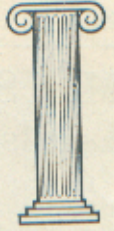


# VOX UVAE VITIS



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TOGA CLAD ROMANS at Ribault High (standing left to right): Charles Gilliard, Albert Stephenson, Bucky Coyer, Donald Copeland, Butch Barnes, Wayne Taylor, Joe Colvin. (Kneeling): John Abele, John Barnard, Frank Manning, Jerry Rust, and Billy Floyd.

## When In Ribault . . . Do As The Romans Do

"Hic, haec, hoc, hujus, hujus, hujus" became the "yell song" for Latin students at Ribault High during their Latin Week festivities. An Olympic Festival highlighted the week, featuring gladiators, fighting against strange looking animals, wrestlers, jumpers and runners, and discus throwers. All the participants were dressed in ancient tunics.

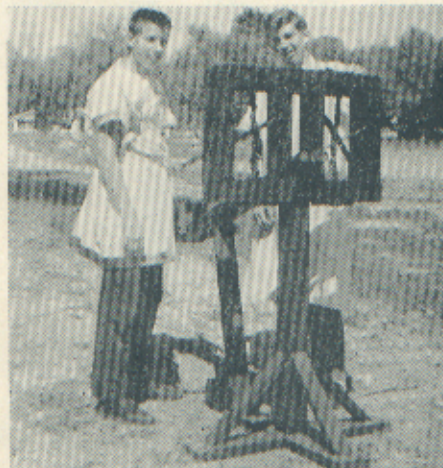
Roman gods appeared in the distinguished audience. A badge with the picture of the Colosseum in red on gold was worn by all the students taking part in the week's activities. The so-called "lead" language was revived as the Romans expressed themselves in Latin in the cafeteria and hallways.

In order that the students might get a first-hand report on old Rome, Dr. Santayana, a distinguished college professor, spoke to the Latin classes on "Rome, the Eternal City." Dr. Santayana lived in Rome for several years.

The proceeds from the Latin Week will go towards the building of a gymnasium.

## Students Build Catapult

Robbie Robinson and David Harold, sophomores at Winter Park High, recently constructed a catapult as their Latin project. They spent a total of 120 hours in the construction of the machine which measures 4½ feet tall, 3 feet wide, and 4½ feet long. The catapult is unique in the fact that no nails were used in its construction. The boys entered it in the Central Florida Fair, and walked off with first prize.



ROBBIE ROBINSON and DAVID HAROLD of Winter Park High pose with their catapult.

## STUDENTS ENJOY ACTIVITIES

From many schools come news of activities which include Roman banquets, Latin Week programs, unusual club programs, and new clubs formed.

Palatka Senior High School Latin students presented a musical comedy, "Julius Caesar," in an assembly program in which Bob Coffman played Julius Caesar and Bobby Williams portrayed Brutus. Those in the supporting cast were: Tommy Hyers, Leon Ream, and Jim Mast, who portrayed Roman senators in this amazing comedy.

Robert E. Lee Junior High, Orlando, won four first-prize blue ribbons and six second-prize red ribbons at the Central Florida Exposition. Among the exhibits the students displayed were a model of the atrium, posters on word study, and notebooks on famous Roman heroes.

East Bay High School, Wimauma, will observe its Latin Week on April 6, and the Latin department will give an assembly program, have a Toga Day, and display exhibits in the main lobby of the school. They are also organizing a chapter of the Junior Classical Association.

Brookside Junior High, Sarasota, Latin Club saw slides of Venice, Naples, Pompeii, Herculaneum, and Rome, and heard a talk by Mr. Hay, who just recently returned from Europe. At their February meeting, Miss Sullivan of the Ringling Museum of Art in Sarasota, spoke to the group on "Greek and Roman Culture" and showed displays and slides to illustrate her talk.

The Latin Club at Ocala has given their annual banquet complete with

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## Open House Has 350 Guests

The Latin students of Brookside Junior High School, Sarasota, held Open House on the "Ides of March" with more than 350 parents and friends attending. Gigi Freeman, Ronald Bonnett, Nancy Connelly, Paul Todd, Kathy Ireland, Jim Gambill, Peggy Fuqua, Ethel Eisenberg, and Betty Sue Minkley helped their teacher, Miss Virginia Allen, welcome the guests and show the many excellent projects the students had on display.

All the projects related to Rome or some phase of Roman life and included Trojan horses, a Roman Forum, a sun dial, the signs of the Zodiac, an aqueduct, the catacombs, columns, mosaics, a Roman house, chariots, and other fine examples of work.

## Miss Sullivan Leads Workshop

Leading the cultural workshop at the 1959 Latin Forum was Miss Jill Sullivan, who functions as the head of the Education Department of the John and Mable Ringling Museum of Art, Sarasota. Miss Sullivan graduated from Sarasota High School in 1954, and then attended St. Mary's Dominican College in New Orleans, where she received her B.A. degree last May.

In addition to art history, she has also studied painting with Hilton Leech in Sarasota and Paul Ninas in New Orleans. A few of her pictures have been exhibited in national shows.

At the Latin Forum, Miss Sullivan spoke and showed slides of Roman architecture, sculpture, and painting. She also showed a film strip about life in ancient Rome, and brought a few Roman objects from the Museum's Cesnola collection for the students to see.



MISS JILL SULLIVAN leads Cultural Workshop at Forum.

## Honor Society Founded

Last year, at the insistence of her Latin students, Miss V. Williamson, a Latin teacher at Miami Jackson High School, founded the first chapter (to our knowledge) of the Latin Honor Society.

We students who are now members of the Latin Honor Society want to see this group become a national organization, and we invite any group of students who will adopt our constitution to become chapters of the Latin Honor Society.

If any group wishes a copy of our constitution we will be glad to send it.

Lester Singleton  
Chairman (Nationalization Committee)  
Latin Honor Society  
Miami Jackson High School, Miami

## Staff Makes Suggestions

The staff of Vox Uvae Vitis wishes to thank those who contributed to this issue. We are sorry that we could not use all of the photographs sent us, mainly because of lack of space and the restrictions of engraving.

To help insure the use of your photograph, your picture must be clear, have good contrast, with a minimum of dark shadows. Your subject should be as near the center as possible.

We have received many excellent contributions for each issue of the paper. However, due to their length, several could not be published.

When writing articles for the paper, make them concise, so that the entire article may be used. The same holds true when sending in poetry and items for the "Fun is Latin" column.

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## Rome Celebrates Its 2712 Birthday, Apr. 21

According to tradition, April 21, 753 B.C. was the day Rome was founded by Romulus, one of the twin boys raised by a she-wolf. For over 2,000 years it has remained a great world metropolis. For this reason, it has been named the "Eternal City."

The theory as to its name is that it comes from the word "rumon" meaning the "town by the river," from Rome's location on the Tiber.

Upon entering Rome, some awesome reminders of her ancient glory awaits you: a massive stretch of wall build about 400 B.C., a great road laid down before Jesus was born, and a mighty aqueduct 2000 years old which still carries water to the city.

No doubt, the best-known sight of ancient Rome is the Colosseum, the mighty amphitheater, so named because a colossal bronze statue of Nero, seven feet higher than the Statue of Liberty, once stood near it.

## Latin Teaches Us

L-atin itself  
A-ppreciation  
T-raining  
I-ngenuity  
N-ew words

T-hought  
E-loquence  
A-mbition  
C-onstruction  
H-umor  
E-ffort  
S-crutiny

U-nity  
S-tudy habits



Barbara Syfrett  
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SUSAN SCHAUBLE

## Co-Editor Leads Discussion

Susan was chairman for the Latin newspaper workshop at Latin Forum with Marilyn Haase assisting with the group discussion.

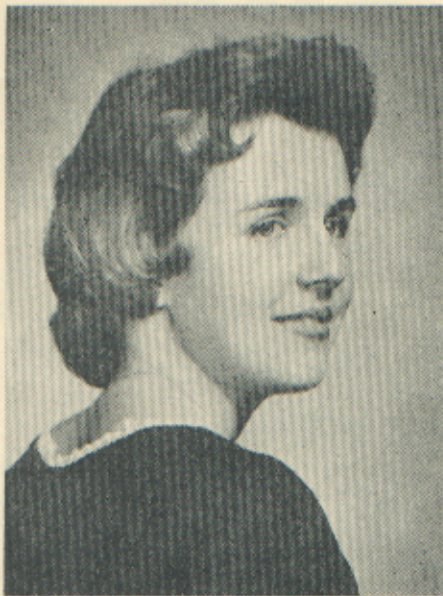
As co-editor of VOX UVAE VITIS, Susan has spent many hours organizing and copying articles for the paper. She is a senior and especially enjoys her work in the journalism department of Manatee High School. Susan is also an excellent fourth-year Latin student.

After attending Manatee Junior College, Susan plans to enroll at the University of Florida and continue her studies in the field of journalism.

## Deadline Is May Day

We want each of the fifty-one schools who has made VOX UVAE VITIS possible this year to send in some brief item for our May issue. It may be an activity, an editorial, or a "Latin for Fun." We also need a few good pictures (gloss prints, any size.)

The winners in the contests, new officers, and plans for future Latin Forums will be included in the last issue.



WORKSHOP CHAIRMEN FOR THE FORUM include: Mary Lee Houchins, Banquet Workshop; Patti Neblet, Latin Clubs; and Mary Eastland, National JCL Convention.

### Florida Ranks Tenth In NJCL Membership

Florida ranks tenth in the number of National Junior Classical League members as reported in the March bulletin issued by the American Classical League, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio.

Florida has 32 chapters with 2126 members—twice as many chapters and members as were reported last year. If your chapter is not included in the list below, the May or June report will have it listed.

Jacksonville has chapters at Alfred I. DuPont, Englewood, Landon, Robert E. Lee, Terry Parker, and Ribault; St. Petersburg reports Northeast, St. Petersburg, and Mirror Lake (junior); Orlando has Edgewater and Robert E. Lee (junior); Miami names Miami Beach, Palmetto, and West Miami (junior).

Summerlin Institute (Bartow), Manatee (Bradenton), Brandon, Cocoa (junior), Coral Gables, Central Catholic (Fort Lauderdale), P. K. Yonge (Grainesville), Key West, Lake Worth, New Smyrna, Ocala, Palatka, Bay County (Panama City), Rockledge, Brookside (Sarasota), Leon (Tallahassee), and Winter Park have active chapters of JCL.

### Roma Est Amor

For untold centuries it has been pointed out that Rome's name in Latin, **Roma**, is, when spelled backwards, **amor**—love. And there is an old challenge which says nobody can stay six months in Rome without falling in love with her.

Longfellow called Rome "the only city that completely satisfies." A retired American diplomat who lives in Rome says the world is divided between those who **think** Paris is the world's most charming city and those who **know** that Rome is.

### National JCL Convenes At St. Olaf College

Delegates to the Sixth National Junior Classical League Convention to be held at St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota, on August 9-13, 1959, are expected to be business-like and constantly aware of their responsibility as representatives of the largest classical organization in the world. Rules have been kept to a minimum, but those set up will be enforced.

St. Olaf does not permit dancing, but good entertainment is being worked out for the free time between workshops and discussion groups. There will be a trip to Minneapolis-St. Paul which will include a drive through the campus of the University of Minnesota, a visit to art galleries, Pittsburgh plant, and many other interesting spots.

Attendance at the Convention will be limited to seven hundred delegates, on a "first come, first served" basis. Applications for reservations should be made to the Register of the Convention, Miss Lourania Miller, 2543 Gladstone Drive, Dallas 11, Texas.

### Bruce Korth Defended Title At '59 Forum

At the 1958 Latin Forum, silence and suspense reigned in the large, crowded auditorium. Everyone was waiting—waiting for the one right answer that would win the mythology contest. The answer was given, and a sigh of relief ran through the audience followed by a cheer. A very happy but still overcome young man, Bruce Korth, then a ninth-grader at Walker Junior High, Bradenton, had become the mythology champ.

This year, Bruce, now a sophomore at Manatee High, and studying second year Latin, again entered the mythology contest in the 1959 Forum to defend his championship.

### Forum Convened In Tampa, 1000 Attend

More than 1000 students from all sections of Florida attended the Eleventh Annual Latin Forum held at H. B. Plant High School in Tampa, April 10-11.

After the registration of delegates on Friday evening, the Skit Contest was held in the auditorium. Following the skits some of the delegates remained in the auditorium while others departed to the gymnasium for a Toga Hop. A sandwich hour closed the evening activities.

After being served milk and doughnuts on Saturday morning, a general session was held with Doug Rohrman, president of Florida Junior Classical Association, in charge. Beginning at ten o'clock contests, workshops, and a business session kept all the delegates occupied until the lunch hour.

After lunch the delegates met in general session for the presentation of the winning skit, completion of the mythology contest, announcements of awards, presentation of scholarship winners, a report of the business session, and the introduction of new officers.



BRUCE KORTH overcome at winning '58 mythology contest.

## The Hero

(With apologies to Virgil and Edgar Allan Poe)

Once upon a midnight dreary, long I pondered, weak and weary,  
Over Virgil's quaint and curious volume of heroic lore  
Then I plodded, nearly napping, through the Hero's landscape mapping,  
Through his valiant *cervi* trapping, trapping now with *Magna* gore,  
"One per argosy," He muttered, "trap I now with *magna* gore—  
Seven *cervi*—not one more."

Food and drink make the soul grow stronger. Hesitating then no longer Hero takes his friend Achates to the forest to explore.

In the woods his goddess mother, dressed so slyly as another,  
Acts so well she seems another goddess, she who hunts the boar.

Here she hides the men in darkness—round them both with cloud doth pour—  
Blankness they—and nothing more.

So the Hero and Achates, fussing 'bout celestial ladies,  
Covered well with cloud-like nothing, now depart for Carthage town.

In the temple scenes from battle, "Surely," said they, "Surely that'll Brink back memory of our battle." But they drop the verb and noun,  
Let their hearts be still as enters Dido, Queen in regal crown.  
Let them to their knees fall down.

Soon this lovely queen beguiling his sad fancy into smiling  
By her charms, her smiles, her favors, by the lovely dress she wore.

"You have told us of your travels, your exciting tale unravels.

Now, oh melancholy Hero, wandering from your native shore,

Tell me what your future plot is, do you plan to wander more?"

Quoth the Hero, "Nevermore."

by Jeanne Hart  
Gainesville High School

**CONDITION OF STREETS**—The streets were extremely narrow; therefore, the larger cities were very crowded during the waking hours. Vehicles were prohibited from appearing on the streets during certain times of the day.



BROOKSIDE (Sarasota) students at Open House.

## How To Read Caesar

(from Classical Outlook)

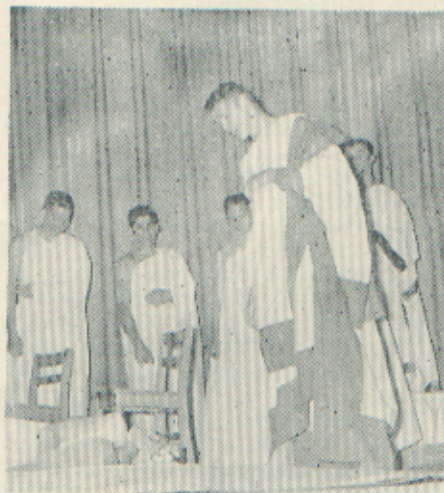
"Take your copy of Caesar, a pot of strong black coffee, some cotton, and four crayons (red, blue, green and yellow) and retire to the most remote room in the house. (Don't ever go to the attic, though; there are too many interesting things up there to distract your attention. The basement is a better bet. Wet wash and pipes and coal will soon prove uninteresting.) When you get there, stuff your ears with the cotton, seat yourself in the most uncomfortable chair in the place, take a deep swig of hot coffee, put your Caesar on your knees—and begin the awful ordeal.

### Follow Directions

"First, go through the assigned chapters and underline all nouns in the nominative case with the red crayon. Then go through it again, marking all accusatives in green. Next underline all of the verbs in yellow, and all of the adjectives with the blue crayon. (All of these colors will at least liven up the dull pages of your book.) The blue—that is, the adjectives—will at first present a great deal of difficulty, but here is real help for the beginner: Remember that when an adjective means "trusty," "valiant," or "courageous," it always modifies "our men." But if it means "cowardly," "treacherous," or "unfaithful," it is sure to agree with the enemy (the *Suessiones* or *Helvetians*—or whoever they happen to be in that chapter.)

### There Is Little Help

Don't ever count on the endings of the adjectives to help you a bit. They will only get you even more confused. Nobody can explain *iter longum*; so there's no use in your trying to play it smart. Translate adverbs the same way, never using "zealously" or "bravely" for the way the enemy fought, but always in connection with "our army." By the way, don't forget that you're on Caesar's side, or you'll really get fouled up! (To be continued in May issue.)



PALATKA gives Julius Caesar.

## Fun In Latin

LATIN IDIOMS—MODERN VERSION

Carrissima, te amo—Like you send me, baby!  
Pestis, abi a me—Scram, ya creep!  
Quid dixisti—Huh?  
Es insanus—Man, like you're way out!  
Nero dicit—Hey there, got a match?  
Numquam!—Not by the hairs of my chinny-chin-chin!  
Id est stultum—Corners, sat, corners!  
Amputate caput ejus—Thumbs down!  
Nemo me amat—Oh! lonesome me-or-you think you have troubles!  
Specta formam feminae—Get a load of that construction!  
Quam celerrime—As fast as his little legs could carry him!

Danny Conklin  
Terry Parker High  
Jacksonville

### TOP TEN POPULAR SONGS IN LATIN

1. Pulchrae Puellae Ubique
2. Habeo Uxorem
3. Venus
4. Est Tardum
5. Habui Id
6. Una Nox
7. Nemo Sed Tu
8. Fumus Potitur Tuis Oculis
9. Quodmodo Tempus Fugit
10. Mea Laetitia

Jere Slote  
Northeast High  
St. Petersburg

## Latin . . .

Latin can't be dead  
It's spinning in my head  
Conjugations and declensions  
Have me in nervous tensions  
What to do? What to do?  
I guess I'll study,  
What about you?

by Janice Goddard  
Northeast High  
St. Petersburg

### ACTIVITIES (Continued from p. 1)

slaves and entertainment as has Edgewater High School, Orlando, where the theme of their banquet was the celebration of the Olympic Games. The high light of the evening of athletic contests and feasting was a grape-pressing contest. Gainesville High School held its third annual banquet with slaves and consuls attending. The guests entered through a vine-covered archway, and the center of the banquet decorations was the Roman eagle. After the skit was enjoyed by the guests, a gladiator combat was presented.

These many activities are carried on by the students who struggle daily with the translations of Caesar, Cicero and Virgil, but with such a worthwhile combination the day slips happily by.