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How Awesome Was Forum?

By Ashten Mays

This year's State Forum was quite a change. Instead of being held at the Grosvenor in Orlando, it was held at the Wyndham Riverwalk in Jacksonville. I must admit, even I was skeptical about the switch, but when the opening assembly began and the room was full with over a thousand screaming Latin lovers dressed in Roman garb, it became clear that Forum would be just fine. Although the new hotel was a little hard to get used to, the magic of State convention remained unchanged. The sense of friendship was still the same, whether catching up with old faces or meeting new people while waiting for the perpetually slow elevators. Studying into the wee hours of the morning isn't the typical person's idea of fun, but to a true JCLer, it is just part of what State is. There is nothing that comes close to the insane feeling of dread and excitement you feel before taking your tests or giving a speech. After testing this year, there was the awesomeness of the bizarre and Olympica. When I saw some guy in a banana suit going bananas, it was clear that nothing had changed. Sure, the bizarre was a little more bubble-filled and Olympika was a bit more chaotic, but the fun was still incredible. As usual, "That's Entertainment" was as talent-filled and laughter inducing as ever. Tyler and Shawn did a fantastic job as SCL MCs. In the flurry of excitement, you lose track of time until you realize that you are sitting at the closing awards ceremony hearing the awards and planning for next year. I think was my best State Forum yet and I hope that all of you feel the same way. I hope that the memories you've made won't leave you, and I hope to see all of you back at Forum next year. See you at Nationals and Go Bananas!!

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A Message From CAF President Geoff Revard

May 2, 2007

Dear JCLers,

I am sad to announce that the report of this year's presidential election was incorrect. This duty has come to me because I am the president of the Classical Association of Florida, the teachers' organization that bears the same relationship to the Florida Junior Classical League as your sponsor has to your own Junior Classical League chapter. It is in this capacity that I write to you today.

After looking at all the evidence that was available to me, I concluded that the FJCL candidate for president with the most votes was Adam Offer. I presented this evidence to other members of the CAF Executive Council (whom you will see listed below) and they have agreed with my conclusion. Therefore, it is Adam Offer who will serve as the FJCL president for 2007-2008 term.

I was devastated that our election had been compromised in this way, but I am grateful to the individuals who alerted me to the situation. Setting things right in such a situation is of paramount importance. I also think it important to state that neither of the two presidential candidates was involved. Those involved are not being named in accordance with the standard policy of CAF and FJCL to keep infractions at the State Forum private. Difficulties like these in JCL elections are rare. In fact, I know of no other case.

My apologies go to both candidates and to all of you for this difficult situation. I would also like to express my commendation for the outstanding character that A. J. Betts has shown and the patience Adam Offer has displayed as we worked towards this solution.

Adam Offer is therefore recognized as FJCL President effective with the date of this letter. In addition, I appoint A. J. Betts as an *ex virtute* member of the Executive Board of FJCL for the 2007-2008 year with all rights and privileges pertaining thereto.

Sincerely,

Geoff Revard
President, CAF

Karen Rieffel
Treasurer, CAF

Cynthia Hazard
Secretary, CAF

Leslie Perkins
Past-President, CAF

Marie Girardeau
NJCL State Chair for Florida



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President's Corner: Adam Offer

Dearest Friends,

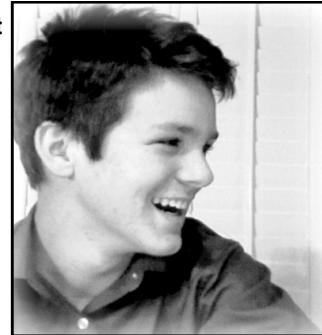
I cannot express to you how thrilled I am to be writing to you today as your President. Many of you may not have been expecting to see me listed in this office. But after a series of unfortunate events, we have reached the proper conclusion. I am happy to say that I am now officially serving in the full capacity of the office to which you elected me, the Presidency of the Florida Junior Classical League. Therefore, because I did not have the opportunity to do so before, I wish to extend my gratitude to those of you who helped me get elected.

This year's Executive Board is full of originality, commitment, and great personalities, and we are going to use that to our advantage. Nevertheless, we look to you to help us make this organization the best it can be. So please make sure to stay in touch: email us ALL THE TIME (FJCLPresident@gmail.com), stop by the FJCL website ON A REGULAR BASIS (www.FloridaJCL.org), and let us know your suggestions and concerns. I'll make sure we do our best to take care of them. After all, this is your organization; I am here to represent your voice. Speak, and I shall listen.

Friends, we are about to embark on a great year in the FJCL's history. As we set out on this journey, I hope each and every one of you is ready to jump on board and sail with me. We may encounter some waves along the way, but we will make it through. And I can assure you that we will go far. If we take arms together, we will conquer. So, no matter the land you fight for, whether it be Rome, Sparta, or even Tallahassee... let us come together and make history. I look forward to hearing from all of you very soon, and I cannot wait until we meet again at this year's NJCL Convention!

Respectfully yours,

Adam Offer
President, Florida Junior Classical League



Editor's Corner: Ashten Mays

Dear JCLers and Teachers,

I hope you enjoy reading this edition of the newly reinstated Uvae Vitis as much as I have enjoyed putting it together. I hope to make this publication even better next time. I would like to apologize in advance for any misspellings of names in the awards section, the information came from the awards printouts for the academic tests and from the handwritten judges sheets for the creative contests.

The next edition of the Uvae Vitis will cover the glory that is Nationals and I need your help. Please take pictures all the amazing events and email them to cbebergal@mailier.fsu.edu so that we can include them. Also, if your club does anything from May-September, I want to hear about it. Write up 100-250 words and email it along with a few pictures to the email address above.

It is through your support that the Uvae Vitis will continue to be published for years to come.

Cheers,
Ashten Mays



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Do You Know Your Officers?

President: Adam Offer
School: Berkeley Prep

Favorite Classics movie? *Gladiator*. While there are dozens of Classics movies that are captivating and remarkable to the eye, *Gladiator*, to me, is the most brilliant to the mind. The combination of fine music, beautiful cinematography, and great story, make for one of the greatest movies of its time.

Pallas or Patroclus? As brilliant as he is, Pallas, in my opinion, is a rip-off of Patroclus. The relationship between Patroclus and Achilles is a much richer, more original bond than that of Pallas and Aeneas.

What are your two testing categories? Latin Derivatives and Mythology.

Who is your favorite Latin author? Publius Ovidius Naso. Simply put, whenever I need a lady-friend, I consult Ovid. He has yet to let me down.

Vice President: Amritha Sastry
School: Hillsborough High

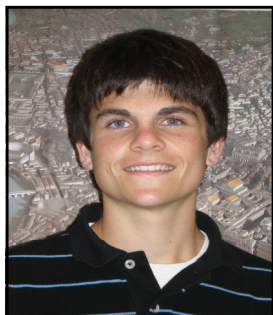
What are your priorities for office?

My goals are to try to have Florida place in the spirit competition at nationals, and to have smoothly run state forum. I want to add new ideas and incorporate new activities into the state forum schedule.



What are your two testing categories? My two strongest testing categories are Mottoes and Grammar.

Chimera or Minotaur? The Minotaur, from the myths I have read, seems much more intimidating compared to the Chimera. The story behind the Minotaur is far more intriguing than the story of Bellerophon and the Chimera.



Parliamentarian: Ethan Rosenblum
School: Maclay School

What are your two testing Categories? Vocabulary and Grammar, always.

What are your priorities for office? My priorities for Office are to know the FJCL constitution as well as Robert's Rules of Order like the back of my hand. Wherever I am, I want to know exactly what to say when a parliamentary question comes up.

What is your favorite Classical Movie? *300*. Although very fictional, it represents the honor and virtuosity of the classical civilizations. It also has some pretty good action sequences, might I add.

Recording Secretary: Danielle Cohen-Shohet
School: Forest High

Chimera or Minotaur? I think I'd choose a minotaur. A chimera seems scarier than a Minotaur.

Why did you run for FJCL office? To date, JCL has been an enriching and unique experience. Being part of an FJCL office would take that experience to a new dimension, which is partly why I ran for an office. I want to get the most out of whatever I do, and holding an office would definitely facilitate this. I also want to extend my experiences to as many members as possible.

Favorite Roman ruler? Although there are several Roman rulers that capture my intrigue, I would have to say that my favorite one is Julius Caesar. In my opinion, Caesar brought a lot of good things to the Roman world, and that's what a ruler ought to do for his people.



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Do You Know Your Officers?

Historian: Leah Cohen-Shohet
School: Forest High

What was your favorite part of State? My favorite part of State happened to be the talent show, where we saw first hand that many participants were not only Latin buffs but also talented performers. As historian, I want to chronicle the many exciting events that go on throughout the year in a creative scrapbook.

Who is your favorite Latin Author? Ovid is my favorite author. His *Metamorphoses* are beautifully crafted tales that parallel many stories today.

Who is your favorite Roman ruler? As far as rulers, nobody can beat "the" Julius Caesar, who is the epitome of power and Rome. He not only proves himself a fine general, but also a skillful writer, which I admire.

Editor: Ashten Mays
School: Florida State University School

What was your favorite part of State? I think it has to be seeing Travis King in the Brokeback Forum skit at That's Entertainment and hearing "I like your boots", or the spirit before the Opening Assembly. I love screaming my lungs out and all the spirit packed into one room.

What are your priorities for office? I'd really like the Uvae Vitis to showcase and highlight different clubs and happenings from across the state so that ideas can be shared. I think it's important for there to be a place besides State and National Forum to come together.

Favorite Classics movie? I think *Gladiator* is the best. I could watch it over and over. The fighting scenes are awesome. Hmm...does the Disney *Hercules* count? :)

Treasurer: Deven D Harris
School: ED White High

Monarchy, Republic, or Empire? Republic, because the people elect who they want in office and to govern over them. The people have the power to put in and kick out anyone who is not in favor of what is essential to their needs to survive and live comfortably. A republic is more of the voice of the people, while a monarchy and empire have a set ruler who governs over everyone and they are in charge of what is essential to the people's need of survival. A republic meets the people's needs while a monarchy and empire gives and does what they feel is best. And if you are a peasant then the republic hears your wants and needs while a monarchy and empire destroys everything you have to better and make richer themselves.

Chimera or Minotaur? Minotaur, because he had the good life. I mean roaming around in a cool maze that never ends and having food sent every fourteen years to eat and last till the next. Who wouldn't love to have a life like that. I wouldn't in particular because it would get boring and tiresome after a while, but for the Minotaur it was a great life to live.

Ex Virtute: AJ Betts
HB Plant High School

What was your favorite part of State? My favorite part of State Forum was the spirit competition at Opening Assembly. It's the one opportunity for all the schools to show their FJCL spirit.

Favorite Classics Movie? My favorite classics movie is *300*, despite its lack of historical accuracy. Captivating special effects and the lasting influence of the Battle of Thermopylae as a turning point in world history combined to create a riveting film that hopefully can increase interest in the classics among our generation.

Who is your favorite Latin Author? Ovid. Without him, we would be missing much of our knowledge of Roman mythology.



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And The Winners Are.....

Creative Projects

Audio Visual 5-9	Jack Kramer	Oak Hall	Misc 5-9	Alex Farthong	Berkley Prep
Audio Visual 10-12	Travis Sturgill-Trahan	St. Francis	Misc 10-12	Chris Sault	St. Francis
Charts Posters 5-9	Amber Miller	St. John's Episcopal	Models 5-9	Kaleigh Hayt	Pine View
Charts Posters 10-12	Luis Benavides	Hillsborough	Models 5-9	Nicole Morrison	Plant
Charts Posters 10-12	Kelly Simmons	Escambia	Models 10-12	Robert Riggio	Spruce Creek
Computer Program 5-9	Winston Reece	Oak Hall	Modern Myth 5-9	Cayman Weimer	St. Francis
Computer Program 10-12	Bret Butler	Holy Trinity	Modern Myth 10-12	Alex Pedicone	Winter Springs
Drawing 5-9	Caitlin Sills	Berkley Prep	Painting 5-9	Alex Dehelean	Lincoln
Drawing 10-12	LeighAnn Humphries	Berkley Prep	Painting 10-12	Laura Snider	Plant
Games 5-9	Maryia Martineau	Spruce Creek	Pottery Sculpture 5-9	Chris Polo	St. John's Episcopal
Games 10-12	Rachel Schenwetter	Hillsborough	Pottery Sculpture 10-12	Josh Bazata	Winter Springs
Illustrated Booklet 5-9	Chase Mighell	St. John's Episcopal	Textile 5-9	Monica Shah	Hillsborough
Illustrated Booklet 10-12	Diane Kerston	St. Francis	Textile 10-12	Jessica Wise	FLVS
Maps 5-9	Leshin Varghese	Oak Hall	2D Non Graphic 5-9	Mgan Scudder	St. John's Episcopal
Maps 10-12	Lauren Davis	Escambia	2D Non Graphic 10-12	Devan Baird	St. Francis



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Speeches & Costumes

Costumes Boys 5-9	Scotty Willis	Oak Hall	DI Girls I 10-12	Janae Baptiste	Escambia
Costumes Girls 5-9	Sarah Sherymyer	Oak Hall	DI Boys II 5-9	PJ Rivera	FSUS
Costumes Boys 10-12	Brandon Manning	St. John's Country	DI Girls II 5-9	Marlaina Peacock	FSUS
Costumes Girls 10-12	Rachel Robison	St. John's Country	DI Girls II 10-12	Deidre LeCroy	Satellite
Costume Couples 5-9	Chicra Sackekoses & Ashley Taylor	Oak Hall	DI Boys Prose	John Watson	Pine View
Costume Couples 10-12	Jose Jingco & Stephanie Upshaw	Escambia	DI Girls Prose	Rebecca Rhodes	Escambia
Declamation 10-12	Jeremy Hiuscin	Winter Springs	DI Boys Poetry	Travis King	FSUS
DI Boys I 5-9	Mukundha Sastri	Berkeley Prep	DI Girls Poetry	Karyn Schmidt	Lincoln
DI Boys I 10-12	Ali Agha	Satellite	Oration 10-12	William Rains	Pine View
DI Girls I 5-9	Alexandra Juras	Escambia			

Certamen

Level I	St. John's Country Day	Heather Clagett	Brandon Harris	Lynn Killea	Sam Leach
Level II	Oak Hall	Patrick Hunger	Jose Molina		
Level Adv.	Leon	Will Doran	Al Kummer	Robert Palmer	Stephen Lawson



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Academic Tests

Classical Art I	Sumair Ozair	FSUS	Greek Deriv. Adv	Kathleen Wade*	Lincoln
Classical Art II	Isabella Beerli	Rickards	Greek Literature I	Angelita Moore	Escambia
Classical Art Adv	Lauren Hempstead*	Winter Springs	Greek Literature II	Margaret Thairu*	Leon
Customs 1/2	Jordan Steckler	St. John's Country Day	Greek Literature Adv	Sarah Notley	FSUS
Customs I	Brandon Harris	St. John's Country Day	Hellenic History I	Alex Juras	Escambia
Customs I	Tyler Teagle	Leon	Hellenic History II	Randall Kidd	FLVS
Customs II	Savannah Mcken-dree	Holy Trinity	Hellenic History Adv	Al Kummer*	Leon
Customs Adv	Olivia Townsend*	FSUS	Heptathlon II	Steven Keller	Leon
Derivatives 1/2	Annemarie Chin	Holy Comforter	Heptathlon II	John Shahawy	Leon
Derivatives I	William Dunn	Chiles	Heptathlon Adv	Matthew Byrd*	FSUS
Derivatives II	Randall, Kidd	FLVS	Hist. Empire 1/2	Jared Armstrong	Oak Hall JR
Derivatives Adv	Amber Brooks	Winter Springs	Hist. Empire 1/2	Andreas Dinopoulos	Oak Hall JR
Geography I	Lauren Davis	Escambia	Hist. Empire 1/2	Neil Mandal	Berkley Prep JR
Geography II	Taylor Brown*	Leon	Hist. Empire I	AJ Garcia	Escambia
Geography Adv	Michael Duckett	Lincoln	Hist. Empire II	Allie Cleaver	Pensacola
Grammar 1/2	Rachel Schaeffer	Holy Comforter	Hist. Empire Adv	Jake Ransohoff*	Tampa Prep
Grammar I	Sam Leach	St. John's Country Day	Hist. Republic 1/2	Andreas Dinopoulos	Oak Hall JR
Grammar I	Alrin Wang	Oak Hall JR	Hist. Republic 1/2	Joshua Kezar	St. Stephen's
Grammar II	Ethan Rosenblum	Maclay	Hist. Republic I	Brennan Doran	Holy Comforter
Grammar Adv	Stephen Lawson	Leon	Hist. Republic I	Winston May	Oak Hall
Greek Deriv. I	Kira Peterman	FLVS	Hist. Republic II	William Tsai	Leon
Greek Deriv. II	Alex Saunders	Lincoln			



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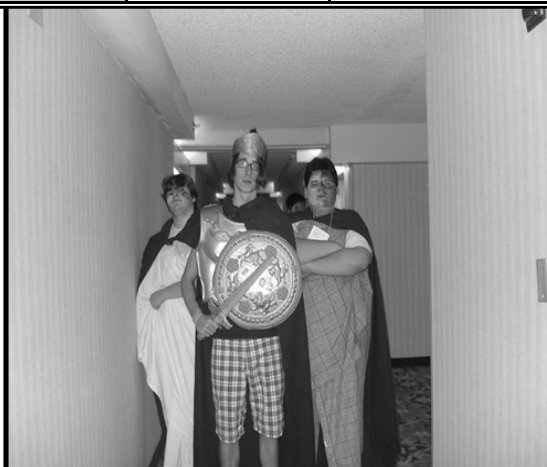
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Academic Tests Continued...

Hist. Republic Adv	Robert Palmer*	Leon	Mythology Adv	Al Kummer*	Leon
Hist. Republic Adv	Kale Ransohoff*	Tampa Prep	Pentathlon 1/2	Sam Glickman	St. John's Parish Day
Latin Literature I	Nicole Bracewell	Satellite	Pentathlon I	Heather Clagett	St. John's Country Day
Latin Literature II	Kirstin Ohlsen	Leon	Reading Comp Poetry II	Mary Crit Smith	Maclay
Latin Literature Adv	Stephen Lawson	Leon	Reading Comp Poetry Adv	Katie Coots*	St. Johns Country Day
Mottoes I	Rae Botsford	Satellite	Reading Comp Prose II	Vidhi Shah	Hillsborough
Mottoes II	Matt Allen	FSUS	Reading Comp Prose Adv	Robert Palmer	Leon
Mottoes Adv	Alexander Loeb	Maclay	Vocabulary 1/2	Joshua Kezar	St. Stephen's
Mythology 1/2	Julianne Humphreys	Holy Comforter	Vocabulary 1/2	Stephen Scroggins	St. Stephen's
Mythology I	Gabriel Molina	Oak Hall	Vocabulary II	Jose Molina	Oak Hall
Mythology II	Jackie Vanlaningham	Leon	Vocabulary Adv	Susumu Noda	Maclay



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Look What These Clubs Are Doing!!!

St. Francis Catholic High

By: Daniel Subak, SFCHS Latin Club President

Undeniably excellent, fun, and easily the largest and most active club at St. Francis Catholic High School, the SFCHS Latin Club is the triumph of a "dead language" over the naysayers. Although our main focus may be Latin, we also sponsor and run a variety of other activities. Charity events are held on a regular basis. Around Thanksgiving, paper turkeys were sold for 25 cents. It was an interclass competition, pitting the freshmen, sophomores and juniors against each other. The walls were covered in a mosaic of pink, green, blue and yellow pieces of paper. After a week of intense rivalry, and over one thousand dollars, the competition came to a close. The plentiful proceeds were donated to Catholic Charities for purchasing Thanksgiving dinners. A can drive was also run by the SFCHS Latin Club. This time however, the competition was between the Latin, Spanish and French clubs. Veritable mountains were piled in the school library. In fact, the Latin Club built a fortress out of cans. As expected, the Latin Club dominated, decimating the competition. The over 800 cans collected were then donated to Catholic Charities. The SFCHS Latin club has been dominating the competitions and donating plentifully to various charities for a full three years. In this short time, over \$2,000 have been donated in the form of various items and, of course, cold, hard cash. Every Christmas, Latin Club also buys gifts for a needy family. Latin Club, in addition to giving prodigious amounts of money, also motivates the other clubs and students to give to charities.



Left: Paper
Turkeys From
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CHS

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First All Things Classical Celebration Held at FLVS

On April 20, 2007, Florida Virtual School hosted a celebration for All Things Classical. During this celebration, JCL members were recognized for their achievements. Guest speakers for the celebration were Mrs. Julia Young, president and CEO of FLVS, and Mrs. Pam Birtolo, Chief Learning Officer for FLVS.

As part of the celebration, FLVS held its first initiation for the National Latin Honor Society. Fifty - six students were inducted in an online initiation. Regional and state Fora winners were honored. The winners of National Latin Exam were also honored. FLVS had eight Gold medal winners and eleven Silver medal winners in the NLE.

The FLVS Latin instructors are very proud of the accomplishments of our Latin students, And they hope to expand the Virtual Latin Forum with more contests next year.

