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Congratulations to Emily Diehl
from Wakefield Contry Day for
winning the Cover contest

*Don't forget to Submit
your art for the
Fall Forum
-Your Editor*



Welcome Back

Salvete,
omnes and
Χαίρετε, πάντες
welcome back to
the MMXXVI
Spring addition
of the Forum.

I am so
happy to be
back and
writing again
to the VJCL.

Spring Forum



Finals Certamen Scores

Novice		intermediate		Advanced	
Open	Compeditive	Open	Compeditive	Open	Compeditive
1st Nysmith	SSSAS	CCC	TJHSST A	Hayfield	TJHSST A
2nd Washington Latin Cooper B	Basis DC	Washington Latin Cooper A	Washington Latin A	Basis DC	Flint Hill
3rd St. Veronica Cathlic School	TJHSST	SSSAS	Sidwell	Edison	SSSAS



Coming soon



Story Corner



Narcissus

Was the the son of the river god Cephissus and the nymph Liriope. He was very beautiful and his mother was told by a blind seer that he would have a long life, provided he never

recognized himself. However after he rejected the nymph of love Echo, he fell in love with his own reflection in the waters of the spring. He stayed in that spot admiring himself until he passed away. flowers that bared his same name now called daffodils sprang up where he died. The flowers are forever peering downward to look at there own reflection.



Note From 1st VP

Salvete Amici,

It has been an absolute joy and a pleasure to be serving as your VJCL First Vice President this year. I have had a productive and exciting first few months on the job, and hope to continue doing so as the year progresses. So far, I have attended many meetings with my fellow VJCL Board Members in order to help plan Nationals, and ensure that we are able to get things done that benefit the VJCL. To that end, I also have put forth two very exciting initiatives, the first one being the Sister School System. I have paired up the schools who have indicated their desire to participate, and am happy to say that the program is going strongly. The other initiative was March Membership Month, in which schools gained points for publicity and gaining new membership. That event has closed, but, if your school would like another chance to participate, look out for another opportunity in the Fall. Beyond my initiatives, I also have kept in contact with the National Board and with other Classics related groups around Virginia. Once more, I'd like to thank you all for the opportunity to serve as your First Vice President. If there is anything you'd like to bring to my attention or suggest, you can write to me at 1stvp@virginiajcl.org. I hope to keep up the energy at the National Convention and throughout my term! Valete Amici!

-Alec Sweet, First Vice President



Roman Augurs



You will get 100 on
Your Latin final

Augurs were priests who interpreted the "auspices," observing bird flight, sounds, and feeding behavior to determine if the gods approved of a proposed action.



Magic 8 Ball

Should I go to Nats 2026?



Best Dressed in Classical Fashion

Roman



Caracalla

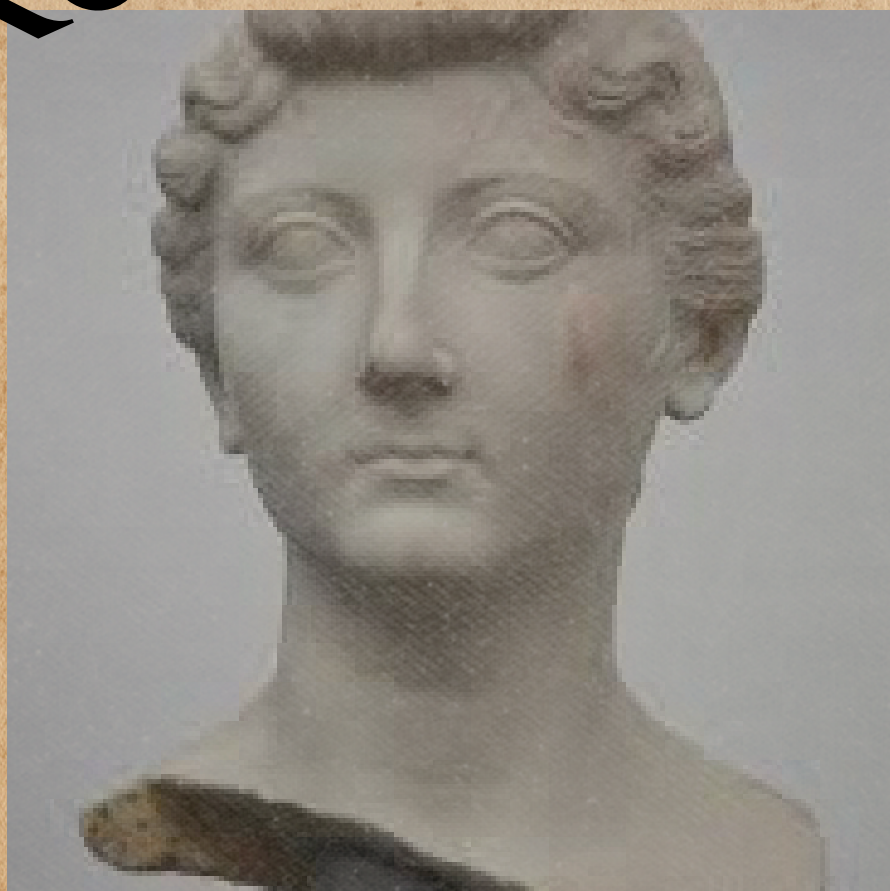
Men

Greek



Adonis

Roman



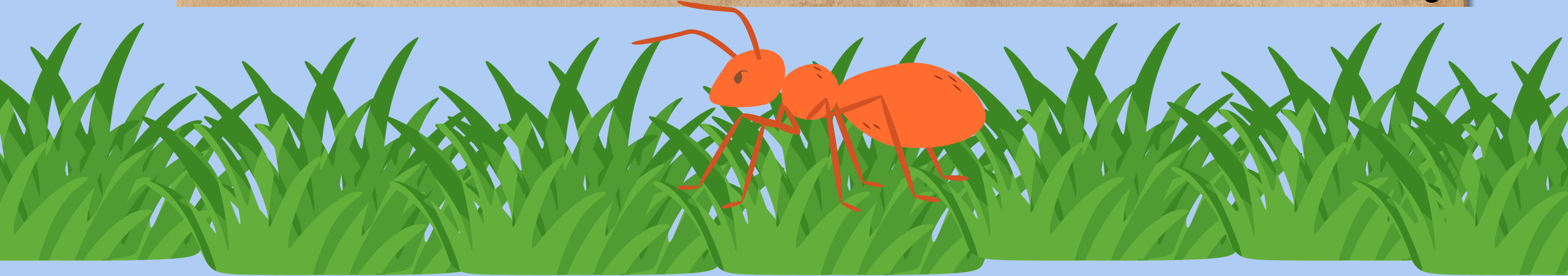
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Women

Greek



Helen of Troy



What Studying the Classics Means to Me Personally

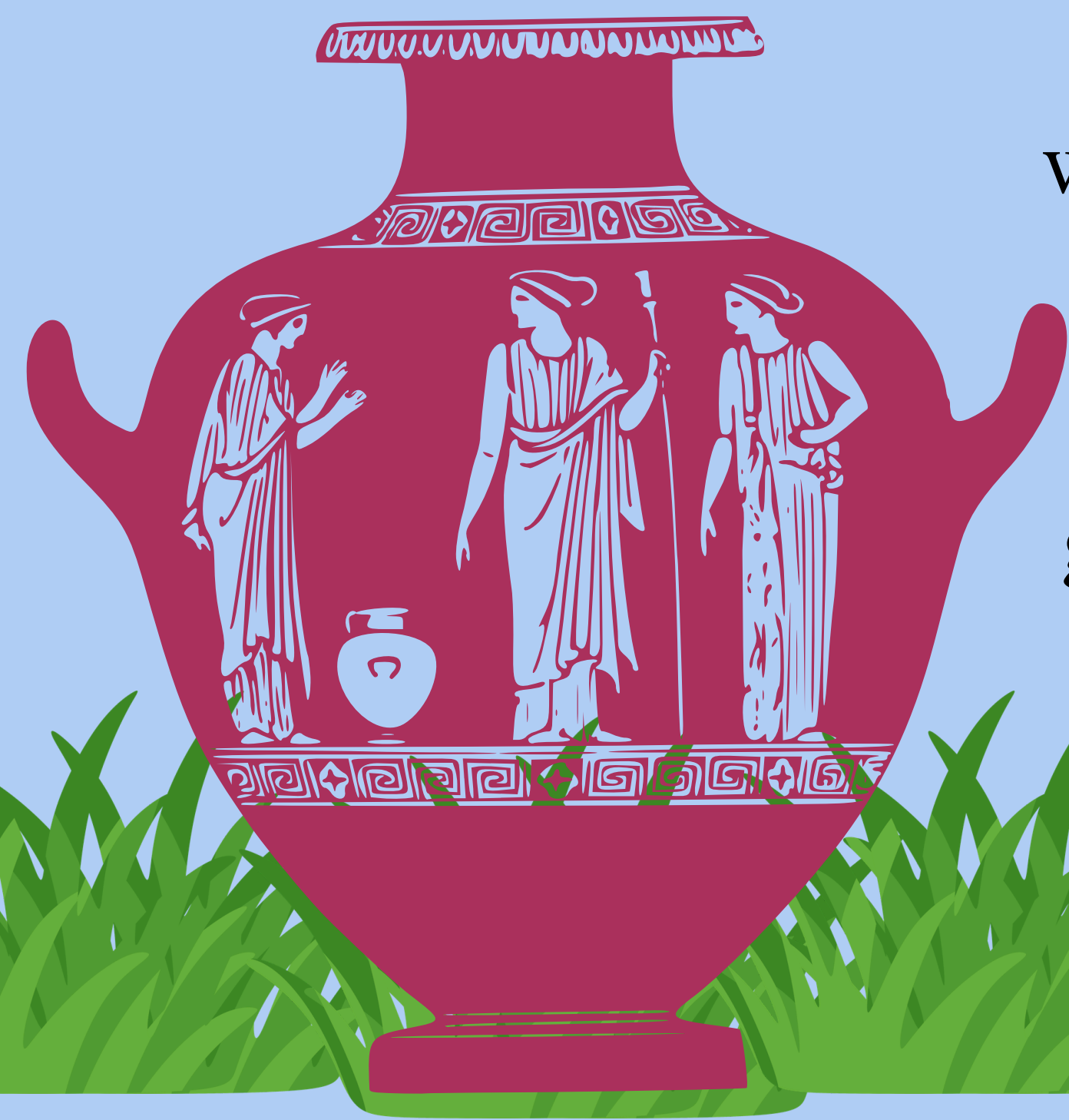
BY Jackson Sipple-Asher

As someone obsessed with studying the literature and language of the classical world, the thought often comes to me as to what the real-world importance is of studying, majoring in, and, in my own aspirations, devoting one's life to the humanities. In a world increasingly governed by the looming and ponderous phantom of artificial intelligence, the value of studying human history, philosophy, literature, language, and culture can get lost on many. But the benefit of studying the classics, as

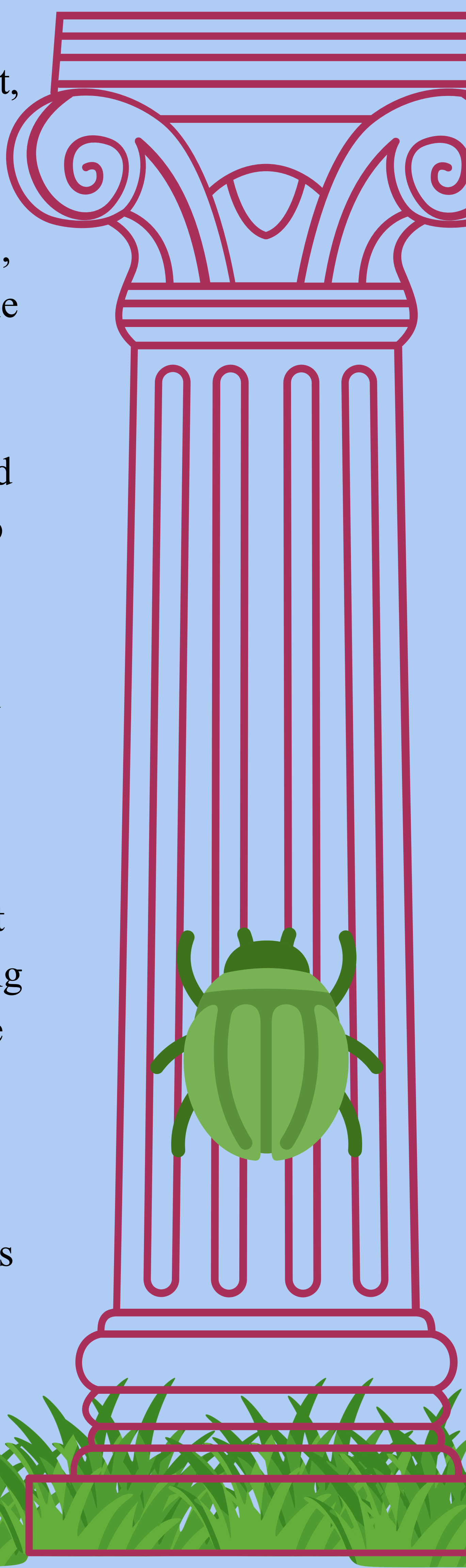
I see it lies in the never-ending importance of studying the human condition itself. I understand the difficulty of many unacquainted with the humanities to find the inherent value in having people research Ancient Roman poetry or Hellenistic history in such a “modern” world.

But that’s the issue. Technologies change, societies change, civilizations change—mankind does not. Literature and art is, has

always been, and (di immortales willing!) will always be a form of communication of human experience and self expression—Experiences and expressions that can be grappled with and understood for as many generations as Earth bears people.



Roman and Greek classics are, as I see it, the wellspring of Western culture itself, and those feelings, sensations, and histories documented by Sappho, Tacitus, et alia are a persistent memory bank of the perpetual human condition—which is why I think Mnemosyne, Titan of Memory, is the mother of the Muses. And beyond any value that can be ascribed to classical studies, I think the classics are just darn interesting and fun to wrestle with. I can talk with anyone ad nauseam on Euripides' *Bacchae*, after all, and mostly because I find grappling with its content to be fulfilling and enjoyable to me. But, to wrap a neat bow on my short ramble so far, the classics mean everything to me, and I am eternally grateful for the home I have found with like-minded people at the JCL. *Gratias Maximas, VJCL!* You all are the people who make this community, this study, this passion as special and wonderful as it is



Eat like the Greeks this Spring



Honey Glazed Prawns

- 225g large raw prawns
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 2 tbsp fish sauce
- 1 tbsp honey
- 2 tsp chopped oregano
- Black pepper

oil, fish sauce and honey in a saucepan and add the prawns. Sauté them gently in the sauce for 2-3 minutes until they are tender.

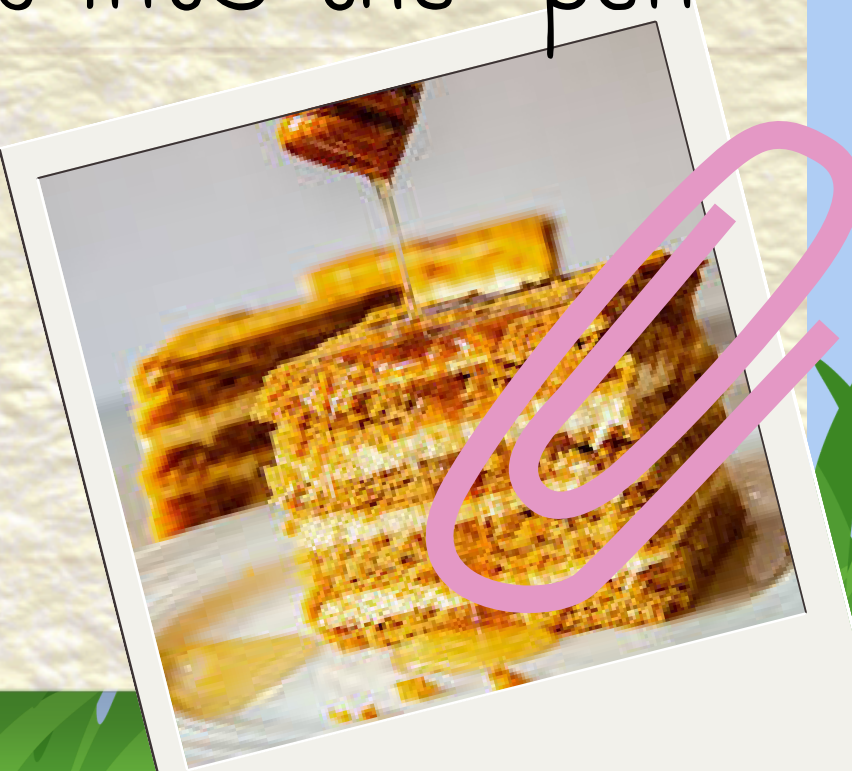
Remove with spoon Add the chopped oregano and pour the sauce over the shrimps. Sprinkle with freshly ground black pepper



Honey Cake

- 4 eggs
- 1 ¼ cups of sugar
- ½ cup safflower oil
- 1 cup honey
- 2 ½ cups flour
- 2 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp allspice
- ¾ tsp cinnamon
- 1 tsp ginger
- ⅛ tsp nutmeg

Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease a 9 x 13 inch pan combine all ingredients into the pan and cook for 40 minutes





Games

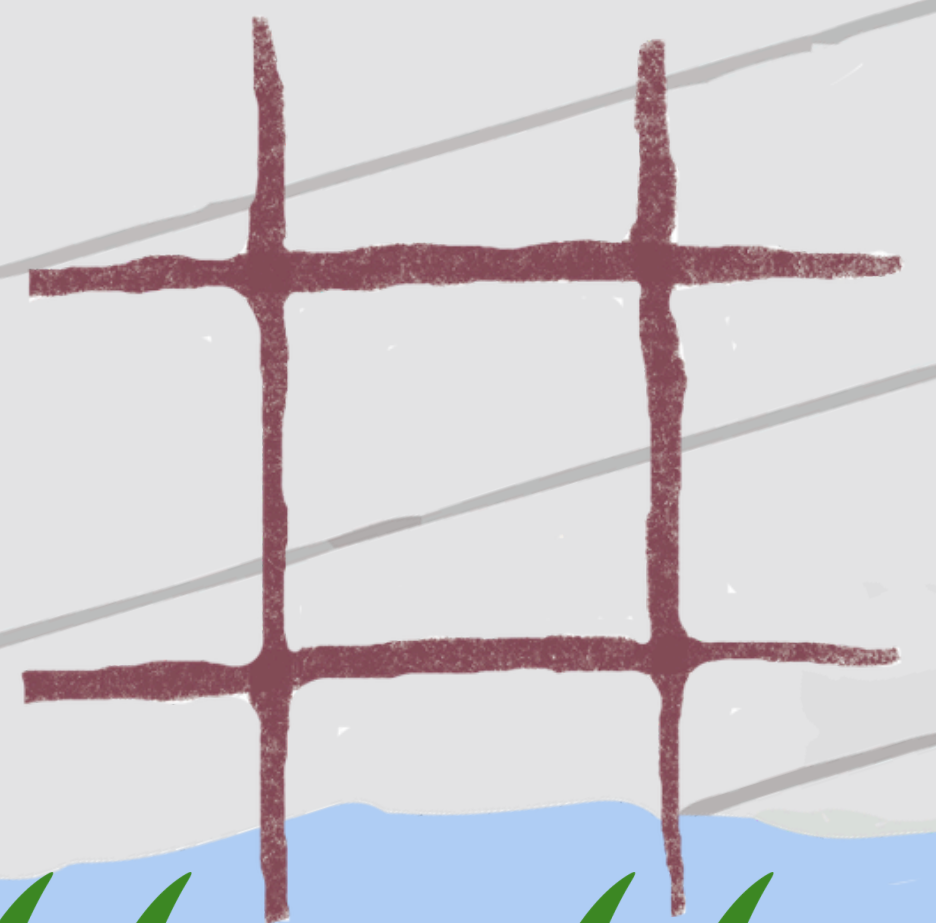
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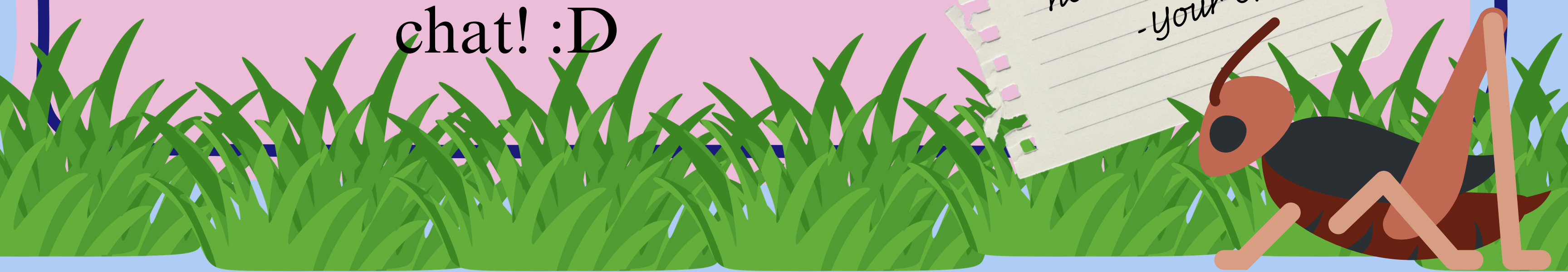
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Email us if you have any questions or just want to chat! :D

*We're always happy to hear from you
-Your Officers*





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