

# ***State Forum Edition***

## **2008**

Can you believe it, we are already at State! It hardly seems like it has been a year since we were all here in Jacksonville. It has definitely been a whirlwind year, and I am excited to see everyone from Nationals and Regionals again.

When this year's Opening Assembly begins, it will begin my fifth and final State Forum as a member of the Junior Classical League. People ask me why I have continued to go year after year, and still, they don't fully get it. For me, State Forum hasn't only been about studying and taking tests. Don't get me wrong, nothing compares to earning trophies and ribbons...but it's the friendships and interesting people you meet that keep you coming back every year.

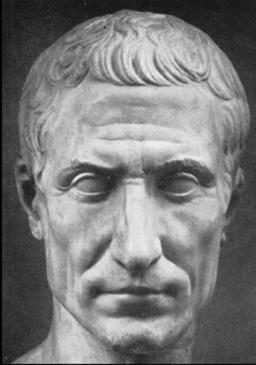
This year the officers have worked very hard in order to make this forum an awesome experience for everyone, so scream your lungs out during the Spirit Assembly and study for your academic tests. Try something new like Impromptu Art or the Mystery Test. Make new friends and have a blast at the dance. Whether it's your first State Forum as a JCLer or your last, make this one to remember. I'm sure it won't be too hard.

☼ By Ashten Mays ☼  
FJCL Editor

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### **Oak Hall Sweeps SCL Tournament**

On the Ides of March, in celebration of the Death of the divine Julius, The SCL held their annual tourney. The prize for this day of glory is the ever popular SCL Traveling trophy.

The SCL should, however, consider renaming the trophy since Oak Hall has won it the last two years, indicating that the trophy has not been traveling at all.

Congratulations to all three levels of Oak Hall for an excellent showing.

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## Candidate for President #1

**Name:** Ethan Rosenblum

**School:** Maclay

**Un-weighted GPA:** 3.85

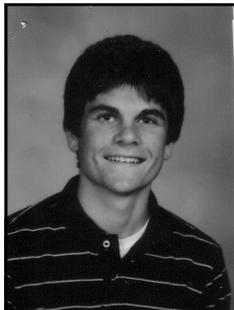
**Courses Completed:** Latin I,  
Latin II

**Currently enrolled in:** AP  
Latin Vergil

**Fora Attended:** 2006, 2007

State Forum; 2006, 2007 National

**Planning to attend Nationals:** Yes



After a long year of being your FJCL Parliamentarian, I now wish to move up the ranks and become the 2008-2009 FJCL President. I am now quite familiar with the necessary leadership, the knowledge of FJCL, and, most importantly, what it takes to be a tremendous president. With the experience of the 2006 and 2007 regional, state, and national for a, along with the 2008 regional forum, with the vast knowledge of Robert's Rules of Order and the Constitution as Parliamentarian, and with the familiarity of the FJCL and CAF systems of operation, I firmly believe that there are none better qualified to fill such a position, and therefore I ask you to vote me as FJCL's next president. I am sure that you will all see me throughout the weekend, and I encourage you to approach me, ask me questions, find out anything and everything you want to know about me.

## Candidate for Vice President #1

**Name:** PJ Rivera

**School:** FSUS

**Un-weighted GPA :**

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**Courses Completed:**  
Latin I, Latin II

**Currently enrolled  
in:** Latin IV

**Fora Attended:** 2006  
and 2007 State; 2007  
Nationals

**Planning to attend Nationals:** Yes



I want to be FJCL Vice President because I am a born leader. Also I can inspire large groups of people to try and achieve a common goal. That common goal is to win overall spirit at National Convention. I know I am the right person for V.P. because I am willing to embarrass myself to have a fun yet accomplishing spirit contest at both National Convention and State Forum. Peace Out PJ Rivera

P.S. Veni Vidi Rapui Certamen Spiritus (I came, I saw, I stole the Spirit Contest)



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## Candidate for Vice President #2

**Name:** Victoria Underwood

**School:** Chiles High

**Un-weighted GPA:** 3.5

**Courses Completed:** Latin I, Latin II, Latin III

**Currently enrolled in:** AP Latin Literature

**Fora Attended:** 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 State; 2007 National

**Planning to attend Nationals:** Yes



To whom it may concern,  
Being the FJCL Vice-president has been a dream of mine since I attended my first state forum in 2004. My aspiration grew increasingly after each state and national convention since then. As I watched the opening assemblies and screamed my head off while yelling "Jump shake your booty," I realized that I have ideas that could aid Florida in placing first in spirit in Miami, Ohio. I am currently the JCL Vice-President At Chiles High School and have sprung ideas for spirit for the 2008 FJCL State Convention that will get CHS fired up! **Ultimately, I plan to foster brotherhood, promote enthusiasm, encourage competition, inspire dedication, and enrich the total growth.**

## Candidate for Parliamentarian #1

**Name:** Gary Baker

**School:** St. John's Country Day

**Un-weighted GPA:** 4.0

**Courses Completed:** Latin Ia, Latin Ib,

Latin II (honors)



**Currently enrolled in:** Latin III (honors)

**Fora Attended:** 2006, 2007 State; 2006, 2007 Nationals

**Planning to attend Nationals:** Yes

Many of you may remember me from last year as a mumbling freshman with a good knowledge of parliamentary procedure but little actual experience. Since then I have been hard at work gaining that experience. At the NJCL Convention I served as a voting delegate for this state. Within the following weeks I wrote a draft for my local chapter's first constitution in years. Since the beginning of school I have served as my chapter's first parliamentarian, and recently I was elected Parliamentarian of Region 3. Currently I am writing a draft for a new constitution for Region 3 to replace the ailing twenty-five year old one. If elected, I promise to protect the constitution of this organization and the rights of the members, while doing my best to keep it running efficiently so that the Forum will be as good as it can be.



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Candidate for Recording Secretary:

**Name:** Jane Darby Menton

**School:** Maclay High

**Un-weighted GPA:** 4.0

**Courses Completed:** Latin  
Ia, Latin Ib

**Currently enrolled in:**  
Latin II

**Fora Attended:** 2 state, 1 nationals

**Planning to attend nationals:** Yes



Hi! My name is Jane Darby Menton from Maclay and I am running for FJCL Recording Secretary. Since Introduction to Latin in sixth grade, I knew it was the language for me. Now I want to be an FJCL officer so I can have the opportunity to help make our awesome conventions even better than ever! This will be my third State Forum, and this summer I will attend my second National Convention. Through these fora, I have made many wonderful friends and had many memorable experiences. It is important to me to have an opportunity to help people learn about Latin and JCL. I am my school's JCL secretary, and I am organized, cooperative, will work well with other officers, bring new ideas, and be eager to assist in any way possible. I would love to have this opportunity to help raise our FJCL to an all-new level!

Candidate for Historian:

**Name:** Danielle Ellis

**School:** Oak Hall School

Other information  
unavailable at time  
of printing.





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## Candidate for NATIONAL Parliamentarian

**Name:** Amritha Sastry

**School:** Hillsborough  
High School

**Un-weighted GPA:** 3.98

**Courses Completed:**

Latin 1/2, Latin I,

Latin I

**Currently enrolled in:**

Latin Latin III- AP Vergil

Fora Attended: State since 2003, Nationals  
since 2006

**Planning to attend nationals:** Yes



“In simplest terms, a leader is one who knows where he wants to go, and gets up, and goes.” It is because I agree with author John Erskine and believe that I represent such qualities, that I wish to be an NJCL officer. I am a person who is a leader, who is responsible, and who is a problem solver. I believe that I can represent Florida on a national level with exemplary character and in a way that would make FJCL proud. I have the confidence to be a student leader, and the resolve to go for it. But it’s not just about the leadership. It’s the classics that make me a JCLer. The luring Latin language and the fascinating culture keep me forever engaged. I think clear evidence of my dedication is that ever since I was a sixth grader, I have been attending State Conventions, making that a total of 5 state fora; in the past two years I have attended 2 national for a. I believe that I can facilitate the growth of the classics by being apart of this prestigious organization. Thus, it is for these reasons that I wish to be an NJCL officer.

## NOTES FROM THE EDITOR AND EDITOR’S SPONSOR:

DEAR CAF MEMBERS, FJCL MEMBERS, SCL MEMBERS, ACL MEMBERS, FFLA MEMBERS, ACTFL MEMBERS, ETA SIGMA PHI MEMBERS, AND ANY PERSONS WHO MAY OR MAY NOT BE MEMBERS OF ANY OTHER RELATED ORGANIZATION,

THE CANDIDATE INFORMATION WAS SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATES THEMSELVES, COLLATED AND TYPED BY PARLIAMENTARIAN ETHAN ROSENBLUM, AND THEN FORWARDED FOR PLACEMENT IN THE UVAE VITIS. ANY TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS WERE THEORETICALLY SUBMITTED BY THE CANDIDATE AND NOT OURS. IN THE EVENT THAT WE HAVE MISREPRESENTED THE WORDS OF A CANDIDATE, OR MADE ANY OTHER ERRORS, WE APOLOGIZE.

THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE UVAE WILL COME BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR CLUB ACTIVITIES, ADVENTURES, ET CETERA TO CBEBERGAL@FSU.EDU. THROW IN A PICTURE OR TWO AS WELL, WE LOVE GETTING MAIL FROM JCLERS AND SPONSORS AND YOU’LL LOVE GETTING PUBLICITY POINTS FOR YOUR SUBMISSIONS.

BEST OF LUCK IN YOUR TESTS, SPEECHES, COSTUMES, OLYMPICA, AND, OF COURSE, AT THE DANCE.

ASHTEN MAYS & MR. CRAIG BEBERGAL  
EDITOR SPONSOR



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*Salvete JCLers!*

*On behalf of the Florida Senior Classical League I'd like to welcome you to the 59th annual Florida State Latin Forum.*



*We'd like to invite any graduating seniors to join us this year as Slashers, and we encourage anyone interested to speak to an SCLer if you'd like to see what we really do behind the scenes at convention.*

*If you've enjoyed State Forum as a JCLer, there are many more opportunities for you in the future as a member of the Senior Classical League. That's Entertainment is only a small extent of the reach of the friendly hand of SCL. Slashers are welcome to join us for SCL meetings and voting, as well as helping the SCL run many of the events at forum, to see what a great time we have in the FSCL.*

*For everyone here this weekend, good luck on your tests and have an unforgettable time this year at forum!*

*Avete atque valete!*

*Shawn Narhi*

*FSCL Secretary*



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### Article III, Section 4.

No act of this organization or section of this constitution or its bylaws may conflict or be construed so as to conflict with the constitution, bylaws, or acts of the National Junior Classical League, the Classical Association of Florida, or the American Classical League.

#### Rationale:

Since the National Junior Classical League and the American Classical League are parent organizations of this organization, and the Classical Association of Florida is the sponsor of this organization, this organization should not be permitted to do anything that conflicts with them.

### Article III, Section 5.

The Board of Advisors shall have the authority to nullify, by unanimous vote, any act of this organization, which it feels will greatly interfere with the legitimate operations of this organization.

#### Rationale:

This amendment would provide a failsafe for the event of this organization passing a resolution that would do more harm than good. It should only be used in *extreme* situations.

### Article IV, Section 3.

Any member-at-large or long distance member of the National Junior Classical League residing in the state of Florida shall become a member-at-large of this organization upon his proper registration.

#### Rationale:

The FJCL Constitution currently makes no provision for long distance members as mentioned in Article IV, Section 1, Part B. This corrects for that by moving such members into the member-at-large group.



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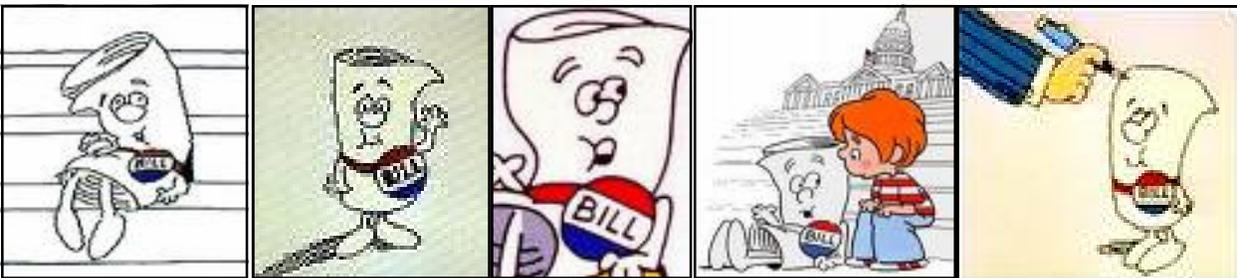
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### Article V, Section 4.

No more than two members from the same *school* shall serve as officers of this organization simultaneously.

#### Rationale:

Since all of the members-at-large are considered one chapter this limit leaves them with a disadvantage over regular chapter members. Changing *chapter* to *school* will maintain the limit for everyone and would allow three members-at-large from different schools to run for office, in such a rare event.



### Article V, Section 7.

In order to be eligible for candidacy for an elected office *an individual must be eligible to hold the office for which he intends to run; must be a member of chapter running no more than one other candidate for an elective office; must submit a completed declaration of candidacy form, on which he shall declare the office for which he seeks candidacy, and affirm his eligibility to hold office and intent to serve if elected. This form must be sent by the deadline that shall be set each year by the Executive Board, and must include the signed approval of the individual's parent or legal guardian, sponsor, and school principal.*

#### Rationale:

The first new qualification should be obvious. It has simply been added to this amendment in order to make the constitution as lucid as possible. The second qualification has been added in order to prevent three people from a school from running for office when only two could be constitutionally elected (Article V, Section 4). Article V, Section 4 should remain, however, in order to prevent appointed officers from circumventing the two officer limit.



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### Article V, Section 8.

In the event that there are *no* candidates for an elected office by the submission deadline of the declaration of candidacy form, any eligible individual has the right to seek candidacy for that office. In this situation, the procedure shall be as follows: the Parliamentarian, promptly after the close of the opening assembly of the State Latin Forum, shall accept a completed declaration of candidacy form from each eligible individual wishing to be a candidate for that office; the Parliamentarian shall waive the requirements of the original submission deadline and of the signatures of the parent or legal guardian and school principal; *however, the approval of the parent or legal guardian must be assured.*

#### Rationale:

The original provision called for this situation when there were *less than two* pre-filed candidates. This would cause such a situation almost every year in at least one office. The purpose of candidates pre-filing would lose its use. This amendment changes it from *less than two* to *no* pre-filed candidates.

In such a situation, although attaining the notarized signatures of the parents would be nearly impossible, the approval of the parents should still be assured, whether by phone or some other communication. The original provision could allow someone to run for office and then be prevented from serving by the disapproval of the parents. This amendment provides for the guarantee of the parent's approval.

### Article IX, Section 2.

#### REMOVAL OF SECTION FROM CONST.

~~— A Constitutional Committee composed of the current elected officers, their immediate predecessors, and the Chairman of the Board of Advisors, shall be appointed by the current President promptly after the close of the State Latin Forum. The current President shall serve as the chairman of this committee. The Constitutional Committee shall review this constitution and the bylaws of this organization, and shall propose any necessary amendments to this constitution and the bylaws of this organization to the membership of this organization. The Constitutional Committee shall also be responsible for the maintenance of this constitution and the bylaws of this organization. Meetings of the Constitutional Committee shall be held on an as-needed basis. Meetings may be called by the current President or by the Chairman of the Board of Advisors and shall be called upon the written request of three members of this committee. Except in cases of emergency, at least two weeks' notice shall be given.~~

#### Rationale:

This committee has outlived its use and is far too powerful.



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### Article XIII.

#### Suspension of the Constitution and Bylaws

In the case of extreme emergency, any part of this constitution or its bylaws may be suspended by a unanimous vote of the Board of Advisors.

#### Rationale:

Due to the recent problems with the constitution, there should be a way to constitutionally suspend parts of the constitution and bylaws. The word *extreme* should not be downplayed. Since suspending the constitution and bylaws is a huge parliamentary *faux pas*, this Article should be removed after a sufficient time has passed with no constitutional issues.

**Dear Voting Delegates,**

**Please make sure you are on time for your meetings or you will not be allowed to vote.**

Love,  
Your Parliamentarian  
Ethan Rosenblum



**Dear Students With Projects,**

**Please pick them up on time or they will be discarded.**

Love,  
Projects Chairs  
Cathy Sturgill & Daniel Robie

**Dear JCLers,**

**Please remember to obey all forum rules. We do not want to get up for the discipline meeting.**

Love,  
Your Sponsors



**Dear Everyone,**

**Please Laugh at the jokes in That's Entertainment. We are really sensitive about it.**

Love,  
The SCL