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The Summer of '89 . . .

TJCL Stays Active Over Summer

Tennessee Wins Big at Nationals . . .

by Satish Jallepalli

From July 30 to August 4, delegates from Tennessee attended the 1989 NJCL Convention at Indiana University of Pennsylvania. For these 6 days, the delegates enjoyed various activities: ludi games, workshops, dances, and "That's Entertainment."

Tennessee did well in contests also: academics, certamen, creative and graphic arts, and olympics. Tennessee placed 5th in the state membership participation, and Germantown High School placed 4th in the publicity contest. In Certamen, the upper level team placed third, and the Novice team fourth. In overall points, 4 people from Tennessee placed in the top 25: Melissa Arnold (2nd), Kimye Fisher (16th), Elizabeth Gildrie and Satish Jallepalli (tie, 20th). In addition, the *Tennessee Torch* placed third. Shannon Wall received the NJCL Scholarship.

For next year's convention, Hal Rather was selected as SCL Parliamentarian. Next year's NJCL officers are as follows: Erin Patterson, Indiana (Torch Editor); Kathy Huan, New York (Historian); Lynn Wetherholt, Ohio (Parliamentiar); Katrina Ross, Virginia (Treasurer); Dyonne Hipp, Wisconsin

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JCL Returns to Homeland . . .

Europe Trip Huge Success

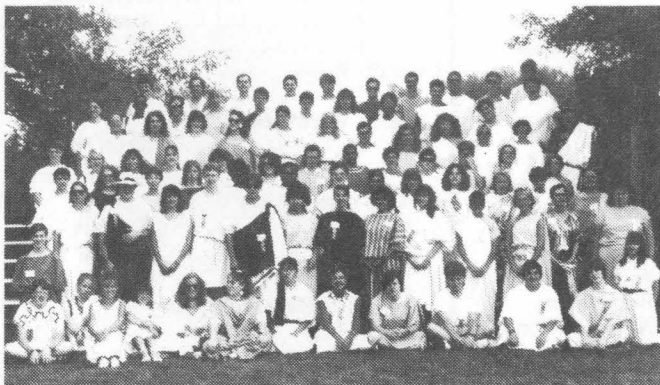
by Jonathan Weinberg

This summer forty-six TJCL students, teachers, and parents traveled to Europe in search of classical sites, foreign culture, and Continental fun. And, under the intrepid leadership of TJCL state Chairperson Ms. Virginia Baird (and after extensive delays in Kennedy Airport), they found all three.

The tour's accent was the exploration of classical art, architecture, and history. From the aqueduct at Segovia, Spain, to the Roman amphitheater of Nimes, France, to Ostia Antica and the Pompeian excavations in Italy, the group toured all the major ancient Roman sites of the Mediterranean. The Vatican Museums extensive collection of classical art, including the famous *Laocoon* and the Belvedere torso which so inspired Michelangelo, was also on the tour. The villa of the emperor Hadrian (after whom was named our Italian bus driver, Adriano) demonstrated strikingly beautiful Roman architecture and sculpture. And, of course, no tour of classical Europe could be complete without a tour of the Forum Romanum!

The TJCLers also visited a number of points of more modern historical interest. The group viewed works by such masters as Goya and El Greco in Madrid's Prado Museum, or

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(Secretary); Mollie Lesh, Washington (Vice-President); Scott Mitchell, Texas (President) Dyonne was appointed to Secretary after Kim Courtney, who had run unopposed, failed to receive a majority of votes from the states.

Next year's convention will be at University of North Texas in Denton, TX. The NJCL theme for next year comes from Vergil's *Aeneid*, Book I, 203: "*Forsan et haec olim meminisse juvabit.*" We're all looking forward to NJCL '90.

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Michelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Also visited were the El Escorial monastery, burial place of Holy Roman Emperor Charles V, the Palais du Papes in Avignon, and the leaning tower of Pisa. Perhaps the most beautiful view of the Mediterranean Sea was that from the island of Capri, in the Bay of Naples, where the famous Blue Grotto is located. The group was able to complete an extensive itinerary, due to the support, exhortation, and threats of the group leader, State Chairperson Ms. Virginia Baird, and of the American Institute for Foreign Study courier Chris Bath, nicknamed "Simon" due to a resemblance to a particular member of Duran Duran. "*Andiamo!*" ("Let's go!") was an oft-heard cry of encouragement from Livia, our Italian guide.

Of course, all the time was not spent in museums and archaeological sites. The tour group found itself totally immersed in the cultures of Europe. "I just wish they served real food," grumbled Webb student Jonathan Howell. "I mean, who would want to eat squid?" Not all students found foreign cuisine so daunting. "I know how to order wine in three different languages now," boasted Jonathan Weinberg, demonstrating that linguistics need not be a barrier on trans-Atlantic voyages. Hutchison student Brenda Wittman (who takes both Latin and French) expressed similar enthusiasm: "It was wonderful to talk with people in their native language, especially to order lemon soda." Students also enjoyed other European purveyances, from Roman *gelati* and Florentine leather to Monacan stamps and French perfumes.

Perhaps the spirit of the European tour was best expressed by Jason Babeuf of the Webb School, quoting the tour's catchphrase: "*Ci sono cavalloni*, man! There are some big waves!"

And The Winners Are . . .

National Convention Results

Academics

Roman Derivatives

Level II	3 (tie)	Kimye Fisher Daniel Moore Satish Jallepalli Dana Vaughn
Level III	8	Wendy Witherspoon
	9	Amanda Williams
Level IV	1	Jonathan Weinberg
	4	Elizabeth Gildrie
	7	Shannon Wall

Grammar

Level I	5	Chris Sloan
Level II	9	Kimye Fisher
Level III	3	Melissa Arnold
	4	Satish Jallepalli
	10	Amanda Williams
Level IV	4 (tie)	Elizabeth Gildrie Jonathan Weinberg
	5	Shannon Wall

Roman History

Level 1/2	4	Valarie Wallace
Level I	9	Evelyn Gildrie
Level II	4	Kimye Fisher
Level III	1	Melissa Arnold
	5	William Smithfield
	8	Juan Johnson
	9	Amanda Williams
Level IV	4	Elizabeth Gildrie
	7	Shannon Wall

Roman Life

Level I	3	Evelyn Gildrie
	7 (tie)	Jaymie Burkhardt Nathaniel Meyer Brian Park
	10	Dorlia Goodrich
Level II	4	Kimye Fisher
	7	Joe Myers
Level III	2	Melissa Arnold
	3	William Smithfield
	8	Juan Johnson
	10	Amanda Williams
Level IV	5	Elizabeth Gildrie

9 Shannon Wall

Quotes & Mottoes

Level I	10	Jessica Palmer
Level II	1	Kimye Fisher
	8	Daniel Moore
Level III	1	Melissa Arnold
	3	Satish Jallepalli
	4	Amanda Williams
Level IV	2	Shannon Wall

Mythology

Level I	3	Evelyn Gildrie
	4	Brian Park
	7	Rebecca Mackay
Level II	2	Kimye Fisher
	7	Charles Wallace
	10	Brooke Brown
Level III	2	Melissa Arnold
	4	Satish Jallepalli
	6	Juan Johnson
	9	Amanda Williams
Level IV	3	Elizabeth Gildrie
	5	Mike Smithfield
	8	Mike Saloyek
	10 (tie)	J. B. Harris Shannon Wall

Reading Comprehension

Level I	5	Chris Sloan
	6	Billy Chlhowski
	7	Evelyn Gildrie
	8	Brian Park
	10	Nathaniel Meyer
Level II	6	Daniel Moore
	8	Kimye Fisher
	10	Kara Emerson
Level III Prose	8	Holly Clark
	9	Amanda Williams
	10	B.J. Reed
Level III Poetry	8	Gerry Milligan
Level III Prose/Poetry	3	Satish Jallepalli
	4	Melissa Arnold
Level IV Prose/Poetry	2	Elizabeth Gildrie
	3	Jonathan Weinberg

Hellenic History

Level I	6	Brian Park
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7	Marlena Salberg
Level II	
3	Kimye Fisher
Level III	
1	Melissa Arnold
4	Amanda Williams
Level IV	
1	Elizabeth Gildrie

Greek Derivatives

Level I	
4	Nathaniel Meyer
10	Jessica Palmer
Level II	
3	Kimye Fisher
Level III	
2	Melissa Arnold
4 (tie)	Satish Jallepalli Amanda Williams
7	Juan Johnson
Level IV	
3	Jonathan Weinberg
4	Elizabeth Gildrie
5	Mike Smithfield
9	Shannon Wall

Latin Literature

Level I	
6	Brian Park
7	Evelyn Gildrie
10	Jaymie Burkhart
Level II	
6	Kimye Fisher
Level III	
2	Melissa Arnold
6	Bill Smithfield
9	Amanda Williams
Level IV	
8	Shannon Wall
9	Elizabeth Gildrie
10	Jonathan Weinberg

Vocabulary

Level I	
8	Brian Park
9	Chris Sloan
Level II	
5	Daniel Moore
Level III	
2	Satish Jallepalli
3	Melissa Arnold
10	Amanda Williams
Level IV	
2	Jonathan Weinberg
6	Elizabeth Gildrie
7	Shannon Wall

Academic Pentahlon

Level I	
7	Brian Park
8	Chris Sloan
Level II	
4	Kimye Fisher
Level III	
1	Melissa Arnold
2	Satish Jallepalli

10	Amanda Williams
Level IV	
2	Elizabeth Gildrie
7	Shannon Wall
9	Jonathan Weinberg

Creative Arts

State Publications:	
3	<i>Tennessee Torch</i>
Modern Myth:	
7 (tie)	Daniel Christianson Amelia Ballentine
Essay:	
Grade 9	
1	Kara Emerson
4 (tie)	Tim Lord Chris Sloan
5	Daniel Moore
8	Nathiel Meyer
Grade 11	
4	Jennifer Johnson
5	Wendy Witherspoon
English Oratory:	
Level I	
8	Melissa Hampton
Dramatic Latin:	
Advanced Boys	
3	Jonathan Weinberg
Sight Latin Reading:	
Advanced Prose	
4	Satish Jallepalli
Advanced Poetry	
7	Jonathan Weinberg

Male Costume

7	Daniel Moore
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Graphic Arts

Local Scrapbooks:	
Chapters Under Fifty Members	
2	Northeast High School
Chapters Over Fifty Members	
7	Clarksville High School
State Scrapbooks:	
5	Tennessee
Pencil: Grades 7-9	
9	Daniel Christian
Photography: Grades 9-10	
4	Tim Lord
Decorative Stitching: Grades 9-10	
7	Sharon Andrew
8	Jaymie Burkhart
Charts: Grades 9-10	
5	Jaymie Burkhart
Sculpture: Grades 7-9	
5	Rebecca Matthew
Dolls: Grades 7-10	
4	Daniel Christian
Other Textiles:	
Grades 7-10	
3	Daniel Christian

Grades 11-12	
4	Kimye Fisher
Games: Grades 7-9	
2	Jaymie Burkhart
Miscellaneous: Grades 7-12	
3	Kimye Fisher
4	John Carter

Olympics

Track and Field

Shotput: Junior Boys	
1	Scott Hitch
Discus: Junior Girls	
2	Marlena Salberg

Swimming

50-Yard Backstroke: Senior Girls	
4	Sonya Brummet
50-Yard Breaststroke: Junior Girls	
2	Brooke Brown
200-Yard Freestyle:	
Junior Girls	
1	Brooke Brown
Senior Girls	
2	Linda Clark
100-Yard Freestyle: Senior Girls	
3	Linda Clark
100-Yard Individual Medley: Junior Girls	
4	Brooke Brown

Ludi

Volleyball:	
2	Tennessee
Chess:	
1	David Friedman
3	Brian Park

Special Awards

Publicity Contest:	
4	Germantown High School
Membership Participation Contest:	
5	Tennessee
Spirit Contest:	
5	Tennessee
Competitive Certamen:	
Novice Level	
4	Tennessee
Upper Level	
3	Tennessee
Top Ten Academics:	
2	Melissa Arnold
Top Twenty-Five Overall Placement:	
2	Melissa Arnold
16	Kimye Fisher
20 (tie)	Elizabeth Gildrie Satish Jallepalli

Meet Your TJCL Officers . . .

President. Lynn Sung, a Latin III Student, is a seventeen year old senior at Dobyns-Bennett High School in Kingsport. She has attended three state conventions and two national conventions, and she was last year's TJCL treasurer. Besides JCL, she has been involved with NHS, Scholars Bowl, Girls' State, Harvard Summer School, Governor's School, the National Forensics League, and the International Club. Outside of school, she enjoys Mock Trial, Chinese cooking, volleyball, Odyssey of the Mind, strategic planning committee, breathing, sleeping, writing, talking, and procrastination. Her ambition is to become involved in the international arena, where she says her Latin background will aid her with languages and legal terms.

Secretary. A sixteen-year-old Maryville High School junior, Mark Hawkins has completed two years of Latin and attended two state and two national conventions. Mu Alpha Theta, the International Club, and Tennessee Tomorrow keep him busy at school (in addition to JCL), while he also enjoys soccer and tennis. His career ambition is either medicine or architecture, where Latin will aid him in terminology and in passing the vocabulary tests he faces on the way.

Treasurer. The 1989-1990 TJCL Treasurer is Bill Smithfield, a senior at Clarksville High School who is seventeen years old and takes Latin IV. He has attended three national and three state conventions. At school, he teaches Roman life study groups and is a member of the Science Club, Drama Club, National Honor Society, and the co-president of his local JCL chapter. He also likes to collect baseball cards, watch cartoons, and stay informed with current events in politics, where he leans to the Republican side. As an adult, he wishes to continue his political interest by becoming the President of the United States, possibly settling for Vice-President, or simply a job in marketing. He says Latin will aid him since it provides him with knowledge of another civilization, thus helping him understand the world.

Parliamentarian. The Latin Stud himself, Jonathan Weinberg is now enrolled in Latin V at Memphis University School, where he is a seventeen-year-old senior. He has attended a whopping four state and national conventions. At school, he is a member of the yearbook staff, Pep Band, and Chess Club, editor of the literary magazine, a student tutor, an actor, and of course, a member of JCL. He enjoys playing the trumpet, creative writing, chess, acting, and making really bad puns. He plans to become a college professor, and he says Western civilization cannot be appreciated without an understanding of Mater Roma.

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State Convention Set for Farragut High School

On September 30, the TJCL Executive Board met with JCL leaders and their sponsor at Farragut High School in Knoxville, site of the 1990 state Convention of the Tennessee Junior Classical League. Farragut, an immense school in west Knoxville, will host approximately 1100 TJCL'ers on April 20 and 21 of this year, providing academic contests, Olympics, assemblies, fellowship, and some new treats never before seen at a state convention. Plans for the convention were discussed and the facilities toured in the September meeting led by State Chairperson Virginia Baird, who is now very optimistic concerning this year's event. The February issue of the Torch will be packed with convention information, so stay tuned.

1990 State Convention Theme

"Forsan et haec olim meminisse iuvabit."

--Vergil, Aeneid, I 203.

"Perhaps someday it will be pleasing to remember even these things."



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Historian. Snooky Davis is a sixteen year old junior at Northwest High School in Clarksville. A student of three years of Latin, she has attended two state and two national conventions. Also at school she is junior class secretary/treasurer, a member of the Beta Club, American Studies Club, Math Team, marching band, tennis team, and co-editor of editorials for the school newspaper. She is an avid reader of J.R.R. Tolkien and Stephen King novels and wants to become a veterinarian. She says Latin ability proves you can understand anything.

Torch Editor. The man responsible for what you are reading is Andy Perry, a sixteen year old sophomore at Memphis University School. Enrolled in Latin III, he has attended two state conventions. At school, he is involved with Government Club, theater, football, and mathematics competition, in addition to JCL. He enjoys backpacking, any outdoor activity, reading, and staying informed of current events, and he wants to become an attorney involved with the FBI. In this pursuit, he thinks Latin will greatly aid him with legal terms and a background in justice.

Historian Makes Plea

Dear TJCL'ers,

Since I am the state historian, it is my job to see that the state scrapbook is made. But I need each chapter's help to do this. If you have any pictures or other items from events your chapter has sponsored, please send them to me. Also, I would like a list of officers and their picture. With your help, I hope to make this scrapbook a winner.

Thank you,

Snooky Davis
TJCL Historian

Message from the President

Dear TJCL'ers,

My name is Lynn Sung, the 1989-90 President of the Tennessee Junior Classical League, and I welcome you to TJCL. I am excited about the progress TJCL has made through the years. This previous summer, for example, Tennessee exhibited its talent and pride at the national convention in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Through hard work and discipline, we placed in several events including certamen, academic tests, and the spirit contest. We are among the nation's top delegations, but it takes determination and more work to stay there.

In modern times, we are working on a state convention that will knock your sandals off. This year's convention will be held at Farragut High School in Knoxville. The convention will include several surprises never seen before until this year. There will be fun for everyone. The convention is not just an event, it's an experience.

Sincerely,

Lynn Sung

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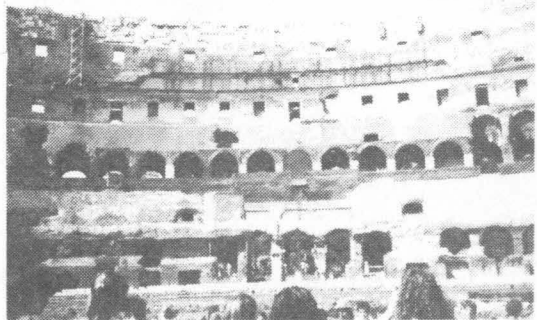
At this year's national convention, the Belle Gould NJCL Scholarship was awarded to a Tennessean, **Shannon Wall**, a student at Vanderbilt University majoring in Classics and mathematics.

Also at the convention, **Hal Rather** was elected National Senior Classical League Parliamentarian. NSCL is the college-level equivalent of NJCL.

The **Mid-State Latin Convention** will be held March 9 at Hillsboro High School. Contact Nancy Howell for more information.

A special contest is being held this year for the **cover design** for the state convention program. An illustration creatively and artistically integrating this year's theme will be the only criterion for entries, which should be submitted to President Lynn Sung.

A new Latin test is being offered to all TJCL schools sponsored by the **Marquette University High School**. There are two tests, absolutely free, containing three levels - - one, two, and advanced - - over either language (vocabulary, grammar, and reading comprehension) or classics (derivatives, mythology, history, etc.). The test may be taken any time in January, and up to five scores per level may be returned for inclusion in a list of top winners. If you are interested, contact Joseph Greenwald, Latin Instructor, Marquette University High School, 3401 West Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53208; or call (414) 933-7220 during the day or (414) 774-8205 in the evening.



Germantown High School JCL Initiation

by Brian Olson



JCL initiates, Shelly Swords, Katie Lax, Kara Krause, Kim Harker, Corey Chism, & Nikki Allen recite "Mica, mica, parva stella."

The Annual GHS Junior Classical League initiation took place at the home of Amanda McGaughey, GJCL secretary, on September 12, 1989. New members were required to wear tunics, while old members had the privilege of donning togas for the event.

The 60 new initiates provided coke and pizza for the older JCL'ers, and also entertained

them with nervous renditions of "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star" in Latin. The last obligation of the new initiates was to parade around the neighborhood on a scavenger hunt while in their Roman costumes.

The club sponsored by Latin teachers Barbara Hardin and Carole Adams will receive national recognition this year for its membership of over 100 students. Club officers for 1989-90 are Donna West, president; Cathy Dang, vice-president; Amanda McGaughey, secretary; Lisa Malone, treasurer; Molly Burns, historian; Craig Hutson, co-historian; Leslie Jetton, parliamentarian; Karen Kalkitis, sergeant-at-arms; Brian Olson, editor; and Ginger Hawkins, social chairperson.

Memphis University School

by Daniel Moore

The MUS Latin Club continues to show its spirit of fun and adventure. We sent a delegation of nine students to the National Latin Convention and brought back forty awards. Furthermore, we plan yet another great year. Almost 120 students have joined the Latin Club this year so that they may participate in its many festivities. In the Upper school, under the leadership of Ryan Ehrhart, president; Preston Miller, vice-president; K.C. Horne, secretary; David Rodgers, treasurer, and Wayne Duff, our sponsor; we will hold several activities throughout the year. Joining the Upper School students is the Lower School Latin Club, composed of eighth-grade Latin students under the guidance of Mrs. Betty Jo Higgs. They have elected Dax Torrey as president, Andrew Schaeffer as vice-president, Ed Eleazer as secretary, and Clay McCullar as treasurer. We plan to hold a pizza party, and later we will have the annual Latin Club Banquet, where the toga will see its return to style. Finally, we plan to send a great group to the state convention, where we will once again experience the fun and fellowship which our club fosters.

Collierville High School

The Junior Classical League at Collierville High School is off to a good start this fall. Eighty students have joined the club. Candidates are busy campaigning for office. Elections are to be held at the October meeting.

Plans are being made for the year's activities. The club plans to enter

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a chariot and horses in the Homecoming parade. Other activities for the year include a Saturnalia party, a float in the Collierville Christmas parade, the JCL convention, Roman Olympics at CHS, chariot racing, a Latin banquet, oracle visits, and much more.

Brentwood Academy Junior Classical League

Brentwood Academy Junior Classical League has begun organizing for the 1989-90 school year. Plans for the year include an above average membership, a trip to the Parthenon, participation in the National Latin Examination, and attendance at the state convention in Knoxville. In conjunction with the school play, the JCL'ers will join in the fun by making banners with Latin inscriptions appropriate to the medieval period. For homecoming, all the Latin students supported the team by decoration the language hall with spirit signs in Latin! Academics have centered around grammar, Jason and the Argonauts, and Cicero's orations against Catiline. JCL'ers have also enjoyed seeing the classics brought to life again in the PBS series *Art in the Western World*. All in all the JCL has gotten off to a good start at BA.

Officers for 1989-90

Consuls - Cathy Kantanie, Booth Andrews
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 Historians - Bailey White, Josh Smithson
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 Latin II Legates - Kyle Holmes, Daniel Hall
 Latin III Legates - Curt Futch, Leigh Greenwood

Sponsor - Connie Dickerson

University School of Nashville

by Katie Mitchell

The USNJCL is off to a great start this year. Leigh Schell is our consul, Michael Willers is our vice-consul, Katie Mitchell is our scripta and historica, and Elizabeth Lentz is our quaestor. Already we have begun our annual fruit-gram sale, and this year we're including veggies! We showed *Androcles and the Lion* and a search is on for the video of *Three Pennies in a Fountain* for the next feature. Instead of a homecoming dance, a toga party will be planned for sometime soon. We also want to expand our initiation banquet to include grape stomping. It looks to be a great time, and we'll see you in Knoxville!

Briarcrest High School

The Briarcrest High School chapter of the Junior Classical League, located in Memphis, Tennessee, held its first meeting of the school year on October 16, 1989. New officers were elected: president, Josh Kerns; vice-president, Brian Green; secretary, Brad Williston; treasurer, Anne Whipple; and historian, Ashley Stamps.

The Hutchison School

by Kimbie Shaheen and Amy Rolfes

The Hutchison JCL has made big plans for this year. The newly elected officers are president, Kimbie Shaheen, a sophomore; vice president, Leann Eggers, a junior; secretary, Amy Rolfes, a sophomore; and treasurer, Heath Acuff, a freshman.

In December we plan to have a Christmas party for all the JCL members at Hutchison. Here the older girls are assigned eighth-grade "slaves" and they exchange gifts at a party. In February we plan to have our annual Roman Banquet. Everyone dresses up in Roman costume and we all enjoy a fun Latin evening together. The members of the Hutchison JCL look forward to a fun convention in Knoxville this spring.

Editor's Note:

The *Tennessee Torch* welcomes and encourages each TJCL chapter to submit articles. Since local chapters sustain the JCL, their activities are therefore of the utmost interest, providing for a sharing of ideas and information. Each chapter should send a short article to the editor by the date shown on the back page for each issue. Congratulations to those schools making this first issue!

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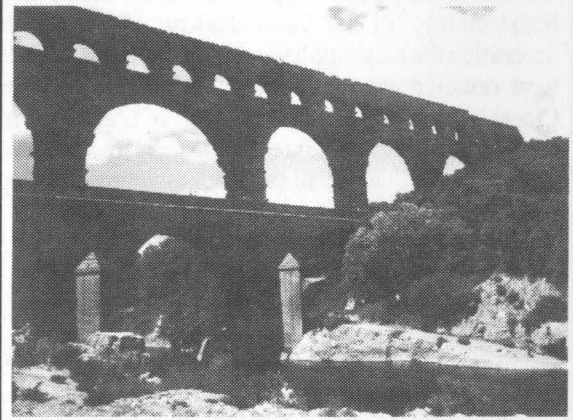
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Calendar of Events

December 16	February <i>Torch</i> : deadline for submissions
March 5-9	National Latin Examination
March 9	Mid-State Latin Convention, Hillsboro High School
April 6	May <i>Torch</i> : deadline for submissions
April 20-21	State Convention, Farragut High School
July 29-August 3	National Convention, University of North Texas



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