for four years and \$4 a year to be in MASCL. Sterling, can you check up on the National crew to see what's up with a bunch of us not being on that list?

*Announcing meetings

Janet proposed that we set up a system of announcing meetings whereby the President is given so many days beforehand to call / confirm the meeting, and then it is the Vice President's responsibility, then the Secretary's, and so on down the line. Erica promised things will be better after her design class ends, but it wouldn't hurt to have this as a backup just in case our officers start disappearing again.

*Amherst

Erica and Jeff have talked to some Amherst folks, and there seem to be quite a few people who are "more willing and less able," as Jeff says, to get the chapter founded. However, we have a few possibilities of persons

on whom we could bestow the honor of getting things organized. Janet suggested the Amherst crew have a little meeting amongst themselves; one purpose of that meeting would be to come up with a list of Saturdays on which they could host us. We would then match up dates and set up a meeting there.

*Certamen

We definitely want all Certamen questions done by 1 February, but if people could have them done by the January meeting that would be ideal. We still need to decide on a common format, etc. The division of labor seems to be this so far: Literature: Sterling; Language: Sean (upper), Jeff (lower); History and Life: Craig (lower), Katherine (novice); Mythology: Sarah (all). That leaves novice language and upper history and life open. If you are at all interested, let Sarah (<sramer@fas.harvard.edu>) know as soon as possible. Sean's Certamen questions caused Janet to break into song.

*25 January

This mysterious date was revealed as being that of the MAJCL Classics Day at UMass-Boston, hosted by BC High. Janet asked the BU and Harvard crew to find a professor to speak at this; that professor would give an hour-long lecture in the morning to high school students, so it needs to be something that would appeal to that age group. Janet also wants MASCLers to volunteer and to possibly to give a workshop, such as how a Classical education can help one get into college, yada yada yada. Her attempts to justify the value of college kids' thoughts especially to high schoolers were eloquently summed up by Jeff in his remark that "We speak their language, yo."

*Ideas for CPE articles

Possible article ideas include how much MASCLers are in the news, Craig's film(s), and the disappearances of the scrapbook to wherever and Katherine to that ominous European country inhabited by sheep.

*Randomness galore

Craig's difficulty in opening the bag of Oreos was relieved by Sean's deft fingers. Movies discussed included The Matrix, Being John Malkovitch, and Dogma. Strange article titles mentioned included the BU's Daily Free Press' "Despite skepticism, students still believe in angles" and Janet's journal's article that somehow incorporated both Catullus and Tuffy the Tugboat into its title. TV shows discussed included Ally McBeal, Dawson's Creek, Martha Stewart, Antiques Roadshow, Frasier, and The Simpsons.

*Stuff we forgot

I forgot to announce that it is official now: I will be spending next semester in Spain at la Universidad Autonoma just outside of Madrid. (I don't think there are many sheep there, but I'll be careful.) I plan to write a CPE article about my experience. And when I make it to Rome for spring break, I'll be sure to send y'all a postcard.

Most importantly, we forgot to pass that constitutional amendment saying we want at least one, but no more than two, issues of Caligula's Pony Express.

(So much for worrying about how to get 29 to equal 30 days.) Jeff will probably want to bring this up at the next meeting, which will be . . .

*Next meeting

The next meeting will be held Saturday, 8 January, 2000, around 3:00 p.m., in the ugly and vinyl-filled but spacious common room of Sarah's dorm over at Harvard. Details to follow . . .