Linguistic Olympiad

This event will take place July 29 at 7:30 in HUMN 150.

The International Linguistics Olympiad is taking place in Pittsburgh during the linguistics institute (July 24-30). This Olympiad is a contest in which high-school students solve linguistic puzzles. In solving the problems, students learn about the diversity and consistency of language, while exercising logic skills. No prior knowledge of linguistics or second languages is necessary. Professionals in linguistics, computational linguistics and language technologies use dozens of languages to create engaging problems that represent cutting edge issues in their fields. The competition has attracted top students to study and work in those same fields. It is truly an opportunity for young people to experience a taste of natural-language processing in the 21st century.

The second round of the Olympiad is taking place today, July 26. We challenge all the LSA participants to test their wits along with the participants in the Olympiad. The questions have just been posted on the NACLO webpage (http://www.naclo.cs.cmu.edu/) and the contestants are being sequestered for the contest (9AM Eastern). Use this link to work on the questions individually.

On Friday, July 29, 7:30 PM in HUMN 150, we will have a public viewing of the closing ceremony and review of solutions in the evening. There, you can see how well you performed in comparison to the high school students.