

Uvae Vitis



Fall/Winter 1981

Outstanding Teachers of the Year

After much discussion and many letters, the Executive Board of the Florida Foreign Language Association decided to designate an Outstanding Teacher in each of the affiliated programs which make up the FFLA. At the 1981 annual meeting of the FFLA, which was held from October 15-17, at the Konover Hotel in Miami Beach, the first three teachers were awarded the recognition of Outstanding Teacher. French, Latin and Spanish awards were presented at the Awards Breakfast. (Sat., Oct. 17) by Commissioner of Education Ralph Turlington.

The French Teacher of the Year is Mrs. Judy Stratton, of the Pineview School of Sarasota. Mrs. Stratton also teaches Russian. Mrs. Stratton has an excellent program at Pineview and she also enjoys

the added benefit of a fine "feeder school" program.

The Spanish Teacher of the Year is Lula Keyes who is a Spanish instructor at Valencia Community College. Ms. Keyes taught Spanish at Oak Ridge High School in Orlando from 1961 to 1976. She has held the offices of Treasurer and President of FAATSP and has been a member of the FFLA Executive Board from 1976 to the present. In addition to all of her professional activities, she has worked extensively with the teachers and students who attend the State Spanish Conferences.

The Latin Teacher of the Year is Joseph A. Gilpin of Bayshore High School in Bradenton. Mr. Gilpin has been a member of the Executive Board of the FFLA for five years and will serve this year as the Parliamentarian under the leader-

ship of FFLA President, Dr. Karen Singh of Developmental Research School, Tallahassee. Mr. Gilpin has co-hosted three State Latin Fora: 1975 in Bradenton, 1978 in Orlando and 1981 in Jacksonville. As a member of the CAF, Mr. Gilpin has served as Second Vice-President and therefore as the state JCL officers' sponsor and for the past four years, he has been the State Chairperson for Florida as the NJCL liaison. Mr. Gilpin has also been appointed by the Governor as a member of the State Council for the adoption of Textbooks for two terms, in 1978 and again for this current adoption which will be held in Tallahassee next month. Mr. Gilpin came to Florida in 1970 and began teaching Latin in January of 1971, at Manatee High School in Bradenton. He replaced the late Mrs. Mildred

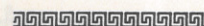
Dorst who had hosted a State Latin Forum in Bradenton in the 1960's. In 1974, Mr. Gilpin transferred to Bayshore High of Bradenton and with Mrs. Kathy Gilpin, they have sponsored the *Sodalitas Latina*.

The German Teacher of the year will be announced at the annual State German Conference which will be held in March of 1982.

American International, a travel organization for students who would like to visit Europe and which hosts several European students in the United States (especially in Florida), awarded a one week, all expense paid trip to the country of each teacher's language. Mr. Gilpin is planning to travel to Rome sometime this summer. Congratulations to all of these fine teachers who serve their students and professional organizations so well.



Joseph A. Gilpin, Jr.
Outstanding Latin Teacher - 1981



District Latin Fora

Each year District Latin Fora are held throughout the State of Florida according to Districts. This year, two dates have been approved by the Florida High Schools Activities Association: February 13 and February 20. The local hosts have written to Miss Linda Gaskin, President of the Classical Association of Florida, and requested one of these two dates. If you would like more information about District Latin Fora, you should contact one of the following persons:

Panhandle of Florida: Dr. Karen Singh at Developmental Research School in Tallahassee.

Jacksonville Area: Nancy Allen at Sandalwood Jr.-Sr. High.

Gainesville Area: Leslie Perkins at Gainesville High.

Ocala to Daytona: Geraldine Hodges at Buchholz High.

West Coast: Françoise Bineau at Berkeley Prep, Tampa.

Orlando Area, Lakeland to Satellite Beach: Mrs. Marcia Stille at Lakeland High.

Lower East Coast: Mrs. Virginia Schrenker at Coral Gables High.

While some of these ladies are not hosting the Fora, they will be able to direct your letters of inquiry to those who are the local hosts.

State Latin Forum - 1982

Quid? The 1982 State Latin Forum.

Quis? Latin Teachers of Florida and members of the Florida Junior Classical League.

Quando? April 22, 23, 24, 1982.

Ubi? The Desert Inn, Daytona Beach.

Cur? To continue to maintain Florida's supremacy in Latin achievement and involvement. Quantum Pecunia?

\$14.00 Registration Fee

\$30.00 Single

\$34.00 Double and Triple

\$38.00 Quad

(Many rooms are oceanfront)

Quot Discipuli? A limit of twenty students per school.

Res egregiae - Chariot races on the beach! - Outstanding convention facilities. - Three very close Motels for housing. (all a part of the same corporation) - A "No beach during Forum" binding rule. - Saturday night accommodations at same motel rates.

Convivatores - Miss Margaret Sheehan, Local Arrangements; Mrs. Geraldine Hodges, Registration; Mrs. Kathryn Stricklin, Contests.

Notate Bene!

Costumes for the 1982 District, State and National Fora are:

The Centaur (male); Arachne (Female) and Orpheus and Eurydice (The Couple).

Florida Leads NJCL

For the first time in twenty years, the President of the National Junior Classical League will be from Florida — Brian Melendez of Ocala Forest High School was recently elected to that office at the twenty-eighth annual National Junior Classical League Convention held at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. He will serve throughout the current academic year, concluding his term after the

election of a successor at the next National Convention, to be held in Oklahoma in August.

Florida's only previous National President was Dean Heller of Jacksonville, the ninth National President, who served in 1961-62. The last national officer from Florida was Karen Harris, who served as National Historian in 1976.

The Nominating Committee, which must select two (or

fewer) candidates per office, nominated Melendez and Ken Dunlap of Wisconsin, eliminating Scott Greenwood of Ohio and Sarah Whitmore of Oklahoma, who were later nominated for National Vice-President and Secretary, respectively. Melendez defeated Dunlap in the final balloting at the penultimate general assembly on Thursday morning.

The new national officers are:

AP Courses in Florida

AP courses are being offered in several schools throughout our country. In 1981, only nineteen Vergil exams and two Horace-Catullus exams were taken in Florida. Florida's students should be given the opportunity to earn college credit for their work in high school Latin programs. If you would like to learn more about AP Latin programs and how to initiate one in your school, write to Miss Linda Gaskin, Edward H. White High School, 1700 Old Middleburg Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32210.

President, Brian Melendez of Florida; Vice-President, Kenneth Schneider of Texas; Parliamentarian, Shawn Doris of Michigan; Secretary, Sarah Whitmore of Oklahoma; Treasurer, Jim Clancy of Minnesota; Editor of *Torch: U.S.*, Rick Vess of Indiana.

More information will be included in later editions.

A Letter from the NJCL President



Brian Melendez NJCL President

To each member of the Florida Junior Classical League: Salve!

I wish to seize upon this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation and abiding gratitude to the Florida delegation to the 1981 National Convention. I realize that, without your enthusiasm and support, my election would have never been possible; furthermore, I realize that my successful performance in this office will depend largely upon your continued co-operation and support.

I also wish to offer my congratulations and encouragement to the new state officers

of both the Florida Junior Classical League and Freddie Miller Fan Club. I earnestly desire that we work together during the current year to increase membership and inspire greater participation in our outstanding state organization.

And to each member, I wish to emphasize this point: the greatest leader is always the best servant. I hope that you will never hesitate to call upon me if I can ever be of assistance to you.

Brian Melendez, President
National Junior Classical League.



Micheal French

A Letter from the Parliamentarian

Each year at the State Latin Forum, delegates from each school vote for the new officers and constitutional amendments. It is my job as the state Parliamentarian to collect the proposed amendments and to compile them for the ballot.

During the October meeting which I attended with the other state officers, some constitutional amendments were suggested. The first deals with altering Article VI, Section 7 to read, "The state offices will be reimbursed for certain expenses of the fall planning meeting and other officers' meetings. The treasury will pay fifteen cents per mile for transportation if the officer is unable to ride in his sponsor's car; a set price for food, not to exceed five dollars per meal and expenses of motel accommodations, if the officer is unable to stay at a private home, will also be paid."

Another suggestion would provide for a new section under Article VI. This section will be designated number eight and will cause all following sections to be renumbered. It has been suggested that the section read: "The second vice-president of the Classical Association of Florida will be reimbursed for certain expenses when meeting with the officers of this organization. The treasury will pay fifteen cents per mile for transportation; a set price for food, not to exceed five dollars per meal and expenses for motel accommodations when he is unable to stay in a private home, will also be paid."

To provide for this amendment, a change would also have to be made in Article VI, Section 4. It was suggested to read: "Reimbursements of funds spent by all officers shall take place after a detailed report had been sent to the treasurer and has been approved by the officers' sponsor, the second vice-president of the Classical Association of Florida. The expenses of the second vice-president of the Classical Association of Florida will be reimbursed upon the approval of the Board of Advisors".

I have enclosed with this issue of the *Uvae Vitis*, two copies of the current Florida Junior Classical League Constitution and By-laws. If you have some insight into these suggestions or if you have additional amendments to propose, please write to me soon.

Michael French,
Parliamentarian
Bayshore High School

A Letter from the President

Dear Florida Junior Classical League:

This year's officer planning meeting was held at the Konover Hotel in Miami Beach on October 15-17. All of the officers attended, and the meeting was productive. The tentative schedule for the 1982 State Latin Forum was discussed, and I believe that Miss Sheehan and Spruce Creek High School will do a wonderful job. The schedule is designed to avoid as many conflicts as possible, the concern being the testing sessions. I am looking forward to an exciting forum.

District competitions are coming up soon, and students should start preparing now. In many cases, students are selected to go to State competition based upon their performance at District. Good luck to all at District.

I would like to announce the new Freddie Miller Fan Club officers for this year. The President is Donald Fletcher, the Vice-President is Betty Dickson, the Treasurer is Jim Ward, and the Secretary is Sunita Ramayya. The fan club is an important part of FJCL. It is not just a cute symbol; it provides students with an opportunity to win a scholarship to National Forum which will be held in Oklahoma this year. The more people that join, the more scholarships offered. In order to be eligible for this award, you must be a member of the club. Please send one dollar per member to:

Jim Ward, F.M.F.C. Treas.
c/o Helene Kansas, Sponsor
Satellite Beach High School
Scorpion Lane
Satellite Beach, FL 32937

Make all checks payable to the Freddie Miller Fan Club. I hope that all schools will participate.

By request of the historian, I am asking all schools to send pictures of their members participating in Latin Club activities. Your school will be left out if you do not send her information about it. Also, anyone who has National Forum pictures, please send copies to the historian. Our goal is to win first place in the National Scrapbook competitions. I realize that the year is young, but I want everyone to have an early start. If you want other chapters in Florida to hear about what your club has been doing or take your suggestions, please send information to the newspaper. The Editor needs input if we are going to have a good State Latin newspaper, so write to Bayshore High School with your articles.

Sincerely,
Eva Ignelzi
FJCL President



Eva Marie Ignelzi



A Letter from the Historian

Dear FJCL,
My name is Mary Moliski and I am your 1981-82 FJCL Historian. I am a junior at J.P. Taravella High School in Coral Springs and I am currently serving as president of my high school chapter.

I am requesting of you who attended the 1981 NJCL Convention in Ohio to please send me any photographs or other items that I could use in the scrapbook. Please identify each photograph or item with your name, your school, and the activity represented. I need this information to organize the scrapbook.

Please send photographs and/or items to:

Mary Moliski
c/o Miss O'Connell,
Latin Teacher
J.P. Taravella High School
10600 Riverside Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33065
I would appreciate your cooperation.

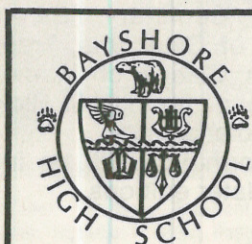
Sincerely,
Mary Moliski
FJCL Historian

FJCL Scholarships

The Florida Junior Classical League announces a \$500 Scholarship for high school seniors currently enrolled in Latin or Greek. Winners of the scholarship will be selected on the basis of their performance on a test in Latin II, Prose, or Poetry. These tests will be administered March 8-12, 1982.

Applications for the tests must be postmarked by February 1, 1982. For applications and additional information please contact:

Miss Margaret A. Sheehan
FJCL Scholarship Chairman
Spruce Creek High School
Rt. #4 Box 1484
Daytona Beach, Florida 32019



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Thanks to Ed White High

Once again, Ed White High School has turned out to be a winning school. Five Ed White students won a total of 32 individual awards at National Latin Forum in Ohio this summer; the students were Velvet Yates, Tina Bowman, Becky Sigmond, Dottie Gross, and Tim Strayer. Ed White also placed in the publicity contest. Ed White must also be thanked

for enabling Florida to win the chariot race; Ed White supplied the chariot, which had to be dismantled to fit on the plane. Ed White has also elected their officers for this year. The officers are: President, Dottie Gross; Vice-President, Donna Eddin; Secretary, Julie Feagle; Treasurer, Becky Sigmond; Historian, John Cox; and Sergeant-at-Arms, Ricky Netz.

Bayshore Holds Initiation

Bayshore High School's *Sodalitas Latina* has gotten off to a good start this year. The club has already had two fund-raising events and is planning at least one more. Bayshore had their annual Latin Club initiation early in October on one of the local beaches.

Every year toward the end of the first quarter, Bayshore and Manatee's Latin Clubs get together on the beach to initiate all of the incoming Latin I students. Every year there are at least 70 students on the beach dressed in tunic and toga. The day begins with everybody arriving with all manner of food and drink. Once everyone has arrived, the slave auction begins. The Latin I "slaves" were auctioned off by Mike French, FJCL Parliamentarian, and Ian Hewitt, a former Latin Club president. Some slaves sold for up to \$25,

while others sold for as little as 35¢. After the auction, the masters settled down for lunch, which consisted of chicken, deviled eggs, all manner of chips, drinks, and desserts. Slaves were set to tasks such as playing fetch with the frisbee, serving their master's food, entertaining their masters by dancing, and reciting and singing in both Latin and English. Then came the "Great Grape Race." All of the masters selected the smallest grape they could find and took their slaves out to the sand. The slaves had to roll their grape with their noses, across a 20 foot course of ditches, hills, and loose sand. After the race, the slaves were released and sent into the water. Everybody (even the slaves) agreed that it was a fun-filled day.

The officers for Bayshore's Latin Club are: President, Brian Hewitt (also Editor-in-Chief of *Uvae Vitis*); Vice-President, Todd Jacobs; Secretary, Bonnie Hamilton; Treasurer, Dale Clark; Historians, Chaun Came, Jane Langley and Mark Batson. The sponsors for the club are Mr. Joseph A. Gilpin, Mrs. Kathlyn Gilpin and young Christopher Paul Gilpin. Bayshore's Latin Club is ready and waiting for District, State, and National Fora.

Bayshore's Latin Club is also the home of two FJCL officers, Mike French, who is the state Parliamentarian, and Brian Hewitt, who is the Editor of the state newspaper. Both of these officers attended the officer planning meeting held at the Konover Hotel in late October. While at this meeting several decisions were made about the 1982 State Latin Forum and the officers were able to meet each other, their sponsors and the members of the Classical Association of Florida.



Mrs. Kathlyn Gilpin and three month old Christopher Paul Gilpin at the annual Initiation Banquet

DEADLINE

Articles which are to appear in the next issued of the *UVAE VITIS* should be sent by March 1, 1982 to:

Brian Hewitt, Editor
c/o Mr. Joseph A. Gilpin
Bayshore High School
5323 - 34th Street, West
Bradenton, FL 33507



The winning team: "Horses" are Dottie Gross, Becky Sigmond, Tina Bowman of Edw. White High; Chris Widdows of the Bolles School; and charioteer, John Hart of St. Johns Country Day School.

Nationals 1982 At OU

Each year a group of FJCL'ers plan to attend the National Junior Classical League Convention. This year will not be any different. Several students try to travel together as a delegation via Greyhound bus, however, summer school schedules, family vacations and discount airfares have caused some students to travel on their own.

This year, the National Convention is returning to Norman, OK and the University of Oklahoma. The tentative dates are August 1-6, 1982. OU was the site of the 1971 National Forum and the Florida delegation was led by Miss Vivia Craig, State Chairperson at

that time.

Mr. Gilpin, our present State Chairperson, is planning a short trip this summer which will leave Florida on Wednesday, July 28th. Stops will be made in New Orleans and Dallas but, unlike other tours, many hours will be spent in travel in an attempt to hold down the cost of the trip.

Two buses are being planned. One will leave from Miami and will travel along the East Coast to Orlando, Daytona and Jacksonville; another bus will travel from Bradenton to Lakeland, then on to Gainesville and Tallahassee. Both buses will meet the first evening in Marianna and will travel

together for the trip West.

As yet, there is no exact cost due to the inability of Greyhound and the hotels to give the 1982 rates until mid January. If, however, you think there might be some interest in this trip, you are asked to write to Mr. Gilpin as soon as possible. The buses must be full to make the trip possible, so begin now to save your money and schedule your summer to include a trip with the FJCL.



UCF and the Cisney Prize

The University of Central Florida Foundation announces the 1982 competition for the Cisney Latin Prize.

Established by a donation from Mrs. Gladys Cisney Trismen, the awarding of the Cisney Latin Prize is designed to recognize the value of Latin study and honor outstanding high school seniors who plan to pursue their education at the University of Central Florida.

AWARDS: First Prize-\$1,000; Second Prize-\$700; Third Prize-\$500.

Awards will be used for tuition expenses. Students receiving the top three awards must be graduating seniors who will enroll at UCF for the summer or fall semester, 1982.

In addition, Merit Awards of \$100 will be presented to students who demonstrate ex-

cellence in the competition. Merit Award winners are not required to attend UCF.

Recognizing that the study of Latin is an enriching experience of value in many professions, no restrictions are made regarding the chosen majors for the first three prize winners.

Rules of THE COMPETITION:

- The competition is open to high school seniors attending public or private schools in the Central Florida area. - The student wishing to compete for one of the top three prizes must be fully qualified to attend UCF with a minimum SAT score of 850 and a 2.5 overall high school GPA. - Prizes will be awarded on the basis of two criteria: (1) outstanding achievement on the SAT Achievement Test in Latin given twice yearly by the

Educational Testing Service. (2) performance on a 1000 word essay in English entitled "The Value of Latin Study." - Interested high school seniors should contact their school guidance counselor to arrange to take the SAT Achievement Test in Latin. - Application, complete with test score and essay, must be received by April 1, 1982. Winners will be announced in May 1982.

To get an application for the 1982 Cisney Latin Prize, send your name, complete mailing address, the name of your school, and if you plan to attend UCF to:

Cisney Latin Prize
Office of Undergraduate
Studies
University of Central Florida
Orlando, Florida 32816

Chapter Chatter

Rome and Boca Raton Both Have A Pope John Paul II

The current year at Pope John Paul II High School in Boca Raton got off to an exciting start when elections for officers were held the last week of September. Those elected were: Laureen Conlon, President; Steven Browne, Vice-President; Laura Hatton, Secretary; John Giacobbe, Treasurer and Joanne Joyce, Historian. Minor officers were also elected: Kellie Kuhn and Tami Compagno, Senators, and alternate Senators, Christine Zazzira and Daniel Lynch. The latter officers oversee the planning of the

monthly in-class meetings, and they report back to their classes regarding the activities planned by the major officers in their monthly meeting.

Plans are being made to write a constitution for the first Pope John Paul II High School JCL Chapter. Plans to make a chariot for District competition in February, to raise funds for District, State, and National Fora are also underway. The Pope John Paul II JCL Chapter has fifty-six members and hopes to make their Latin Club the outstanding club of the new school.

Two New Latin Clubs

The Florida Junior Classical League is starting out this year with another new chapter. The new chapter is at Cape Coral High School in Lee County. The club was started by Mrs. June Butler, who has been teaching Latin for over fourteen years. Mrs. Butler originally moved from Pensacola to Lee County, where she started the Latin club. The club started out the year well with 21 members, who are all eager to enter their first competition in JCL.

The officers for the Cape Coral Latin Club are all dedicated and hard working. Thu Hoang is the president of the club; Thu is interested in law, reading, and swimming. The vice-president of the club is Jeffrey Moyer; Jeff is interested in

a medical career and is presently involved in the Junior R.O.T.C. The secretary of the club is Marlene Wergland, who is interested in a career in journalism. The treasurer is Sue Norris, who is active as a pom-pom girl and plans to pursue a career in journalism. Their tribunes are Liza Burgarin and Charlie Unfricht. Liza is active in band, Latin Club, and is the President of the Junior Class. Charlie is interested in sports. The historians of the club are Cristina Olivera and James Beck. Cristina is interested in biochemistry and James is planning a career in dentistry. The club is off to a good start, and is preparing for competition in the near future.



Cypress Lake High School's Latin Club officers: Treasurer - Kim Reese, President - Linda Roehl, Treasurer - Tammy Powell, Tribune - Adam Williams, Historian - Deana Padgett, Secretary - Susan Hollett and Vice-President - Anne Kennedy.



Pope John Paul II's officers express their loyalty to JCL. Secretary, Laura Hatton and Vice-President, Steve Browne create the "J". Kelli Kuhn and President - Laureen Condon create the "C" and Joanne Joyce, Historian with Treasurer John Giacobbe create the "L".

Send Your Dues Early

Teacher's dues for the Classical Association of Florida are now due. Please send your five dollars to Mrs. Marcia Stille at Lakeland High School in Lakeland, Florida. 33801.

Chapter dues are again three dollars and these can be sent to the state FJCL Treasurer in care of Miss Margaret Sheehan at Spruce Creek High School, RR #4, Box 1484, Daytona

Beach, Florida. When sending your dues, please feel free to ask about the 1982 State Latin Forum as the first information mail-out has already been sent.

National dues for teachers (fifteen dollars), chapter (five dollars) and individual students (fifty cents, each) are due before February 1, 1982 and should be sent to the American Classical League.

A new chapter in the Junior Classical League was formed this year at Cypress Lake High School in Ft. Myers.

The sponsor is Mrs. June Butler who moved from Pensacola to teach Latin I and II in two county high schools. Mrs. Butler has had quite a bit of experience in Latin and Latin clubs. She taught Latin I through Latin IV for fourteen years. She has taken students to State Forum every year and to National five times.

The new chapter already has thirty three members and five officers along with two tribunes. The President, Linda Roehl, is a very active and talented senior who plans to become an M.D. She has done a very good job in organizing the club. The Vice-President is Anne Kennedy, a Sophomore Latin II student. The Officers are: Deana Padgett, scrapbook editor and a Senior; Susan Hollett, Secretary, a Junior; and Tammy Powell a Senior, the Treasurer. The Tribunes are Adam Williams and Kim Reese.

Out of all the Latin Club students, ten are in National Honor Society and two former students, Bruce Porter, and Amina Visciotti, were 1981 Foreign Language Honor Students.

The club's future plans are to participate in District and State Forums, become an active club in the school, and sponsor a school wide toga day with traditional Roman games and activities.

News from the Panhandle

Woodham High JCL is working hard this year. We have had and are planning to have several money-raising projects to help finance the trip to State Forum in April. All of our JCL'ers have been working very hard to make this the best year ever. During the month of September, students sold buttons, magazines, and pom-poms; also in September, Woodham's JCL held a car wash, washing nearly 75 cars. Cowbells were sold in October. Selling refreshments for the Speech Tournament and having a bake sale were on the agenda for November, and a donut sale is planned for January. We are well on our way to reaching our goal of \$1,000.00 for the State Forum.

The JCL chapter at Woodham is 61 members strong this year. The new officers for the year are as follows: Margaret Phillips, President; Mimi Jackson, Vice-President; Sandy Wallace, Secretary; Jemison Mims, Treasurer; Kim Bass, Historian; Bonnie Carter, Parliamentarian; Suzanne Sadler, Publicity Chairperson. All of our members are dedicated to the spirit of JCL; study hard and we'll see you at State.



Spruce Creek Begins Their Busiest Year

The Latin Club at Spruce Creek High School began this year vigorously as they started their "Annus memorabilis." They are very proud to be the host school for this year's State Latin Forum, and they have already started planning for this annual event.

The Latin Club officers for this year are: President, Kenny Baker; Vice-President, Richard Phinney; Secretary, Lois Ouellette; Treasurer Thao Truong; Historian, Charene Gruber. Spruce Creek is also the home of two FJCL officers this year, Linda Leicht, who is the state Treasurer, and Kathleen McNeilly, who is the state's Corresponding Secretary. Linda is presently taking advanced Latin and has attended two State Fora. Kathleen is a Latin II student and has been to District and State Fora. Spruce Creek's Vice-President, Richard Phinney, was selected as the first Student of the Month and Linda Leicht was selected as the first Citizen of the Month. Latin students really count at the Creek!

Spruce Creek's Latin Club spirit banner has appeared at all pep rallies and, hopefully, has established a precedent for other clubs. It is a white banner with orange and black trim, and the letters can be changed for each individual event. The banner was made by Thao Truong. The Latin Club also sponsored two events for homecoming, a club maze and they served pizza. The club also participated in the "Hawk Migration", a parade to the game. They also had a candy sale in November and they are planning a Mr. and Mrs. Spruce Creek contest as well.

Being active in every phase of the activities at Spruce Creek has helped boost the image of Latin Club. In three of the last four years, they have been the Academic Club of the Year, and they are making an effort to regain that title this year. They are all looking forward to State Latin Forum this year, and they hope that all of the schools attending will enjoy the beautiful beaches of Daytona. *Venite Omnes!*