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PUBLICATION DATES: The tenth of August, October
December, February, April, and June.

COVER PICTURE: Students of Brownstown High School, Brownstown, Indiana, performing their original play, "Sermo Cotidianis -- The Unheard Roman Speaks," for students in attendance at Latin Day at Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Pompeiianae Praefectus Salutem Dicit
Litterarum Classicarum Studiosis!

I am pleased to announce that Pompeiiana, Inc. has been awarded a grant by the Clowes Fund Inc. of Indianapolis to maintain and expand its program of circulating educational slide/cassette presentations free of charge to our membership. It is our hope that this grant will enable us to fill all requests that we have received for the '75-'76 school year.

A flier has now been produced to advertise the construction goals, design and proposed uses of the various rooms in the reconstruction of the Pompeian House of Marcus Loreius Tiburtinus. Copies of this flier will be used to solicit donation commitments to the building fund over the next three years. Fliers and pledge cards for the building fund may be requested from Pompeiiana, Inc. at this time.

The response to my casual mention of the film THE WILL TO BE FREE in my last column was overwhelming. The film is now booked solid through October, 1976. Bookings may be made at this time, however, for the rest of the '76-'77 school year.

The National Catapult Contest is now in full swing, and there is every indication that the goal of hurling a 100 lb. rock 100 yards will finally be achieved this year. Thanks to the support of the Rock Island Refinery Foundation and Associated Services of Indianapolis cash awards will be presented to winning schools in this year's contest to promote and expand their Latin programs.

We are very close to achieving our membership goal of 1,000 for the '76-'77 school year, but still need your help in inviting your friends to join us in promoting Classical Studies at the secondary school level. If your own membership expires this month, please do join us again for another year of progress.

Bernard F. Barcio
Director



400 STUDENTS ATTEND CLASSICS DAY AT HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Four hundred students of Latin and Classics from Western Massachusetts attended "Classics Day" at Holyoke Community College on Monday, March 22, under the aegis of the Pioneer Valley Classical Association. The group was welcomed by William D. Gleason, Teacher of Latin at South Hadley High School and chairman of the Classics Day program, President David M. Bartley of Holyoke Community College, and Miss Ann Booth of Waltham High School, President of the Massachusetts Junior Classical League.

Students chose two of the following seminars: Ancient Fashions, Athletics in the Ancient World, Classics after High School, Classics Quiz, Latin and the Freedom Trail, Mythology in Tolkien's Lord of the Rings, Roman Slums and Palaces, Rome and Pompeii, The Sounds of Virgil and Catullus, Catapults, A Musician Looks at Dactyle, and Roman Numerals. Teachers for the seminars were from the member schools, the Department of Classics at the University of Massachusetts, and, in one case, student experts: the class on Catapults was conducted by Ken Kuenzel and Keith Brown of South Hadley High School.

After lunch, the group relaxed and enjoyed the movie "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum" in the spacious forum at Holyoke Community College.

4 MINI-COURSES ADDED IN HATTIESBURG, MISSISSIPPI

Nancy Ratliff, Hattiesburg, Mississippi, writes that 4 mini-courses are being added to the curriculum next year: 9 weeks each of Greek Civilization, Roman Civilization, Mythology, and the Epics (Iliad, Odyssey, and Aeneid). Students may take all 4 for a unit of credit or either set of two for half a unit.

LATIN DAY
BUTLER UNIVERSITY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

On Tuesday, March 9, 1976, 350 Latin students from the junior and senior high schools in and around Indianapolis converged upon the campus of Butler University for their first Annual Latin Day activities.

The day began with a presentation on "Greek Archaeology" by Professor Albert Steiner of Butler, after which the students were introduced to the "Joys and Mysteries of Advanced Latin" by Professor Don Goertz of Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana.

After the General Session, the students were free to attend their choice of two programs offered in Sessions III and IV: Sermo Cotidianis --The Unheard Roman Speaks (an original play done by the students at Brownstown High School, Brownstown, Indiana, under the direction of Lester Kern); Introduction to Classical Greek; National Catapult Contest; Classic Architecture and Decorative Motifs in Indianapolis; Roman Costumes and Customs; Pompeii Revisited; and Roman Religion.

After lunch the students were taken on guided tours of the Butler Campus.

Latin Day was sponsored by Pompeiiana and the Classics Department of Butler University as one of the activities of the Indiana Classical Conference Resource Center VII.



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FELICES DIES

"Bene, Richi, quomodo omnia eunt?"

"Non tam bene, Fonzi. Illam puellam suavem nondum rogavi ut mecum ad saltationem iret, et etiamsi eam rogo, meus currus non reparabitur ante Saturni diem."

"Liceat mihi aspicere currum tuum. Fortasse eum figere potero."

"Etiamsi currum figes, adhuc ero in confusione rerum. Nam quomodo puellam quam vix sciam rogo ut mecum ad saltationem iret. Ullum consilium, Fonzi?"

"Cur tu non facis quid ego faciam, Richi. Solum esto frigidus, tuis digitis concrepa, et puellae venient currentes."

"Serio, Fonzi, cum non sum tam frigidus quam tu, quid facere possum?"

"Bene, Richi, potes facere hoc..."

(POSTERO DIE IN ARNOLDI TABERNA, POTSIUS,
RALPHUS, ET FONZIUS SEDENT)

"Ralphe, scisne si Richius ad saltationem it?"

"Potsi, ego non scio, sed pro certo habeo Fonzium scire.
Fonzius omnia scit."

"Ita, omnia scio. Richii currum fixi, et eum docui
quomodo invitaret illam puellam quae illic est. Si satis
frigidus est, id faciet."

"Quid eum docuisti ut faceret, Fonzi?" rogat Ralphus.

"Quae est res occulta?" rogat Potsius.

Fonzius respondet, "Videbis! Cunninghamus me non
deiciet."

Illo momento temporis, Richius Cunninghamus, gerens
T-subuculum, semiapertam nigram tunicam scorteam,
directas ocreas de Genoa, et nigros calceos scorteos, in
Arnoldi tabernam ambulat.

Ad puellam ambulat, et, innitens juka-arca, suis
digitis concrepat, et inquit, "Heeeyus, puella, visne
ire ad saltationem?"

(INTER SALTATIONEM, POTSIUS ET RALPHUS
SUNT PROPINQUI PUNCHI CRATERI.)

"Richius erat paene tam frigidus quam Fonzius ipse,"
inquit Potsius.

Ralphus respondet, "Paene, sed nemo est tam frigidus
quam Fonzius!"

Written by John Houlihan

Brebeuf Preparatory School
Indianapolis, Indiana

DEDICATION

To whom should I dedicate this very late poem
Just revised nicely by such a great student?
To you, Mr. Cook, because you alone have been on my back
to make-up this assignment,
Even when you alone of all teachers dared to try and
explain Latin in three learned and, by Catullus,
industrious years!
Therefore, have to you this little poem,
such as it is, whatever joy it may bring,
Because, Oh patron god of Latin, may it help
to bring my grade up!

Linda Butterworth

(This poem was received by Joe Cook, Ben Davis High School,
Indianapolis, Indiana, in response to an assignment to
paraphrase a poem by Catullus.)



Pictured above are students from Fulton Junior High School, Indianapolis, Indiana, with their teacher, Kathy Pritchard, attending the Catapult Workshop conducted by Pompeiiana, Inc.

APOLLO - SPIRITUS LXXVI
or
ROMAN BANQUET - ELGIN STYLE!

"O valide Zeus, rex deorum et virorum, specta in nos hac nocte, et vide nostram festam cenam quae gratiatur plurima: ducentissimum diem generis, annales Latinas epulas, et congregationem amicorum.

"Juppiter, hospitibus nam te dare jura loquuntur, hunc laetum Latinum diem Elginitibus profectis esse velis nostrosque hujus meminisse minores. Adsit laetitiae Bacchus dator et bona Juno."

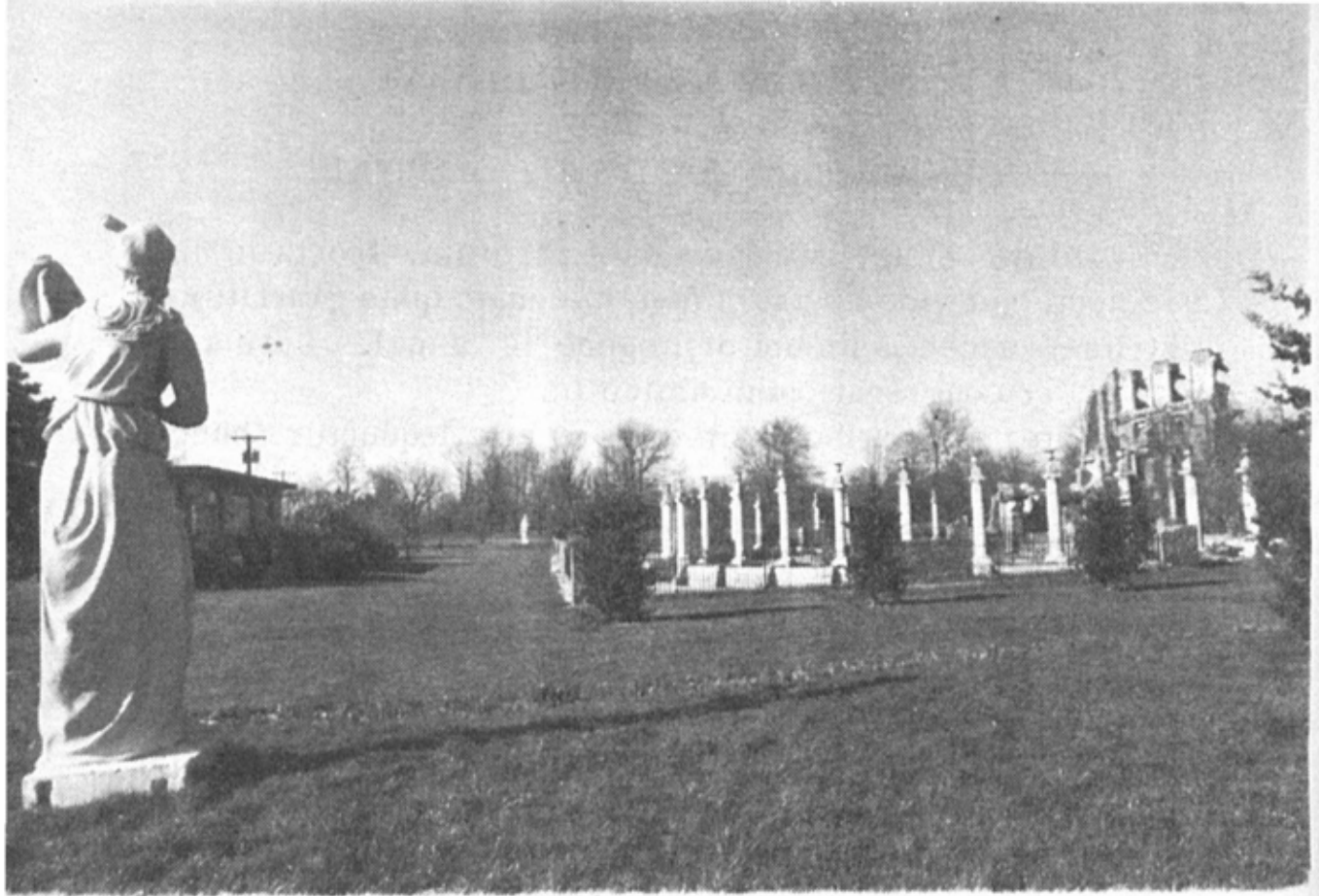
After the above Invocation to the Gods, 260 students and parents listened to Mayor Richard L. Verbic proclaim Monday, March 15, 1976, as Roman Night. The Roman Banquet at Elgin High School, Elgin, Illinois, had officially begun.

The theme of this year's banquet was "Apollo-76" with special attention given to events that could have happened in 76 B.C., 76 A.D., 1776 and 1976 under the guidance of the god of light, Apollo.

A highlight of the evening was a wedding ceremony performed by the students just as it would have been in '76 B.C.

(Submitted by W. McWilliams, Classics Humanities Program, Elgin High School, Elgin, Illinois)





*You are cordially invited
to attend the
Annual Meeting and Reception
for Members of
Pompeiana, Inc.
on Saturday, May 22, 1976,
from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
at the Community Center,
Holliday Park,
Spring Mill Road
Indianapolis, Indiana*

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6026 Indianola Avenue
Indianapolis, Indiana 46220
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Immediately following the reception will be the National
Awards Banquet for the Fifth National Catapult Contest.

NATIONAL AWARDS BANQUET
FOR THE
FIFTH NATIONAL CATAPULT CONTEST
Saturday, May 22, 1976

MENU

DELUXE SMORGASBORD

Relish tray (olives, celery sticks, etc.)

Potato Salad

Cole Slaw

Baked Beans

Ham

Roast Beef

Corned Beef

Peppered Beef

Salami

Turkey

Cheddar Cheese

Swiss Cheese

Rye Bread

Egg Roll Buns

Brownies

Iced Tea, Coffee

(And, of course, hard-boiled eggs and honey)

\$8.00 per person

Please make _____ reservations for the Fifth National
Catapult Contest Awards Banquet.

Enclosed is my check for _____.

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