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1996 NJCL CONVENTION AT BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA



Several hundred Tennesseans flocked to Bloomington, Indiana this past summer for what ended up being another giant toga party. The week of fun and competition may have ended quickly, but, like past conventions, its memories will remain with us forever.

Tennessee fared very well in the many academic competitions, with three individuals earning the distinction of best Latin student in the nation for their level. We also received many other awards in the multitude of events at the convention.

Although Tennessee did not place in the overall spirit competition, with the help of the infamous TJCL Go-Go dancers, we did manage to win the Spirit of JCL award on Purple and Gold Day.

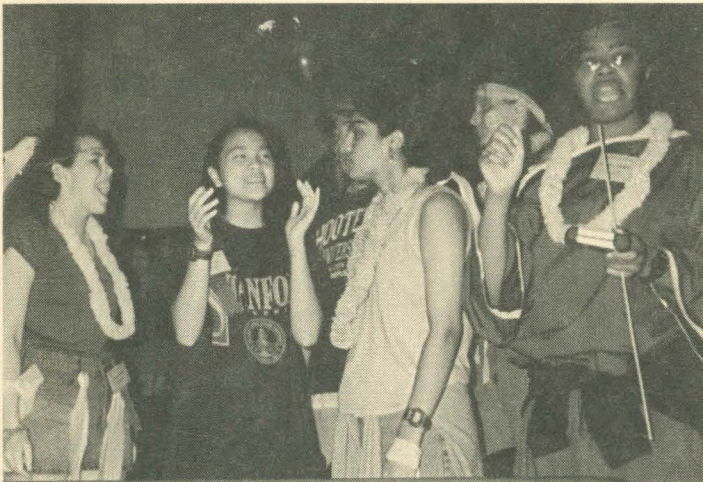
Whitney Kalin, formerly of Northeast High School, and Whitney Wilson, formerly of Franklin Road Academy, were both awarded several scholarships to aid in their future studies in the classics.

Kalin, a pre-med and classics major at Vanderbilt University, was the recipient of a National Latin Exam Scholarship and of the Jessie Chambers Scholarship.

Wilson, a classics major at the University of Virginia, received a National Latin Exam Scholarship, the CAMWS Scholarship, the National Latin Honor Society Scholarship, and the Red and Rhea Miller Scholarship.

State Chair Edward Long was victorious in another type of competition: the political side of NJCL. He was elected to serve a five year term as the NJCL Certamen Chair.

Congratulations to all of the winners listed inside!!



RESULTS OF 1996 NJCL CONVENTION AT IU

Certamen, Upper Division

4 Tennessee

Certamen, Lower Division

1 Tennessee

Certamen, Novice Division

4 Tennessee

Ludi Volleyball

1 Tennessee

Overall Achievement, Academics

3 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

9 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville

10 Whitney Wilson, FRA

Overall Achievement, Graphic Arts

10 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Overall Achievement, Olympica

8 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Overall Individual Achievement

5 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

8 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

18 Whitney Wilson, FRA

State Publications2 *Tennessee Torch***State Scrapbooks**

8 Tennessee

State T-Shirt Originality

2 Tennessee

Academics

Academic Pentathlon**Level 1:** 7 Rachel Denning, Northeast**Level 2:** 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

7 Carey Arvin, FRA

7 Kenneth Lucas, White Station

9 Grant Tucker, White Station

Level 3: 1 Lorraine Knop, Northwest

7 Srinivas Ayyagari, MUS

8 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

Level 4: 2 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville

3 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

5 Mandi Coleman, Northeast

7 Wilson Chwang, MUS

Level 5: 1 Whitney Wilson, FRA**Geography****Level 1:** 3 Eric Osborne, MUS**Level 2:** 2 Kenneth Lukas, White Station

3 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

Level 3: 7 Daniel Shaver, White Station**Level 4:** 9 Mandi Coleman, Northeast**Greek Derivatives****Level 2:** 5 Grant Tucker, White Station

5 Courtney Wilburn, White Station

7 Keith Morton, Clarksville

8 Kenneth Lukas, White Station

9 Bojia Li, White Station

Level 3: 9 Geoff Hooper, White Station**Level 4:** 7 Chanda Ho, Hutchison

8 Alesha Handy, Hume-Fogg

9 Wilson Chwang, MUS

Hellenic History**Level 1:** 1 Eric Osborne, MUS

6 Michael Albertson, MUS

6 Rachel Denning, Northeast

Level 2: 2 Kenneth Lukas, White Station

8 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

8 Grant Tucker, White Station

Level 3: 9 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

9 Daniel Shaver, White Station

Level 4: 4 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville

10 Whitney Kalin

Latin Derivatives**Level 1:** 9 Rachel Denning, Northeast

10 Colin Fisher, Clarksville

10 Eric Osborne, MUS

Level 2: 2 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

6 Grant Tucker, White Station

7 Carey Arvin, FRA

Level 3: 4 Srinivas Ayyagari, MUS

5 Daniel Shaver, White Station

6 Geoff Hooper, White Station

7 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

Level 4: 4 Wilson Chwang, MUS

6 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville

7 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Level 5: 1 Whitney Wilson, FRA**Latin Grammar****Level 1:** 8 Timothy Miller, Northeast

10 Rachel Denning, Northeast

Level 2: 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest

8 Carey Arvin, FRA

9 Richard Joyner, Northeast

Level 3: 2 Srinivas Ayyagari, MUS

4 Brett Franks, Northeast

6 Lorraine Knop, Northwest

9 Chad Crocker, Northeast

9 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

Level 4: 3 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

4 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville

5 Mandi Coleman, Northeast

- 7 Chanda Ho, Hutchison
 9 Wilson Chwang, MUS
Level 5: 2 Whitney Wilson, FRA
- Latin Literature**
Level 1: 5 Rachel Denning, Northeast
 8 Eric Osborne, MUS
 10 Michael Albertson, MUS
Level 2: 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 8 Marlana Morrow, Northeast
Level 3: 4 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
Level 4: 2 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 4 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
- Latin Vocabulary**
Level 1: 5 William Allendorfer, MUS
 7 Colin Fisher, Clarksville
Level 2: 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 6 Kenneth Lukas, White Station
 8 Ben Groover, Hume-Fogg
 8 Marlana Morrow, Northeast
 9 Tiffany Dunbar, Hume-Fogg
 10 Amy Key, Northeast
 10 Grant Tucker, White Station
Level 3: 4 Brett Franks, Northeast
 5 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 9 Srinivas Ayyagari, MUS
Level 4: 6 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 8 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
Level 5: 1 Whitney Wilson, FRA
- Mythology**
Level 2: 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 8 Grant Tucker, White Station
Level 3: 6 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
Level 4: 2 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
 4 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 5 Mandi Coleman, Northeast
Level 5: 1 Whitney Wilson, FRA
- Quotes and Mottos**
Level 2: 2 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 6 Grant Tucker, White Station
Level 3: 9 Rachel Forbes, Northeast
 10 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
Level 4: 4 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 10 Alesha Handy, Hume-Fogg
Level 5: 5 Whitney Wilson, FRA
- Reading Comprehension**
Level 1: 6 Rachel Denning, Northeast
Level 2: 2 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 6 Carey Arvin, FRA
Level 3
Poetry: 5 Daniel Shaver, White Station
 7 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 8 Roland Barber, Hume-Fogg
Prose: 4 Srinivas Ayyagari, MUS

- 8 Brett Franks, Northeast
Prose/Poetry: 4 Rachel Forbes, Northeast
Level 4
Poetry: 3 Wilson Chwang, MUS
 4 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 4 Chanda Ho, Hutchison
 10 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
- Roman History**
Level 1: 4 Eric Osborne, MUS
 10 Colin Fisher, Clarksville
Level 2: 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 6 Kenneth Lukas, White Station
Level 3: 3 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 4 Rachel Forbes, Northeast
Level 4: 1 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 6 Mandi Coleman, Northeast
- Roman Life**
Level 1: 4 Colin Fisher, Clarksville
 6 Rachel Denning, Northeast
Level 2: 2 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 6 Kenneth Lukas, White Station
 9 Marlana Morrow, Northeast
Level 3: 1 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 4 Dana Bobbitt, Hume-Fogg
Level 4: 3 Amanda Cooper, Clarksville
 6 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville
 7 Mandi Coleman, Northeast
 8 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
Level 5: 1 Whitney Wilson,

Creative Arts

- Costume**
Junior Girls: 7 Amanda Patterson, Hume-Fogg
Junior Couples: 1 Bennett Adkinson, Hume-Fogg
 1 Alice Walkup, Hume-Fogg
Senior Boys: 6 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
Senior Girls: 1 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 5 Dana Bobbitt, Hume-Fogg
Senior Couples: 7 Richard Joyner, Northeast
 7 Marlana Morrow, Northeast
- Dramatic Interpretation**
Level 2 Boys: 5 Grant Tucker, White Station
Adv. Poetry Girls: 5 Chanda Ho, Hutchison
- English Oratory**
Grades 9 & 10: 7 Lorie Chapman, Hutchison
Grades 11 & 12: 5 Chanda Ho, Hutchison
- Essay**
Grade 8 Boys: 3 Eric Osborne, MUS
Grade 9 Boys: 10 Timothy Miller, Northeast
Grade 9 Girls: 10 Tiffany Dunbar, Hume-Fogg
Grade 10 Boys: 2 Kenneth Lukas, White Station
 3 Rahsaan Barber, Hume-Fogg

- 4 Grant Tucker, White Station
Grade 10 Girls: 1 Lorie Chapman, Hutchison
 1 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 4 Dana Bobbitt, Hume-Fogg
 4 Elshaday Gebreyes, Germantown
 6 Carey Arvin, FRA
Grade 11 Boys: 3 Wilson Chwang, MUS
Grade 11 Girls: 3 Rachel Forbes, Northeast
 4 Chanda Ho, Hutchison
Grade 12 Boys: 5 Brett Franks, Northeast
Grade 12 Girls: 6 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
Latin Oratory
Level 2: 3 Grant Tucker, White Station
Modern Myth
Grades 11-12: 8 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
Sight Latin Reading
Level 2 Boys: 2 Kenneth Lukas, White Station
 7 Daniel Argall, White Station
Level 2 Girls: 9 Tiffany Dunbar, Hume-Fogg
 9 Elshaday Gebreyes, Germantown
Adv. Poetry Girls:
 3 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
 4 Chanda Ho, Hutchison
Adv. Prose Girls:
 5 Alesha Handy, Hume-Fogg
 6 Dana Bobbitt, Hume-Fogg
Slogan
 4 Melissa Mahoney, Northwest
 5 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Graphic Arts

Cartoons

- Grade 9:** 2 Ben Groover, Hume-Fogg
Grade 10: 3 Marlana Morrow, Northeast
Grade 11: 5 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

Charcoal

- Grades 11-12:** 2 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Charts

- Grades 11-12:** 6 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Decorative Stitching

- Grade 10:** 9 Marlana Morrow, Northeast

Dolls

- Grades 11-12:** 4 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 8 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Games

- Grade 10:** 1 Dana Bobbitt, Hume-Fogg

Greeting Cards

- Grade 10:** 7 Marlana Morrow, Northeast
Grades 11-12: 7 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Ink

- Grade 9:** 5 Ben Groover, Hume-Fogg
Grade 10: 7 Marlana Morrow, Northeast

- Grades 11-12:** 1 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Jewelry

- Grades 11-12:** 3 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Large Models

- Grades 6-8:** 4 Michael Albertson, MUS

Maps

- Grade 9:** 10 Timothy Miller, Northeast

- Grades 11-12:** 4 Alesha Handy, Hume-Fogg
 9 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Miscellaneous

- Grades 11-12:** 3 Lorraine Knop, Northwest
 7 Alesha Handy, Hume-Fogg

Mixed Media

- Grades 11-12:** 6 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Notebooks

- Grades 11-12:** 1 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Oil and Acrylic

- Grades 11-12:** 2 Joel Fortang, Houston High

Pastel

- Grade 9:** 5 Nai-Lun Chang, Hutchison

- Grade 10:** 3 Allison Davis, Harpeth

Pencil

- Grade 9:** 9 Rachel Denning, Northeast

- Grades 11-12:** 6 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Posters

- Grades 11-12:** 9 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Pottery

- Grade 9:** 1 Amanda Patterson, Harpeth

Photography

- Grade 10:** 1 Amy Key, Northeast
 3 Allison Davis, Hume-Fogg
 7 Dana Bobbitt, Hume-Fogg

- Grades 11-12:** 1 Whitney Wilson, FRA

Sculpture

- Grade 10:** 5 Marlana Morrow, Northeast

Olympika

Discus

- Senior Boys:** 5 Kai Yu Hsiung, White Station

- Senior Girls:** 2 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

- 3 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville

- 5 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

High Jump

- Senior Boys:** 5 Kai Yu Hsiung, White Station

Long Jump

- Junior Boys:** 2 Eric Osborne, MUS

- Senior Boys:** 6 Kai Yu Hsiung, White Station

- Senior Girls:** 2 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville

- 3 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

Marathon

- Junior Boys:** 8 Timothy Miller, Northeast

- Senior Girls:** 4 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville

Shotput

- Senior Boys:** 5 Kai Yu Hsiung, White Station
Senior Girls: 3 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
 5 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville
 7 Rachel Forbes, Northeast

100yd Dash

- Junior Boys:** 2 Eric Osborne, MUS
 4 Andrew Yeh, MUS
Senior Girls: 5 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

220yd Run

- Junior Boys:** 1 Andrew Yeh, MUS
 3 Eric Osborne, MUS

- Senior Girls:** 2 Whitney Kalin, Northeast
 6 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville

440yd Run

- Junior Boys:** 5 Eric Osborne, MUS
Senior Girls: 3 Stacey Scheib, Clarksville
 4 Whitney Kalin, Northeast

50yd Breaststroke

- Senior Boys:** 4 Michael Bennyworth, Hume-Fogg

50yd Butterfly

- Senior Boys:** 8 Michael Bennyworth, Hume-Fogg

50yd Freestyle

- Senior Boys:** 9 Michael Bennyworth, Hume-Fogg

1996-1997 TJCL OFFICERS' AUTOBIOGRAPHERS

Hello! I am Michael Ripski, your TJCL President this year. I have obtained many new ideas for JCL at previous state and national conventions and am excited about working with the other state officers to put **President Michael Ripski** these ideas into action. I assure you that this will be a great year for the TJCL, and I will do my best to make the 1997 state convention one of the best ever.

Along with my interest in JCL, I am a member of the Science Club, Beta Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and school chorus. I am also active in my church youth group. I enjoy playing sports, with my favorites being volleyball, golf, and basketball. I also enjoy traveling, singing, fishing, dancing, reading, learning, and playing with my pet ferret.

I hope to see all of you in Chattanooga in the spring! Until then, Bye!!

- Michael Ripski

In 1991, I began what was to be an epic journey. That year, I watched the movie Dead Poet's Society and was inspired by the classic phrase, "carpe diem." My Latin career had begun.

Vice -President Grant Tucker

Salvete! My name is Grant Tucker, and I am proud to be your 1996-1997 TJCL Vice- President. As a junior at White Station High School in Memphis, my time is filled struggling in the world of academics, attempting to summon my creative muse, and deciphering the enigma that is mathematics. I don't want to damage my approval ratings by gushing on with a list of monotonous activities, but my best hours are spent doing forensics, playing table tennis, watching Jackie Chan flicks, and serving as your V.P. Ever since that fateful trip to the movies in 1991, I have been doing everything possible to seize the day.

Working with you, I hope to make the TJCL an even greater organization.

Before closing, I urge you to write me and remember a little aphorism (non-toxic variety): "We're not like other people. There's a passion that unites us like a family. Some might even call us rebels. But, no, we're not Saturn owners. We're Latin students."

Carpe Diem, everyone, and may the force be with you.

-Grant Tucker

Over a decade ago in the quiet town of Addis Ababa situated in eastern Africa, a child was born.

Secretary Elshaday Gebreyes This child knew not of her destiny, which was to become the first Ethiopian TJCL Secretary in history. Meeting her fate at last year's state convention, she could not express how honored she was to now have the responsibility of attending all meetings of the Executive Board of the TJCL, diligently taking minutes at every meeting, maintaining all correspondence for the organization, and finally leaving behind all of her work for future secretaries.

Why bother with all of that work? Simply because it is for the JCL.

I have been in the JCL since my freshman year and served as an officer on the club level in my sophomore year. I plan to continue studying Latin throughout high school and remain active in the fantabulous (i.e. fantastic + fabulous) JCL.

Besides the JCL, I am involved in several other organizations such as Key Club and Beta Club. My favorite color is forest green, and I am a Capricorn. I am also an open-minded person and would love to receive some new ideas from you all for our state convention. I am

certainly looking forward to working with the other officers in planning it. Hopefully, it will be one of the best ever!!

- Elshaday Gebreyes

{Editor's note: This spot was reserved for your treasurer Elizabeth Brown, but unfortunately, the purple people eater snatched her biography out of the mailbox before I could

receive it.

Treasurer Elizabeth Brown

Since Brownie is a fellow Clarksvillian, I do know a little bit of information about her. She is a senior at Clarksville High School, where she is active in almost every organization offered. She is extremely friendly, and I know she is thrilled to be your state treasurer.}

{Editor's Note: The biography of Chanda Ho, your state parliamentarian, was also mysteriously lost in the mail. However,

Parliamentarian Chanda Ho

I do know that she is a senior at Hutchison School. Based upon her performance at National Convention this summer, I would say that she seems very professional and will likely make an excellent parliamentarian.}

Hey, everybody! My name is Dana Bobbitt, and I am one of your TJCL Historians this year.

I am a junior at Hume-Fogg High School in Nashville. I have been a member of JCL for the past four years, and I've played Certamen all four years. I am taking A.P. Vergil this year. I was historian of our JCL chapter last year. I'm not an officer this year, but I plan to work very closely with the officers.

Historian Dana Bobbitt

When I'm not JCL-ing, I'm active with my church youth group and in our school's Forensics Club, Drama Club, and Christian Student Union. I was also in our spring play last year.

Photography is one of my main hobbies. I also collect teddy bears (I have 41), and I love the Lion King and Elmo from Sesame Street. I love listening to country music, even though most of my friends hate it. I love spending time with my friends and meeting new ones.

I hope to see all of you at State and get to know as many of you as possible. So just come on up and say "HI!" I'm counting on all of you to help us with the scrapbook.

Bye for now!

- Dana Bobbitt

Hello! I'm Alesha Handy, one of the 1996-97 TJCL Historians. I enjoy writing, critiquing films, and taking care of my ten year old goldfish. At my school, Hume-Fogg Academic High School

in Nashville, I am

Historian Alesha Handy

involved in the National Honor Society, Future Teachers of America, the H.F.A. Literary Guild, and the Creative Writing Club, as well as being a tutor and a teacher's aide. This past summer, I attended the Tennessee Governor's School for the Humanities.

I have been an active member of the TJCL since I first started in Latin 1/2 as a seventh grader. Looking back as a senior taking Advanced Placement Latin V, I am glad to have had the chance to contribute to the success of the TJCL at every possible level. Besides working with Dana as historian, I am the president of my school's chapter. I hope to see as many Tennesseans as possible at the next NJCL convention in North Dakota. Dana and I are looking forward to working for our delegation. Feel free to send us pictures of any fundraising, community service, or class activities in which your school's JCL is involved.

We appreciate your help!

- Alesha Handy

Hi, everyone! My name is Melissa Mahoney, and I am currently serving as the TJCL *Torch* Editor. This year, I am an extremely cheerful junior attending Northwest High School in Clarksville, where I am taking A.P. Vergil.

Since falling in love with Latin my freshman year, I have

Torch Editor Melissa Mahoney

been an active member of my school's JCL. I have attended every local, state, and national convention thus far and hope to attend every one in the future. I even go so far as to devote my entire summer to preparing for these conventions.

Besides JCL, I am secretary of my school's Beta Club, a member of the math team, and a peer tutor. I am also very active in my church, where I participate extensively in all youth activities, am a Junior Church Worker, and am historian of the youth group. I also enjoy spending time with my adorable German Shepherd, Sonic, and my five cats.

I would like to encourage everyone to send me lots of stuff including pictures, chapter reports, suggestions, etc. This is **YOUR** publication, and I want **your** input!

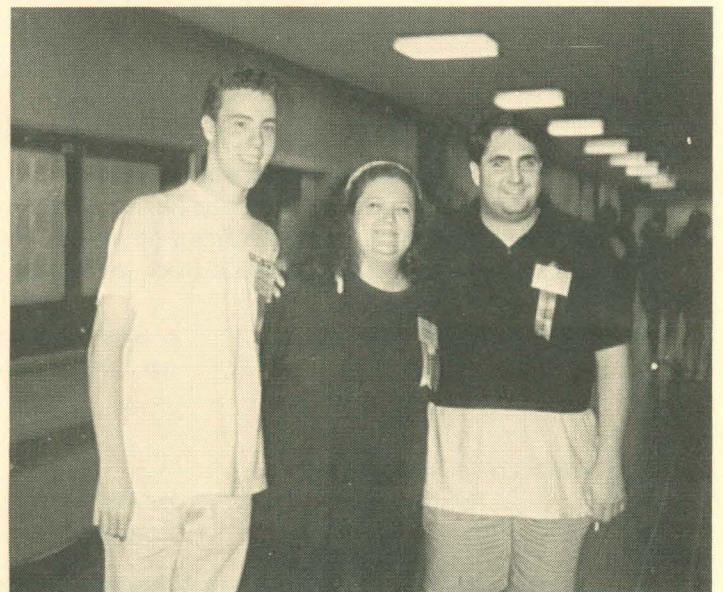
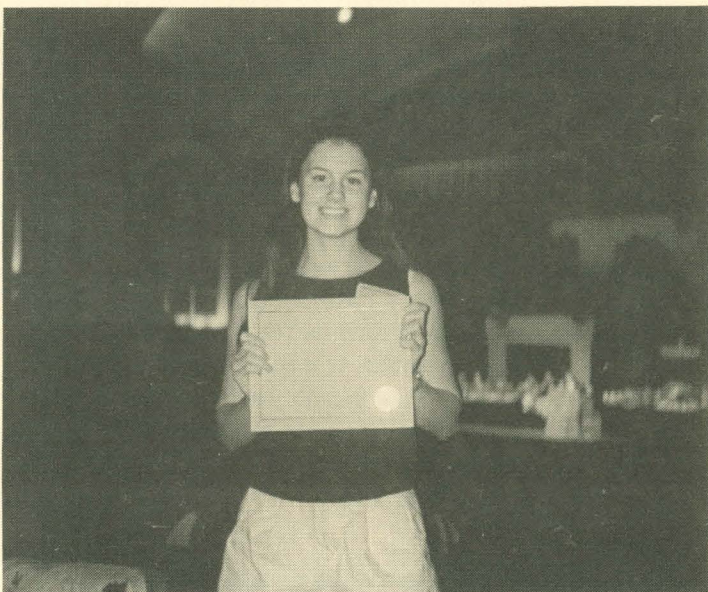
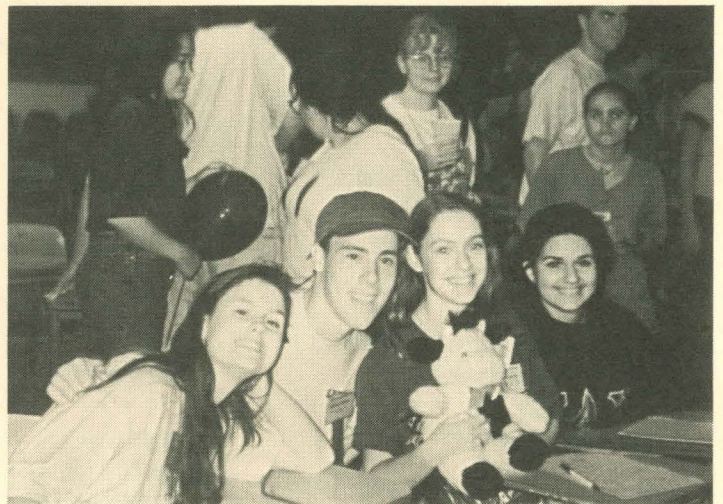
Hope to see everyone at this year's state convention!!

- Melissa Mahoney



At left, the two-time national Certamen champions Keith Morton, Melissa Mahoney, and Marlana Morrow from left to right.

At right, the Tennessee Upper Level Certamen team after defeating Virginia. Below at left, Scholarship recipient Whitney Kalin. Below at right, from left to right, scholarship recipient Whitney Wilson with sponsor Nancy Howell and former scholarship recipient Chris Sloan.



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Et Cetera

The Clarksville JCL delegations are proud to welcome their second pair of husband and wife Latin teachers to Clarksville. State Chair Edward Long and his wife Laura recently moved here, each starting new teaching positions this fall. Welcome!!

The 42nd annual TJCL state convention will be held April 11 - 12 at Red Bank High School in Chattanooga. Swimming events will happily return at this year's convention.

The Historians, Dana Bobbitt and Alesha Handy, would greatly appreciate the sending of chapter and club activity pictures to them as soon as possible.

Do you think that your Latin teacher is the best ever? Has he or she greatly impacted your life through the classics? Do you know a student who has done an outstanding job of promoting classical studies or has significantly improved your local JCL chapter?? If so, send a brief description of what this person has done as well as an address where this person can be reached to the *Torch* Editor.

What has your local chapter been doing lately? Have you participated in any unusual fund-raisers, community service projects, or unique parties? Send me, your friendly *Torch* Editor, all of your chapter reports and pictures for possible publication. Remember, I want to hear from **YOU!**