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Ovid, in Sulmona

SALVETE MAGISTRI/MAGISTRAE LITTERARUM LATINARUM,

The Classics Department at SFSU takes pleasure in inviting you and your students to participate in the **BANISH OVID TO TOMI CERTAMEN** on **26 APRIL 2008** on the MMLIst anniversary of the birth and the MMth anniversary of the exile of that Golden Age poet. We invite you and your students to “seize the day” (**CARPE DIEM**) and come compete in a fun-filled day of questions and answers on all matters classical. Our chair David Leitao will deliver a short eulogy for Ovid. The contest is **free** to all.

Each game will consist of 15 questions containing a mix of Latin grammar, vocabulary, Greek and Latin derivatives, Ancient History, Classical Mythology, and Daily Life in the Ancient World. Every time a player correctly answers a Toss-Up question, the entire team may confer on two bonus questions (even if they miss the first bonus). Toss-Up and the bonus questions are related in subject matter. After the round, teams move to a new room and play different teams.

Play is divided by year of Latin so that Latin 1 students play other Latin 1 students, and Latin 2 plays as a separate pool. Latin 3 and 4 students will play together as Upper Division. We will also host a Middle School division, and a Latin Zero Division (without Latin grammar) for those interested, but not yet taking Latin. Prizes will be given to the top players and top teams in each pool.

We warmly encourage teachers to attend, moderate, and bring buzzer systems so that we can ensure who signaled first in each contest.

Timetable for the **OID CERTAMEN** in the HUMANITIES Bldg, first floor:

Rules meeting 1:00-1:30, room 108

Round 1 1:30

Round 2 2:00

Round 3 2:30

Round 4 3:00

Championship 3:45 – 5:00 (simultaneous unless we start early)

Lunch is not provided!

Nihil prandi gratis!

Please remember that last-minute cancellations ruin the schedule and make it difficult for the host. If you think your students are unreliable, do not let them sign up. To respond, please contact Gaius Stern at gaius@sfsu.edu with *certamen* in the subject line.

Please RSVP by 2 April!

Vobis gratias agimus