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Welcome to Forum '94

Welcome! It is great to be at State Forum once again. Please be aware that a state of emergency has been declared because of the lack of any candidates for the offices of FJCL Parliamentarian and FJCL Historian. Those who are prepared to declare their candidacy should listen carefully for announcements regarding this matter. Chapters should remember that one voting delegate is required to attend the Informal Meet the Candidates session on Friday, April 15th, at 10AM. The question form enclosed in the registration packet should be completed and turned in at this meeting. All voting delegates are required to attend the Meet the Candidates/Constitutional Open Forum session on Friday, at 6PM (delegates need to dine early because of this meeting). Election of the 1994-1995 state officers will take place at the FJCL Business Meeting on Saturday, at 8AM. Voting delegates need to arrive 10-15 minutes before the meetings, to allow ample time for check in. It is the delegates' responsibility to check in with an officer, so their attendance may be recorded.

All delegates need to remember to wear their name tags whenever they leave their rooms. Lip-sync participants must attend an organizational meeting. The time will be announced during the opening assembly. Don't forget to attend the all new Mystery Test, if you signed up for it! And of course, don't forget to vote on your favorite FJCL mascot! The FJCL officers have worked very hard to prepare this forum, have a great time while at State!

Presidential Candidates

David Applegate Niceville President

Salvete Omnes! My name is David Applegate and I want to be your next FJCL President. For those of you who know me I apologize. For those of you who don't, I am a junior at Niceville High School where I am active in Debate, Youth in Government, and, of course, JCL. This is my third State Forum and I will be going to my second Nationals this summer in Tennessee.

The main reason I want to be your President is because I am down right proud of this organization and I want to uphold the traditions that have made FJCL a force to be reckoned with. Right now, Florida has the

with 6,364 members. We have also added 16 new chapters to our list since last year. I would like to see an increase in the Florida delegation at Nationals this year so we can shut out Texas, once and for all.

"O.K. So you like the club. But what makes you qualified enough to lead our mighty league?" I'm glad you asked. Like I said, I've been to both State and Nationals so I know what's going on. I know it takes hard work and a lot of time to make this machine run smoothly and I say I am ready to give it my all to make FJCL the best it can be.

I also hold a national position this year. I was selected by Kevin Fu, the National JCL 1st Vice President, as one of ten people across the nation to be a

(RMD). My job is to give a wake up call to those poor states who have either low participation or low membership. The two states that I am responsible for fit the bill perfectly: Alaska and Hawaii. I get to use my creativity to make JCL look awesome (which isn't hard to do) and to serve as an Ambassador for the NJCL. I think this position also gives me a competitive edge over other candidates because it has given me some inside tips on how to manage JCL. I have spoken with both Kevin Fu and the other RMDs to exchange ideas on how to make a better delegation starting at the local level.

One final reason I feel that I would be a great president is my ability to work with other people. You could say I'm kind

am I ready to work with my fellow officers, but I also want to keep an open line of communication between you and me. I want to hear your ideas and your opinion on how you think things are going. I also enjoy talking to and working with adults. At Niceville, I represent my class on the School Advisory Council, which is in charge of improving the school. Here I express my ideas with teachers and adults from our community. Plus, I always show respect, and I know I would represent FJCL very well.

If you want to talk to me this weekend, please don't hesitate to come up and say, "Hi". Remember, "Aliquando et insanire iucundum est," but sometimes it is better to act as a friend. With me, you get the

Ernest Dotson Satellite President

Dear Fellow FJCL'ers,

To those of you who don't know me, I'm Ernest "The Admiral" Dotson. I ran for Vice President last year and am running for President this year. There are three main reasons I'm running again this year. The first reason, to be brutally honest, is that it will look good on my resume. I won't deny it, and anyone who does is a liar. It is not, however, the most important reason. The second reason is that I have a few ideas which I think will help FJCL. I'll be glad to expound on these at the Forum. The third reason, the most important reason, as corny as it sounds, is that I've really come to love the organization, and its people. I realize that I haven't actually listed my goals, but I think that what I have written tells far more about me. That's it for now, see you at the Forum!

Cindy Shin Leon High President

During my past two visits to the State Latin Forum, previous FJCL presidents have made sure each experience - whether social or competitive - proved fun, thrilling and very memorable. However, many aspects of Forum still need improvement, and plenty of room also exists for new ideas. So, in planning State '95, my last and hopefully everyone's best Forum, the goal is not to meet the standards set by past presidents, but to exceed them in every way imaginable. Here are a few ways I hope to achieve that goal:

-Olympics has usually proved entertaining, but often frustrating, for the athletes, crowds and organizers. Don't you wish that competitions ran on schedule, last-minute switches didn't confuse everyone, and somebody knew who the winners of each event were? Besides solving these problems, I'd also like to add some polish and pizzazz to our Olympics, such as announcers, decorations, and a place to seat our cheering spectators.

-Everyone would like to know exactly how good the competition is. So rather than just receiving computerized score reports on our own team members, all of us should know the number of students who competed in each category, first through fifth place scores, and the names and schools of the students who did place. This information would greatly help preparation for competition and would foster better communication among the schools.

-Some people think the opening assemblies and other spirit events are jokes, but these activities are really supposed to bring us together and promote an enthusiastic, competitive spirit. One definite way to increase spirit is to bring back the opening assembly's roll call, and have each school's delegation produce banners, noisemakers, hats and a loud chant or cheer as the schools are announced one by one.

-The Hyatt may be a great place to stay, but at the regular rates of \$200 for each couple, each night, most of us wouldn't be here except for state. Unfortunately, the Hyatt's meals also reflect the high cost, so finding a creative and inexpensive way to provide

even more fun, thrilling and memorable. With your support for FJCL president, the theme of State '95 can be: "I came, I saw, I had a blast!" See you there.

Accomplishments: State Forum, 3rd & 4th, 9th grade, 1st & 3rd, 2nd Certamen, 10th grade, National Latin Honor Society, National Latin Exam, Gold Medal, 9th grade, Silver Medal, 10th grade, member Leon HS Latin Honor Society, CO-Editor-in-Chief of "High Life", school newspaper, correspondent and columnist for local daily, Tallahassee Democrat, Pierian National Honor Society.

Vice Pres. Candidates

Timothy Jones George Jenkins High Vice President

As the Vice President of FJCL, I plan to help institute a time of change, while helping to promote the classics. I plan, if elected, to send out questionnaires for each chapter president and teacher to fill out. Each sheet will critique and ask for suggestions to help FJCL. This will promote better communication between the local chapters and the state level, which will make our organization more efficient and appreciated by all. I feel that organizations should be for the people who participate in them, not for those who think they know what the members want. Elected officials should listen to those who voted for them once they are in office. I will listen. Through this simple measure, certain aspects of the League, which are looked upon as unnecessary or disliked, could be considered for change, I have now been a leader in three different Latin programs in two states. Also, I have presided in the founding of a chapter at George Jenkins High. Through these experiences I have found that criteria that applied many years ago may not apply now. Each chapter should have the right to voice its opinion in change as well as having information provided to them about the state level (i.e. exactly what expenses does the \$20 State Forum personal registration fee go to cover). Although, the costs to put on Fora of this nature must be phenomenal, everyone should know where their money is going. This is just a small statement of my opinions and plans for the 1994-95 year. I can not wait to see each of you at FJCL State Forum.

Accomplishments: Freshman year-Vice Pres. Tates Creek Senior High Latin Club, KY, member-at-large Trinity Hill United Methodist Youth Fellowship, KY, 1st at districts and 2nd at State for Level I Dramatic Interpretation, KY, Sophomore year-Senator - Lakeland Senior High School, Director of Recreations - 1st United Methodist Youth Fellowship, 1st in district and 4th at FJCL State Forum for Level II Dramatic Interpretation, 4th in district for Latin Grammar, Junior year- founding President for George Jenkins High School chapter of the JCL, founding President for George Jenkins High School Band, Vice President - 1st United Methodist Youth Fellowship, member of Committee on Nominations and Personnel- 1st United Methodist Youth Fellowship, member of Council on Ministries - 1st United Methodist Youth Fellowship, 4th in region VII for Dramatic Interpretation, 5th in Region VII for Latin Grammar.

Jeremy A. Levitan Nova High Vice President

Walt Disney once said, "The era we live in is a dream come true, but there are still plenty of avenues to explore." I believe that Mr. Disney's words best express my beliefs... the study of classical languages, civilizations and cultures provides me with the background and reference points for a proper cultural and civilized basis from which to open doors so that I may pursue my goals along these "unexplored avenues."

The study of "classics", on which the Romance languages, western civilization, and our Judeo-Christian heritage are based, has allowed me to more fully understand the world in which we live. Only through a firm foundation in the underlying principles of our culture can we fully understand and appreciate the historical trends and events which have created today's society. This background also provides a clearer understanding of the other cultures which make up the world civilization of which we are part.

On a more specific level, the study of Latin has expanded my accessible vocabulary, increased my appreciation and understanding of literature and broadened my knowledge on a number of valuable subjects, while my participation in competitive activities has improved my public speaking and research skills, heightened my appreciation of and abilities in teamwork, allowed me to add new friends from throughout the state and given me a sense of pride and increased self-worth through my accomplishments.

My career goal, unchanged for several years, is to join a major corporation involved in development of theme park rides and attractions. Beginning in hands-on conceptualization and design, I hope to be able to rise to an upper-level management position, assisting my employer to move into the 21st century as an industry leader, promoting healthy, wholesome, educationally-based entertainment and family values.

My experience and achievements in "classics" not only provide the necessary tools to achieve my career goals but also an increased awareness of history and the social issues of which we all must constantly be aware if we are to fulfill our responsibilities within society.

Achievements and honors include: *Nova Vue*, contributing writer, Chem-A-Thon-2nd place team ('93), Florida Math League ('92, '93, '94), American High School Mathematics Exam ('92, '93, '94), American Invitational Mathematics Exam ('94), Continental Calculus League ('93, '94), Nova High School - Outstanding Mathematics Student ('93), Florida Brain Bowl competitor ('92, '93, '94), BCC/Phi Theta Kappa/Mu Mu Mu - High School Scholar Bowl Competition (1st Place Team, '94), National Honors Society (inducted as a sophomore, '93, '94), High School Service Award ('93, '94), Debate Team (Vice President, '93, '94), Who's Who

Among High School Students ('93, '94), Art Institute of Fort Lauderdale - Seminar Program in Cartooning and Comic Book Art ('93), Nova High School - Outstanding Freshman Novice Debater ('92), and Nova High School - Outstanding Sophomore TD Debater ('93).

I have been involved in volunteer work for Soref JCC, Plantation, Florida Early Childhood Department; Nova High School, usher at open houses, graduation, etc.; and Nova High School mathematics tutor. I have had employment with Soft Logic Solutions engineering overall design of a Windows computer optimization utility program and writing manual thereon (CT, Jun-Sep '92) and have also worked for Williams-Sonoma doing Inventory Audit (Jun '93-Sep '94).

Jennifer Pillsbury Ed White High Vice President

The role of FJCL Vice President requires someone with dedication, experience, spirit, and the ability to work well with people. If you are looking for all of these qualities in a Vice President, you have come to the right place. I enjoy working with people and solving problems. I have enjoyed being a FJCL member for the past three years, and I would like to boost spirit so others in the future can have the total FJCL experience.

This will be my third FJCL Convention, and I attended last year's NJCL Convention. I am Vice President of the JCL Chapter at Ed White, and last year I was Treasurer of Region III Forum. If the President, or any delegate for that matter, has any kind of problem they need assistance with, I will listen and help assist them in any way I can. I look forward to this convention, and seeking the opportunity to making next year's convention the best ever.

Achievements and honors include: 92-93 treasurer of Latin Club, 93-94 Vice President of Latin Club, 93-94 Vice President of Program: Medical Explorer's Post #986, 91-92 and 92-93 placement in editions of Who's Who Among American High School Students, 92-93 Principal's Award, 92-93 5th place Mythology II, 6th place History of the Roman Empire (Region III Forum), 92-93 9th place Mythology II (FJCL Forum), 92-92 2nd place Open Certamen, 3rd place Photography, 15th place Mythology II (NJCL Convention).

Don't forget to have all voting delegates at the required meetings! Failure to do so may result in lost votes.

**Be sure to celebrate
National Latin Week
next week, April 18-22**

Recording Secretary Candidates

Beth Brandon Melbourne Recording Secretary

For many, there is a time when a person blossoms into what they feel they will be for years to come. I have recently experienced this sensation. At the 1993 NJCL conference my attitude towards strangers changed. I was no longer the type of person who waited to be introduced to others by somebody else. I was now the friendly, outgoing person who would introduce herself to anybody and everybody.

When I first came to the JCL experience, I heard rumors about the infamous JCL experience. This JCL experience was different for everyone. For some, it was meeting and becoming interested in a member of the opposite sex, others achieving goals in the many categories in which you would compete at Nationals. But for me, I gained many lasting friendships, went through good times and bad times, and overall had the most fun that I have ever had in my entire life. My main goal, if I become the recording secretary, is to pass on this excitement to others in the hope of helping them to find their JCL experience.

At the National convention I won 3rd place in the category of Latin I girls Dramatic Interpretation. I received a Magna Cum Laude on the National exam. Outside of Latin, I am a Senator for the Sophomore class, a member of Beta club, Merrit Island Federation of Temple Youth's Historian, on the Varsity Tennis Team, a member of Future Business Leaders of America in which I have won awards, and have accomplished other various achievements.

Taryn Fielder Niceville Recording Secretary

Salvete! Hello fellow JCL'ers, my name is Taryn Fielder and I just wanted to let you know that I am a candidate for FJCL Recording Secretary. I am currently enrolled in Advanced Placement Latin courses and I have been a member of the Junior Classical League for the past three years. I have attended the FJCL Forum for each of these years and it has been great! Through the State Forum I have met so many new people, learned so much information, and had so much fun, that I want to help to insure that everybody attending the Forum has the chance to enjoy the same. So at the Forum remember Trayn for Secretary and in the meantime, "Carpe Diem"

Maegan Stewart Lakeland Sr. High Recording Secretary

My goal is to help the FJCL to be the best it can be and to benefit from the experience of being an officer. My achievements include: 9th grade award in Physical Science, 2nd place vocabulary 1994 Regional Forum, 1994 Historian for Lakeland High Latin Club, GPA of 4.0, volunteer work with children such as working at Campfire and helping with the Special Olympics, "A" average in Latin I.

Have the time of your life...at Nationals!

University of Tennessee,
Knoxville, Tennessee

July 31-August 5

Packets are available through May 15.
All packets are due by June 1.

Look for more information during state
convention, or see Ms. Nancy Allen,
NICL State Chairperson.

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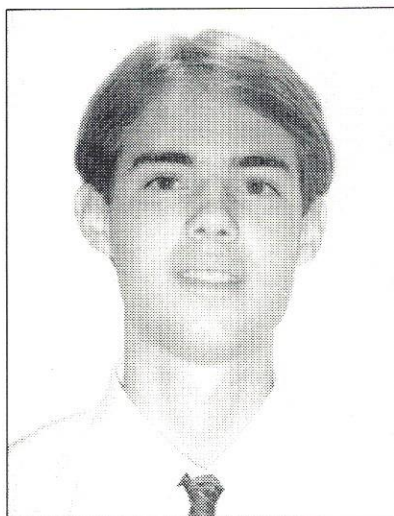
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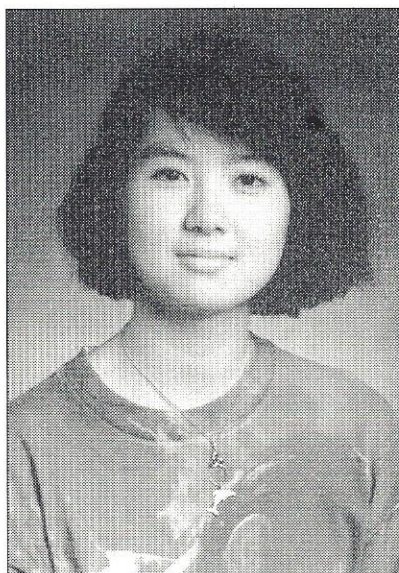
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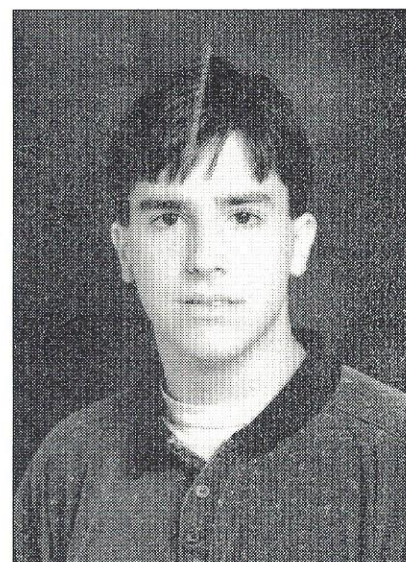
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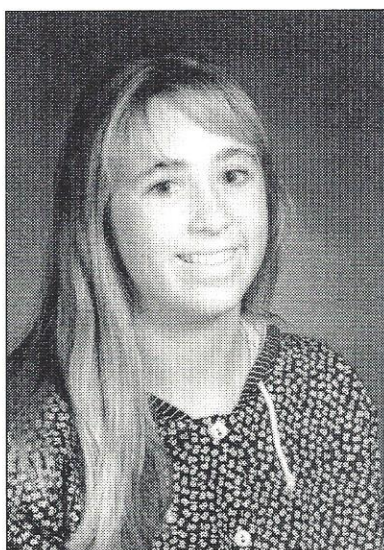
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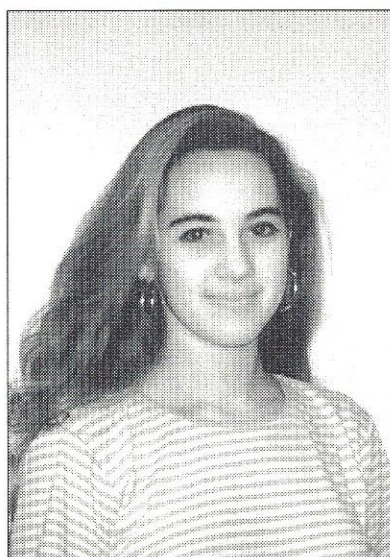
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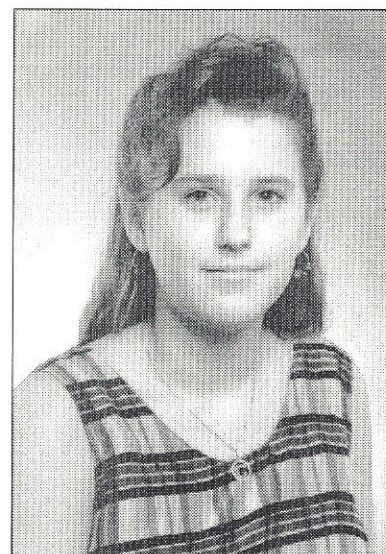
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