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### 2000 TJCL Convention Report







Top: The 1999-2000 TJCL Officers; Middle: Dobyns-Bennett sponsor Sandra Hickman; Bottom: This bag contained helpful items to aid Executive Board members in "surviving" the meeting

In November 1999, the TJCL Executive board was already busy preparing for the next state convention at the TJCL Fall Planning Meeting, held this year at the site of the 2000 TJCL Convention, Dobyns-Bennett High School.

Dobyns-Bennett High school is located in the city of Kingsport in East Tennessee. The DBHS JCL is sponsored by Latin teacher Sandra Hickman. The school will be the site of all convention activities, including all Olympika events.

Dobyns-Bennett is no stranger to hosting state conventions; they last hosted the convention in 1984. That particular convention was presided over by then-TJCL President Brenda Timms Edmondson, who is now a TJCL State Co-Chair.

This year's TJCL Convention promises to be a memorable one, with dozens of competitions and many other things to do, both continued on page 2

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new and old.

Among the new: A Mr. and Miss TJCL contest will be held at the dance on Friday night of the convention. The game will be played in a manner similar to that of MTV's "Singled Out," with winners being selected based on their responses to various questions. In addition, Ludi Team Discus (Ultimate Frisbee) will make its first official appearance at this year's convention.

Also at the convention, the recipient of the Grace Elmore Memorial Scholarship will be announced. Selection is based on both financial need and academic achievements in Latin. Members interested in applying for the scholarship should send a letter to TJCL Co-Chair James Long (address listed on back) by April 10 that explains the applicant's desire to attend the NJCL Convention, academic success in Latin, and financial need.



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| Friday, April 28          |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:15 - 8:15 a.m.          | Registration                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 7:30 - 8:15               | Art Registration                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 - 9:00               | Assembly                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:00 - 9:45               | Spirit Contest/Procession/Chariot Race |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:00 - 1:00 p.m          | .Academic Testing                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 10:00 - 1:30              | Art Registration                       |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1:30 - 4:30               | Olympika                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2:00 - 4:30               | English Oratory                        |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3:00 - 5:00               | Certamen                               |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4:00 - 5:00               | Ludi: Team Discus                      |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5:00 - 8:00               | Dinner Break                           |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8:00 - 11:00              | Skits                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | Dance                                  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 - 9:30               | Candidates' Open Forum                 |  |  |  |  |  |
| 8:30 - 10:30              | Dramatic Latin                         |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | Costume Contest                        |  |  |  |  |  |
|                           | Saturday, April 29                     |  |  |  |  |  |
| 9:15 - 12:00              | Assembly/Awards                        |  |  |  |  |  |

### Deadlines

Please make note of the following postmark deadlines with regard to the TJCL Convention (addresses of the people mentioned are listed on the back page of this publication):

March 20 Registration forms/payments must be sent to Mrs. Brenda Edmondson Pre-registration forms for Certamen must be sent to Mrs. Laura Long Poetry, essay, and skit registrations must be sent to Mrs. Kathryn Tebbe TJCL election candidates' prefiling form

due to Parliamentarian Jean Kim

April 3 Bazaar participant notification must be sent to Mrs. Edmondson Publicity contest entries must be sent to Ms. Dawn LaFon

Resumes from those interested in the April 10 appointed offices of Torch Editor and Historian and a for the Grace Elmore Memorial Scholarship to the NJCL Convention must be sent to Mr. James Long

For more information on the 2000 TJCL Convention, visit the official website, maintained by Mrs. Pamela Tillman,

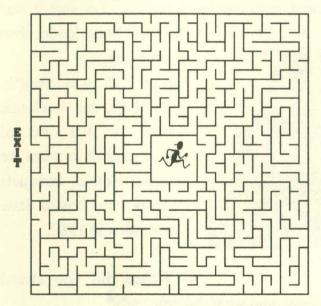
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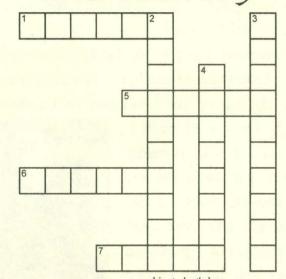


## ESCAPE!

The hero Theseus is stuck in a very confusing maze, and he needs YOUR help to get out!



### Teachers in Myth and History



#### Across

- 1 "the younger" tutor of Nero
- 5 a wise centaur; tutor of heroes
- 6 advisor of Telemachus; Athena often appeared to Odysseus in his form
- 7 taught Heracles music; killed by

#### his student's lyre

#### Down

- 2 Heracles' stepfather; taught him chariot driving
- 3 taught rhetoric to Pliny the Younger; wrote Institutio Oratoria
- 4 Horace's "whacky" teacher

### **DROP-A-LETTER**

Write the English word that fits the first definition in space 1. Drop a letter and rearrange the remaining letters to form a word that fits the second definition and write it in space 2. Drop another letter, rearrange, and get the answer to the third definition for space 3. When you have correctly solved the puzzle, the dropped letters on the left and right will spell out two related words.

### **Definitions**

- 1. third person singular, present active indicative of the Latin verb meaning "to make, do"
- 2. "let there be light" "lux \_\_\_\_\_"
- 3. Latin for "he says, affirms"
- 4. to decrease in intensity, subside; from 9. battuere, beat 10
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- the second letter of the Greek alphabet
- 6. a bill or check; from tabula, board
- one who loans
- 8. English for *maior natu* (substantive); should always be respected
  - English for cervus
- 10. English for urbes

- 11. quotes as an example; from *citare*, to excite or summon
- 12. Latin for "and others" (plural)
- 13. an ornament for a graduation cap; from *tessera*, cube and *talus*, knucklebone
- 14. English for minimus
- 15. the color of a mare

### TJCL Welcomes Two New State Chairs

Following is a series of questions asked of Mr. Long and Mrs. Edmondson, TJCL's two new state chairs.

1. What made you decide to take Latin and join JCL in high school?

**Edmondson:** Initially, my French-born mother wanted me to take French, but all of my friends were signing up for Latin and so I followed

along. Once I joined JCL however, I was instantly hooked and Latin became my favorite class. I did eventually take two years of French, but I preferred Latin (even though I had a much better grasp of French grammar - via my mother, no doubt).



Mr. Long and Mrs. Edmondson at the TJCL Fall Planning Meeting

**Long:** I actually chose Latin before knowing what JCL was all about. I knew that Latin would help me tremendously on English vocabulary and, therefore, college-entrance exams.

2. How were you involved in your school's JCL?

**Edmondson:** By the time I attended my first National Convention, I was already very active in my local chapter. I held an office and was on our Certamen team. I also loved competing in mythology and vocabulary. One of my classmates, Laura Long (Middle Tennessee

Area Sponsor), had just completed her term as TJCL President while I was a freshman and I admired her dedication to the organization. Pretty soon, my interest expanded to the state level. As a sophomore, I was elected TJCL secretary. A year later, I became TJCL president. I also received the JCL Key of Honor from my local chapter. I'm sure it was because I could sing the JCL Song louder than

anyone else.

Long: I was mostly focused on the Academic contests in JCL, but of course pitched in when we planned Roman banquets and when we hosted State Convention in 1982.

3. Where did you attend

college, and what did you study?

Edmondson: I graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1989 with a B.S. in Tourism, Food and Lodging Administration (a degree which helped me achieve the dubious distinction of directing the Peabody Hotel ducks to the lobby fountain as "Duckmaster" in 1990). Long: Vanderbilt University - I had majors in

**Long:** Vanderbilt University - I had majors in Computer Science, Mathematics and Classics.

4. From what high school did you graduate, and when?

**Edmondson:** I graduated from Clarksville High School in 1984. One of the top songs on

the radio back then was Prince's "1999", and after hearing it, I was sure we'd all be living in spaceships by the time 2000 rolled around.

Long: Northeast High School, Clarksville - class of 1984

5. What is your current occupation?

**Edmondson:** I'm a full-time, stay-at-home mom to two very mischievous boys - Wil, age 6, and Kyle, age 3 1/2.

**Long:** I'm a computer programmer at the Saturn plant in Spring Hill.

6. What are your hobbies?

Edmondson: I love volleyball (something I learned as a high school JCLer), as well as reading and painting. I frequent antique stores and doll shows in an effort to expand my huge vintage Barbie collection. I've been told that I know too much movie trivia for my own good. And, to completely humiliate myself and those around me, I like to sing my own lyrics to karaoke songs.

Long: Genealogy and computer games

7. Why do you think studying the classics is worthwhile?

Edmondson: It might be considered a classic, but Latin is rooted in everything we see and do in the modern era. It has staying power. You can't say that about too many things. For me personally, JCL opened up doors that would have otherwise remained closed. My closest and dearest friends are the same people who took Latin with me in the 1980s. Because a lot

of them went to a "rival" high school, I would probably have never met them without JCL. Latin even holds a place of honor in my marriage - fifteen years ago I met my "future" husband on a JCL bus headed to the National Convention. And, yes, he was also from that same "rival" school!

Long: I think the JCL Creed puts it into words better than I could. There are so many aspects of our modern life that are directly tied to classics, and by studying ancient cultures, we learn about why ours is the way it is, and how to appreciate it even more.

## Membership Report

As of the end of January, TJCL had **2892** members in **67** chapters.

New chapters this year are: Central High School (Memphis), Cheatham Middle School, Christian Brothers High School, Evangelical Christian School, Father Ryan High School, Franklin High School, Grace St. Luke's School, LaVergne High School, The McCallie School, and Pigeon Forge High School.

### The five largest chapters are:

- 1. Harpeth Hall School (133)
- 2. Hutchison School (131)
- 3. Germantown High School (116)
- 4. Collierville High School (110)
- 5. White Station High School (109)

## Chapter Reports: Collierville High School

Although Collierville High School has only one Latin teacher, Mrs. Tebbe, their JCL chapter has a membership of over one hundred members. The school honored the club for its accomplishment by presenting it with a certificate and letter from Collierville's principal, Dr. Setterlund.

Collierville began the year with the election of officers. Students volunteered for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, and treasurer, and at the first meeting, members voted on them. Leading JCL into the new millennium are Jason Payne (president), Jonathan Lewis (vice president), Melissa Tucker (secretary), and Blake Perdue (treasurer). The chapter also has two historians, Lauren Kerekes and Bethany Little.

Along with many organizations at CHS, the JCL has worked extremely hard this year to stay active and involved. Members Nicci Feathers and Maggie Blanton led JCLers in the planning, construction, and decoration of a first-place winning float for Collierville's annual Christmas parade. In addition, Jason Payne and Lauren Mariam were elected king and queen during the chapter's Saturnalia party.





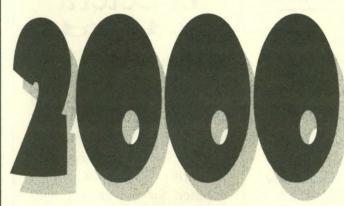
**Top** Saturnalia king Jason Payne and queen Lauren Mariam **Bottom** Members with trophy for their float in the Collierville Christmas Parade

### Hunters Lane High School



The Hunters Lane High School JCL has participated in many activities this year. Members began the year by sending birthday cards to residents of a local nursing home. For Christmas, the chapter traveled to the nursing home, visiting the residents and bringing them tray favors. The string band and show choir, invited by the JCL, performed a show. The next visit to the nursing home is scheduled for February.

Another Christmas project involved the delivery of dog and cat food to an animal shelter in the area.



For more interesting facts on the state of today's world, visit http://www.worldwatch.org/

### **Ancient Rome**

- By the mid-third century, spoken Latin was beginning to disintegrate into a variety of local dialects, with the parent language known only by the learned classes as a second language.
- The empire is in a state of disorder, with thirtytwo emperors in the third century, and with twenty of those coming to power in the second half of that century alone.
- In A.D. 248, the Ludes Saeculares, or Secular Games, are presided over by emperor Philip the Arab to celebrate Rome's one thousandth anniversary. The games feature exotic beasts brought in from remote parts of the empire hunted down and killed in arenas.
- Historians have traced a certain "millenary" feeling in the air - many feel that the new millennium should be marked by a change in era (and emperor). Revolts begin soon after the Secular Games.

# Millennial Madness?

The Romans were certainly not as paranoid about reaching a new millennium as today's society has been. There are, however, several often-overlooked parallels between the one thousandth anniversary of Rome's founding and the two thousandth anniversary of Christ:

**Today** 

### VS.

- By the 21st century, modern languages have had their own revolution with the addition of thousands of words related to to today's technology and computers.
- The United Nations is involved in an increasing number of peacekeeping missions, and the number of internal conflicts is on the rise, while conflicts between nations are declining.
- On December 31, 1999, Dick Clark presided over the millennium countdown in Times Square in New York City. The celebration featured a gigantic ball being dropped from staggering heights, millions of TV viewers, and thousands of bottles of champagne.
- There was definitely a millenary feeling Many feared a religious or technological armageddon, with the world either being destroyed or thrust back into the Dark Ages. Fears turned out to be unfounded.

### Solutions to Puzzles

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The 2000 NJCL Convention will be held August 1-6 at the University of Oklahoma in Norman. Registration packets will be available from the NJCL office in Ohio beginning in April. There is a deposit required for the packet, with the balance due later. Any member of JCL is invited to attend the convention. Check the NJCL website at http://www.njcl.org/ for convention details.

Any chapter interested in constructing a website for the NJCL website contest should have their sites running by the end of April. For more details concerning the contest, visit the NJCL website.

There are several new NJCL Convention contests coming! In the Graphic Arts division this year, there will be categories for Impromptu Art and Computer-Enhanced Photography. In Academics, the Heptathlon will be replacing the Pentathlon.

Send chapter reports and pictures to the *Torch* Editor by April 15, 2000 for consideration for publication in the May issue of the *Torch*. Anyone who would like to see their TJCL convention photos appear in the Torch should send them in ASAP after the convention.