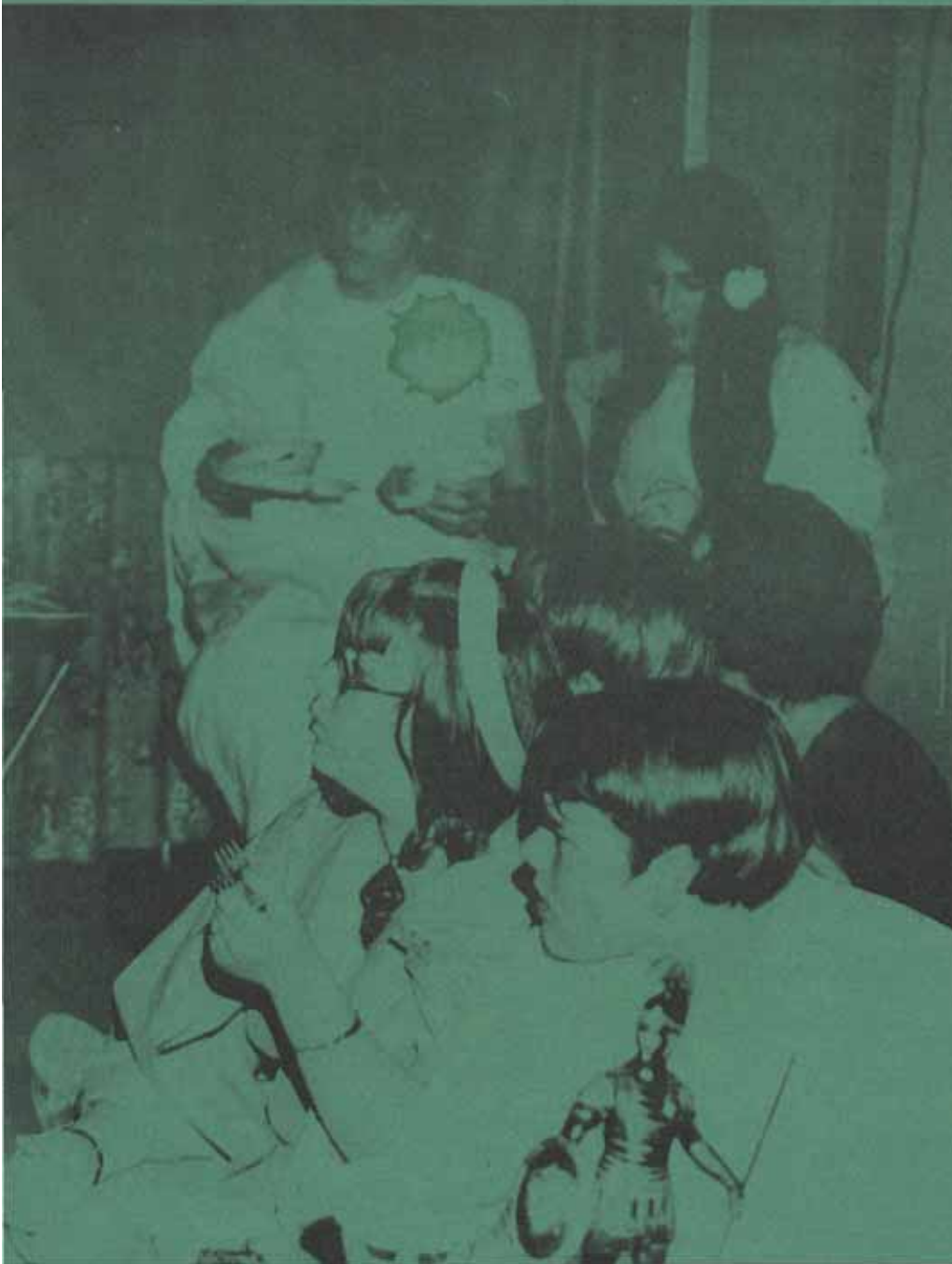


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COVER PICTURE: Students of Warren Central
High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, enjoying
their annual Saturnalia celebration. Picture
compliments of George Feldman.

Many thanks to ANN LANDERS.

The following column is reproduced with her permission:

DEAR ANN LANDERS: My favorite subject is Latin. When I tell this to my friends, they look at me as if I am crazy. Just today somebody said, "I wouldn't take Latin for all the money in the world. It's a dead language."

I must admit, I've never heard people talking to each other in Latin, the way they do in Spanish or French, but Latin helps people understand all languages. For example, I understand English a lot better because I know some Latin. In the last two years my vocabulary has increased tremendously.

Kids don't pay much attention to what I say, but they listen to Ann Landers, so please say something good about Latin. Thank you.--
A LATIN LOVER.

DEAR LOVER: Your letter hit me where it hurt. If I could live my high school years over, the one thing I would do differently would be to take Latin. I ducked it because I, too, thought it was a dead language, and I have regretted it ever since.

(Special credit to The Indianapolis Star, Indianapolis, Indiana, in which the above column first appeared, and to Publishers-Hall Syndicate.)

AUGMENTING READING SKILLS THROUGH LANGUAGE LEARNING TRANSFER

In the summer of 1973, the Indianapolis Public Schools received a Title III grant of \$32,250.00 to develop a project which is predicated on the hypothesis that significant English language skills and the control of syntactic structures can be measurably improved through participation in a specially designed Latin FLES program which stresses the importance of Latin root words. The general goals of this project are to assess whether or not the study of Latin and classical civilization will:

1. expand the verbal functioning of sixth grade children in English
2. broaden their cultural horizons and stimulate an interest in humanities.

The project is directed toward approximately 400 sixth grade students in six schools. Two additional schools with approximately 100 sixth grade students were selected to function as control groups. All participating students are studying Latin and classical civilization in a program coordinated with their work in their regular classes. There is a thirty-minute lesson each day five days per week taught by a Latin specialist. The complete battery (Form H) of the intermediate Metropolitan Achievement Test was used as a pretest in October, 1973 and (Form F) was used as a post test in March, 1974.

At the end of the first year of this three year project, the experimental group has shown within a 5 month period between the pretest and post test a gain on the following subtests of the intermediate battery of the Metropolitan Test as follows: 8 months on Word Knowledge, 1 year in Reading, 1 year and 1 month in Language, 4 months in Spelling, 7 months in Math Computation, 8 months in Math Concepts, 9 months in Math Problem Solving, 5 months in Science, and 7 months in Social Studies.

(Reproduced with permission of Miss Rita Sheridan, Director, ESEA Title III Project, Indianapolis, Indiana)

Pompeianae Praefectus Salutem Dicit
Litterarum Classicarum Studiosis!

The reception of Pompeiana by the community at large has been encouraging. We now have members in eighteen states, Canada, and England.

We are proud to announce the creation of an Advisory Board. The members' names are listed on the inside cover page of this edition.

The Lilly Endowment of Indianapolis has given Pompeiana the promise of a discretionary grant of \$5,000; however, to obtain the grant, \$2,000 more in public support is needed. We appreciate any help you can give us in enlisting new memberships.

As time allows, I continue to be available to address classes and community groups. I recently travelled to Racine and Waterford, Wisconsin, at the invitation of Messrs. Tom Springmann and Joe Hying, to address classes in three high schools there. I was also invited by Miss Karen Agee to address Latin FLES classes in the Indianapolis Public School System. This program, headed by Miss Rita Sheridan, is proving most successful, as is reported in this newsletter.

Glossy color prints (14"x16") of the House of Marcus Loreius Tiburtinus are now being mailed to all those holding contributing memberships and above. Our special thanks to Miss Cleo Kinnison of North Central High School, Indianapolis, for supplying the slide from which these prints were made.

Now the holiday season is near, and whether or not we shout IO SATURNALIA in the streets, these lines from Virgil's Eclogues (Bk. IV, 5) remain fitting:

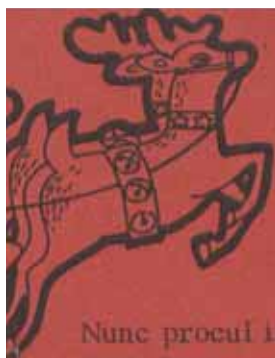
"A great order of the ages is born anew. Now the virgin, now the reign of Saturn, comes again; now a new progeny descends from heaven."

Bernard F. Barcio
Director



NOX ANTE CHRISTI MISSAM

Erat nox ante Christi Missam, ubi totum per domum
Nullum animal movebat, ne mus quidem;
Tibialia suspendebantur prope compluvium cum cura,
Per spem Sanctum Nikolatem mox ibi futurum;
Liberi crispabant omnes grati in suis lectis;
Dum fesus dulcum saltaverunt per sua capita;
Et mater in sua mitra, et ego in meo galero,
Diligenter descenderamus nostra cerebra pro longo hiberno somno,
Ubi extrensecus in pratulo emersit talis sonus,
Ut ego prosilerem ex meo lecto ad videndum quid esset labor.
Procul ad fenestram volavi ut fulgor,
Resignavi foriculas et patefeci cingulum.
Luna in mamma modo-decessi nivis
Dedit nitorem meridiei rebus imis,
Ubi, quid meo admiranti oculo apparuit,
Autem parva trahea, et octo minuti renones,
Cum parvo vetore agitatore tam strenuo et acri,
Ut ego cogitarem in puncto hunc debere esse Sanctum Nikolatem.
Rapidius aquillis renones eius venerunt,
Et sibilavit, et clamavit, et appellavit eos nominibus:
"Nunc, Dasher! Nunc, Dancer! Nunc, Prancer et Vixen!
Perge, Kometes! Perge, Cupidel! Pergite, Donner et Blixen!
Ad summum vestibulum! Ad summum murum!



Nunc procul impingete! Procul impingete! Procul impingete, omnes!
Tam frontes ante ferocem turbinem volant
Quando occurrunt impedimentum, surgunt ad caelum
Quam sursum ad tectum renones volaverunt
Trahea plena nugarum et Sancti Nikolatis etiam--
Et tunc in fulgore, audivi in tecto
Exultantes et ferientes omnes parvas ungulas,
Tamquam intraxi meum caput, et circa distorquebam,
De compluvio Sanctus Nikolas venit cum saltu,
Vestiebatur totus in pelle, de capite ad pedem,
Et sui vestitus toti inquinabantur cum fraxininibus et fuliginibus;
Fascem nugarum jactaverat in suo dorso,
Et videtur similis institori diligenter aperienti suam fascem,
Sui oculi--quam canduerunt! Sui gelasini quam hilari!
Suae genae erant similes rosis, suus nasus similis ceraso!
Eius lepidum parvum os trahebatur sursum simile arco,
Et barba in suo mento erat tam alba quam nix;
Truncus fistae stricte habuit in suis dentibus,
Et fumus conclusit suum caput ut corona;
Habuerat latum vultum et rotundum parvum ventrem
Qui labefactavit ubi risit ut patera plena gelatae,
Obesus et pinquis, recte hilarus vetus faunus;
Et risi ubi vidi eum, me contempto;
Nictu suorum oculorum et flexus sui capitis
Mos fecit me certiore me habere nihil timere;
Nullum dixit verbum, sed statim ivit ad suum factum,
Et implevit tota tibialia; tunc distorsit cum impetu,
Et ponens suum digitum prope suum nasum,
Et dans nutum, in adversum compluvium surrexit,
Saluit in suam traheam, suo jugo dedit silium,
Et procul toti volaverunt simili plumae cardui,
Autem audivi eum exclamare ut pepulit e visu--

"FESTIVA CHRISTI MISSA TOTIS
ET TOTIS BONA NOXI!"

SANCTUS NIKOLAS VIVITH!

Salve, Virginia,

Amici tui parvi errant. Dubitatione
aetatis dubitantis inducti sunt. Non credunt
nisi vident. Credunt nihil existere posse
quod intellegi animis parvis eorum non potest.
Omnes animi, Virginia, aut virorum aut
liberorum parvi sunt. In hoc magno mundo
nostro. Homo in mente est parvum insectum,
mica, comparatus ad mundum circum se,
conlatus ad illam mentem quae intelligere
omnem veritatem et sapientiam potest.

Non credere Sancto Nikolati? Simile
est dicere te faunis non credere!

Ita, Virginia, Sanctus Nikolas vivit.
Immo vero vivit quam certe tam amor et
benignitas et dedicatio vivunt. Gratias Deo
ago Sanctum Nikolatem vivere et victurum
esse per omne tempus! Mille annos, minime
decem milles multiplicata annos abhinc,
animum liberorum beatum facere continuabit.

(Published originally in English in the New York Sun,
September 21, 1897, by Francis Pharcellus Church.)

"COMMENTS ON SOME CURRENT VOCABULARY RESEARCH

"The Laboratory stresses the importance of foreign language study in expanding one's knowledge of English. In Washington, the foreign language backgrounds of 220 examinees were tabulated and compared with their English vocabulary levels....Those examinees with no foreign language background had an average English vocabulary percentile of 28; those with Latin and another language averaged 58....

"In related research, Richard Bowker of the Boston Laboratory has conducted a preliminary examination of the effect of Latin study on vocabulary level. He administered a vocabulary test to two groups of juniors at a private Boston high school...One group has had two years of Latin in addition to a modern language and the other group has taken two years of a modern language but no Latin....

"Bowker found that the Latin group scored higher than the non-Latin group on the vocabulary test. The difference was small--about five words on a 150 word test--but statistically significant....

"The advantage from studying Latin may be more the simple awareness that words have precise, definite meanings and are not merely haphazard indicators of a vague thought... The learning of a few new English words is only an incidental part of the study of Latin; an increased understanding of the nature and purpose of language itself should be a major part of the study of Latin, or of any foreign language."*

*Excerpts from Bulletin #115 - Human Engineering Laboratory, 347 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts, 02116.

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Caesar and eight legions crossed
the Rubicon River, to begin what
is believed to be his revenge
against the Roman government for
trying to disperse his command.
The senate on hearing the news
has proclaimed Julius Caesar
public enemy.

The small town of
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Caesar swept und
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into the city.

OF DAMAGES EXCEEDS MILLIONS

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