



Latin Club



By: Jennifer Konerman



Everyone ready for the Convention? **Krystal Kruse, 12**, and **Kavita Joshi, 12**, got ready for Latin projects. **Joshi**, president of the Latin Club Board, loved this part of the year.

Although it was a dead language, the spirit was certainly not dead. Some loyal Latin students, about 40 in total, got together after school to share their love for the language and learn more about the culture.

"Latin Club is an opportunity for friends to get together and have fun with the events revolving around classical times," said **Charlotte Schaumans, 11**, co-historian.

Members enjoyed the casual atmosphere where they could learn more about the so called dead language while having fun with peers.

"Latin Club captures the Roman spirit of conquest while still providing a relaxed atmosphere where we can have a good cachinus (that's 'laugh' in Latin)," said **Jonathan Schepers, 11**.

"I like Latin Club because you get to show off your otherwise meaningless (in the real world) Latin skills at such things as Certamen matches and the Latin Convention," said **Jamie Fishman, 11**.

The Latin Convention was a three day weekend in March where students take projects with them to earn points for their club as later they would compete against other schools.

"Latin Convention is the best part of being in Latin Club. It's a three day event with individual projects and we get to compete against other schools," said **Pratima Shanbhag, 11**, co-historian.

All in all, the year was a success as the members learned the language and shared their knowledge with others.



Focus! **Jamie Fishman, 11**, **John Krzyminski, 11**, and **Daniel Schear, 11**, attend a meeting. **Schear**, enjoyed the year's activities and looks forward to plans for next year.



Jamie Fishman, 11, **Pratima Shanbhag, 11**, **Daniel Schear, 11**, and **Jonathan Schepers, 11**, consult about a meeting. **Schear**, treasurer, and **Shanbhag**, historian, enjoyed being members of the board. Meetings ran smoothly and efficiently because of their hard work.



ASL Club



By: Alyssa Molnar



Deborah Miller, 12, welcomes everyone to an ASL Club meeting. **Miller** was vice president for ASL Club. She helped to organize many of the events including the decorations for a St. Rita's dance.

Conversation was flowing but you couldn't hear a word, that's because it's the ASL Club conversing in American Sign Language.

Students that belong to ASL club met once a month to do various activities and speak to other ASL students and even a few students from St. Rita's school for the deaf.

ASL club was very involved with deaf students in the community, they helped decorate for a dance at St. Rita's and even invited the students here for a movie and pizza.

"The St. Rita's dance was interesting because I got to interact with deaf kids, setting up for the western themed dance really fun," said **Emily Koegel, 12**.

Club members also participated in other events throughout the year such as the Global Languages Deck the Halls; they also

baked hand shape cookies that said I love you.

Some members of the club also attended local deaf dinners that occur the first week of every month at various malls around the Cincinnati area.

"Meeting with the St. Rita's kids was really fun, it was fun to realize that I could communicate with deaf people my age," said **Todd Whitman, 11**.

Activities like these helped bring hearing and deaf students together. Students that participated in ASL club not only got to experience a different language and culture, they also got the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends.

"I enjoyed spending time with my friends while learning and even meeting new friends from St. Rita's," said **Jieun Chae, 11**.



Lisa Ramstetter, 11, speaking to a fellow student in sign language. Lisa uses lots of expression to get her ideas across. Expression is an important part of American Sign Language.



Elaina Blatt, 11, and **Peggy Kehayes, 11**, converse in ASL during a meeting. Both girls were in level two sign language. They used their time in club meetings to practice their signing skills.

