

Hello everybody!!! This is your pal--loveable, huggable ol' Tiffany!!! I know you missed me. Welcome to this month's edition of.....THE MINUTES!! (to quote my Number Theory book: "Because this is not a multimedia product, you'll have to insert the appropriate Twilight Zone music here.")

Inside this issue...hot topics for MaSCL, What Adam Learned Today, Select Quotes

HOT TOPICS FOR MASCL

After what I consider a false-start, followed by Pizza and the reading of the first ever January edition of Caligula's Pony Express, the meeting commenced...

I. Introductions

II. Officer Announcements

A. Russell--mailed scholarship checks, announced that we're friggin' loaded. And just like Big Brother, he knows if you're in good standing or not. So if you aren't, you better fix that, pronto.

B. Adam--completed the CPE AND made membership cards. If you didn't get one, tell adam (ajbravo@bu.edu), and he'll bring it to the next meeting. He has lots of them. Lots and lots.

C. Tiffany--nothing until tests, but I wish to ask, "Why am I always last?"

III. Tests

A. If you haven't done so, sign up for a test!!! I need two people for Mottoes and Abbreviations, one for Roman Life, one for Pentathlon, and one for Roman History. Just because I know you're gonna ask, I'll go ahead and tell you who is doing what. Latin Grammar--Lisa and Phil. Mythology--Mark and Russell. Greek Grammar--Katherine and Jennifer. Roman Life--Tiffany. Pentathlon--Hung. Derivatives--Adam (Done...all by himself. He's Superman!!) Roman History--Jeff.

B. Email your tests to Russell (hansenrp@hotmail.com). He's the man, and he has a font called "Super-Greek".

C. Oh look!!! It's the list of references!!

Language

Grammar and syntax:

Allen and Greenough

Glidersleeve and Lodge

Vocab, spelling, translation:

Lewis and Short

Oxford Latin Dictionary

Mythology

Gods and Mortals in Classical Mythology (Grant and Hazel)
Classical Mythology, 3rd edition or later (Morford)
Crowell's Handbook of Classical Mythology (Tripp)
Meridian Handbook of Classical Mythology (paper by Tripp)
Dictionary of Classical Mythology (Grimal)

History / Life

History: Oxford Classical Dictionary, 2nd or 3rd editions
A History of Rome, 3rd edition, (Cary and Scullard; often nicknamed "the Dullard")
The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Rome
The Penguin Historical Atlas of Ancient Greece
A History of the Roman People (Heichelman, Yeo, and Ward)
The Penguin Dictionary of Ancient History
Life: Private Life of the Romans (Harold Johnston)
Roman Life (Mary Johnston; based on above; more readable, not as thorough)

Literature

A History of Latin Literature (Hadas)
A History of Greek Literature (Hadas)
Crowell's Handbook of Classical Literature (L. Feder)
Oxford Companion to Classical Literature (useful but not comprehensive)
Latin Literature: A History (Conte)

IV. Western Mass Update.

A. Russell has been in contact with National HQ. He found out to be recognized as a chapter by the national peeps, WMaSCL needed a charter. So he wrote one. That's their official name: Western Chapter of the Massachusetts Senior Classical League.

B. I kinda got confused (which, honestly, doesn't take a whole lot) at this part, but the best I can figure is that we're discussing what to do for an officer in the Western sector. In the past, we have had a member-at-large. Now, maybe we want a Liaison-type office. Think about it. Constitutional amendment???

C. Then we all heard about why it is important that we have a western chapter. In essence, we're all too lazy to travel two hours. :-)
So we want the opportunity for all Classics enthusiasts in the state to have an equal opportunity to participate in fun MaSCL events.

V. ???

Somehow a discussion of senior recruitment ended up here. We want to recruit at state fellowships at nationals as well as put ads in the Convention Ear, Torch US, etc. We can do that 'cause we're friggin' loaded.

VI. MassJCL State Convention

A. We need to help out with things like Certamen, judging, and chaperoning the dance. Here's the tentative schedule:

Friday, May 10

3-4pm ---> Reistration

4-5pm ---> General Assembly

5-6:15pm ---> Academic contest/judging

6:30-7:30pm ---> Dinner...yummy!!

7:30-8:30pm ---> Candidates Open Forum

(I'm guessing the dance is 8:30-10:30pm.)

8:30-9:30pm ---> Sponsors Meeting

10:30-11pm ---> Chapter Fellowship

11:15pm --->Call to Floors

11:25pm ---> Curfew (Sucks to be them!!!)

Saturday, May 11

7-8am ---> Breakfast (Good grief, that's early!!!)

8-9am ---> General Assembly II

9-11am ---> Olympika

9-11am --->Art Viewing

9-10am --->Workshop Session I

10-10:45am ---> Workshop Session II

10-11:30am ---> Certamen/Academic Oral Finals

11-11:30am ---> Chariot Race (We can have one!!!)

11:30-Noon ---> Toga Parade (Our meeting.)

Noon-3pm ---> Lunch, General Assembly III

We need the most people from 9-11 on Saturday morning. We're going to try to email Certamen questions out ahead of time. If there is a certain event you would like to judge, you can email me (tiffanyc@bu.edu) with those requests. Or any other requests you may have for me. heh heh heh. :-)

One note, if you would like to judge Dramatic Interpretation, be advised that the boys and girls of each level will be in the same room, so you will have to be able to judge TWO (gasp!!!) different passages.

VII. The Important Stuff--Social News!!

A. Jeff has several ideas of what to do to make MaSCL more social, but he wants to hear from YOU!! Email him at thejoker@mit.edu

He pretty much gave you the lowdown in the earlier email
(Thanks, Jeff!), so there ya go. Be ready to party on February 16th!!!

VIII. Next meeting

A. After much deliberation, we decided on April 6th circa 2pm. It will be in Adam's house at 37 Carlton St. in ye olde Brookline.

WHAT ADAM LEARNED TODAY

"Red", "Leaf", "Something". (He already knew "stick". He's one smart kid.)

SELECT QUOTES (brace yourself)

From the meeting...

"Oh my God!!! A constitution!!!!"~Janet

"I go to a prison."~also, Janet

"I think we should make up a wedding announcement for Craig."~Russell

"I'm Sarah. I'm the Nothing."~Sarah

"You Bastard!! I'm going to get you back, and you're not going to know what hit you!!"~Lisa, after Phil took a picture of her arse covered with spilled beverage

"All the movers and shakers are sitting here."~Janet

"You're a shaker??"~Kevin, in response

"I go to school there!!!!" ~Russell, in response to the idea of being in the toga parade

"Chicken Shit!!"~Marge

"You've totally made my weekend."~Erica re: building a chariot

"We'll just have a giant gerbil ball!!"~ditto

"You call yourself a math major!?"~Tiffany re: Phil's not having to take Diff Eq.

"So wait, you're chartering yourself as a separate state?"~Sarah

"WSNESCL--Western Southern New England Senior Classical League."~Phil

"He could take too much power and launch an attack."~Sarah

"WITH THE CHARIOTS!!!!"~Erica and Phil, in response, in unison

"It's the capital of the universe!"~Sarah re: Boston

"Yeah...I'm in the MIT Classics Department everyday."~Jeff

"Could we all just forget last year!?!?"~a frazzled Janet

"Chaperoning is cool. You can have fun and make sure nobody else does."~Erica

"We might have to actually be organized."~Russell

"Can't you just lie to Harvard?"~ibid.

From Erica's car...

"It will ram. It will pound. It will press. It will do what you want it to do."~Adam

"It sounds like a porpoise mating call."~Adam

"It's more of a moose."~Erica
"It looks like cafeteria Salisbury steak."~Tiffany
"It tastes like fish."~Adam (discussion concerning Friendly's meatloaf)
Live Parking Only
"The car is bleeding."~Erica, about the van in front of us
"We conserve all trash cans? No, wait...we condemn all terrorism."~Erica
"I think this is a very sleepy town, but it's really quite bustling."~Adam
"Yeah...they're all awake."~Erica
"Hey! There's a punk rocker!!"~Adam
"I was with a bunch of Russians, and we drove through the Wellesley
Campus..."~Adam
"I brought the Iliad in case I got bored."~Katherine
"Valium!!!"~Erica
"Why don't we get drunk and spoon??"~Tiffany re: Jimmy Buffett
"Ohh....screw!"~Tiffany
"Why don't we get high on Valium and spoon?"~Erica

Well, kids. That's all for now. Man, that was a lot more fun than studying for differential equations. Sorry it's so long, but I had to make up for last time. Don't worry Phil, you'll get your minutes with a standard subject line. Couple last things..1) Don't forget to sign up for a test if you haven't!!! 2) Come see the Boston University Choral Society Pops Concert!!! Friday, February 22 at 7:30pm in the George Sherman Union Conference Auditorium, 775 Commonwealth Ave.

May the force of the seven hills be with you,
Tiffany "Pi Girl" Caufield
Your faithful MaSCL/SNESCL Secretary
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"He offered me 1,000 francs to take him to my boudoir and show him something he had absolutely no business seeing!" ~Shirley MacClaine "Simone" in Can-Can. (A ridiculously amusing Sinatra musical.)

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