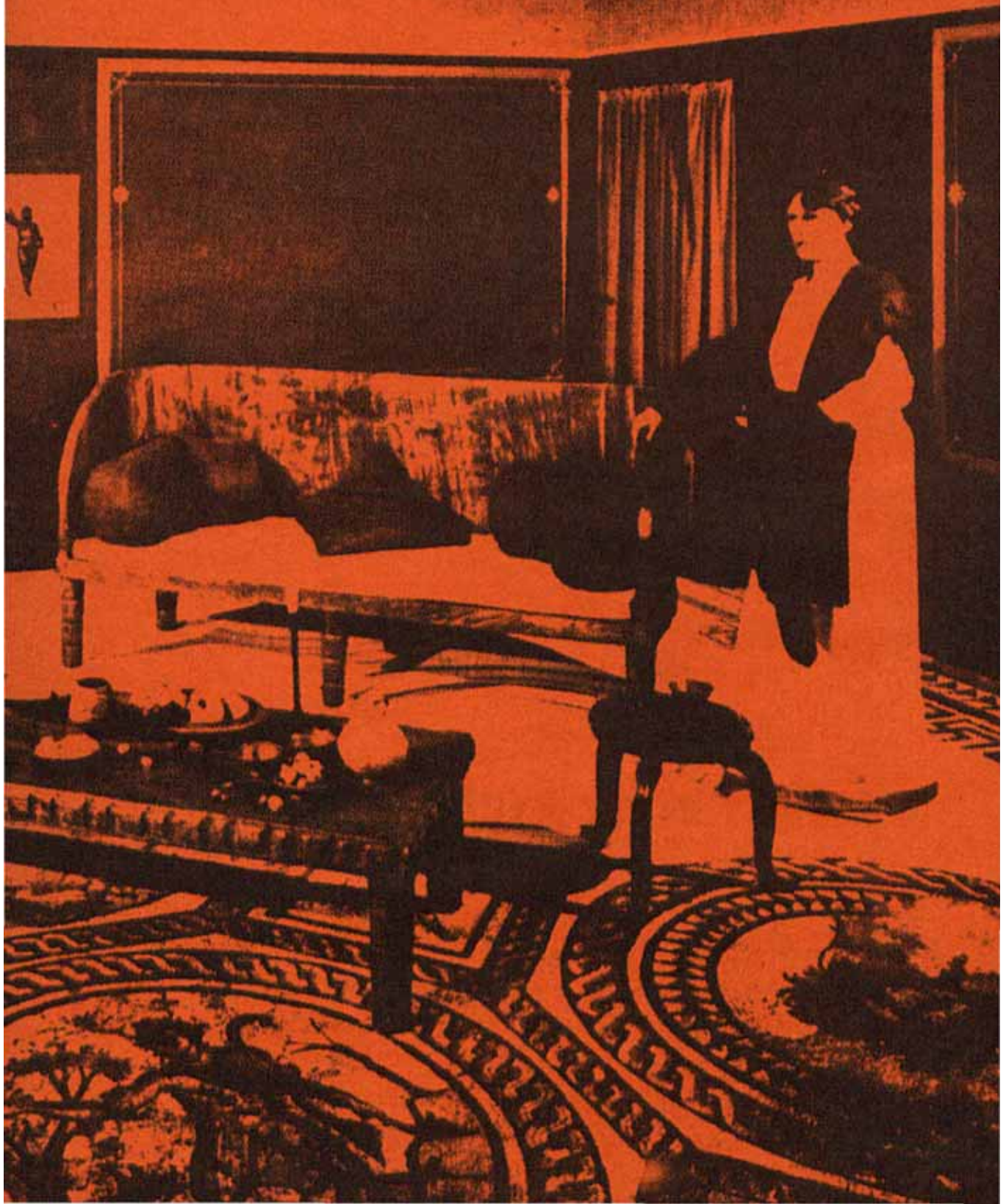


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COVER PICTURE: CORINIUM MUSEUM, CIRENCESTER,
ENGLAND. Reconstruction of a Romano-British triclinium,
or dining room, based upon the 'Four Seasons' mosaic floor.

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Pompeiianae Praefectus Salutem Dicit
Litterarum Classicarum Studiosis!

We now have nearly 1000 members in 45 states . I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped "spread the word" about Pompeiiana .

Recently our Resource Center made plans for the Second Annual Latin Day for Indianapolis area Latin students . It will be held on December 7 at the Butler University campus . We anticipate nearly 400 students will be in attendance .

Pompeiana's Second Annual Chariathon for Latin will be November 6, 1976, on the circus-shaped parking lot over the Canal in Broad Ripple Village . This will be our second formal Indiana fund raising event for the reconstruction of the House of Marcus Loreius Tiburtinus .

Several Latin Clubs throughout the country have written to offer their support for our building project . Our local Chariathon--conducted in the same manner as bike-a-thons and walk-a-thons, with pledges made for each lap a chariot completes--has been an excellent fund raiser (as well as drawing attention to the activities of the Latin students) . I would like to encourage any members interested in sponsoring other fund raising activities for the building fund to contact me!

We have applied for a zoning variance for the property donated to Pompeiana . The hearing is scheduled for mid-November .

Although Pompeiana's first application for an NEH grant to complete a course entitled Identifiable Greek and Roman Influences in Contemporary America was rejected, we are resubmitting a revised application in November .

We would appreciate receiving more pictures and articles for use in our newsletters . As Cicero said, "Ubi nihil erit quod scribas, id ipsum scribito."

Bernard F . Barcio

PROBLEMS OF PHILOSOPHY
(for S.D.P.)

On the margin of sleep,
Numbed reason scrawls symbols:
Functions, connectives,
Affirmations, negations,
Paradoxical implications--
From self-contradictory premises, anything follows.

All men are mortal. Socrates is a man.
My argument, admittedly equivocal, goes thus:
If Socrates, hence, is mortal, how is it
That the bandy-legged gad-fly's laughter still mocks us?

The denial of negation,
Phoenix-like, begets an affirmation.
(The dream's logic dances, to music of its own choosing)
I give up life, and find it in the losing.

On the dog-eared page of thought
Logic inscribes a thin blue line.
Which purports to divide the "is" from the "is not."
The attempt is futile.
Dream knowledge can not be dissected on a truth-table.
On the uneven legs of psyche, self, seeming, and sense,
Tables wobble.

William D. Nolan

(Reprinted from Genesis Spring '76, Literary Magazine
of Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana.)

The Author: William D. Nolan, presently a student of
Classical Greek, is a junior in English both at IUPUI and
at Butler University. He expects to become a professional
in the field of Literature.

SHE MAKES LATIN LIVELIER

By Beth Dunlop
Herald Staff Writer

Mary Machado says she is really "a poet with classical inclinations," a Latin teacher, yes, but a poet and novelist first. "I chose to teach Latin because I like the classical ideals so much," she said.

Her love for the classical ideals and their contribution to American society encouraged her to get Metro Mayor Stephen Clark to proclaim this week Classical Week in Dade County.

...A handmade poster hangs on the wall over her desk bearing the words: *virtus* (courage), *gravitas* (seriousness of purpose), *pietas* (humility) and *fides* (faithfulness). "These are the classical ideals; that's what we have to live up to," she said. "I tell my students that at the very beginning."

And she is a great believer in the importance of the contributions of classical culture. "From the Greeks we got democracy, and respect for the individual. And the Romans, of course, were the first in the world who thought that if you were a citizen, you had certain rights that were inalienable." Likewise, the Romans contributed basic principles of engineering, roadbuilding, a system to bring water into a city and to take sewage out.

(Thomas) Jefferson was a great scholar who based himself on the Greeks and Romans, and if you look at the Constitution, every key word is from Greek or Latin.

...the county-designed classical week was the idea of her 9th graders. Several schools are submitting essays on classical culture for a competition, and two or three are expected to present skits in an awards program today.

Gulliver students, however, are doing it up in a bigger fashion - with essays, poems, posters, models and athletic competitions, such as discus-throwing. Machado hopes also to hold a march from the Orange Bowl to the courthouse Friday.

It's all part of her continuing effort to make Latin lively. Throughout the year, Gulliver's Latin students have parties, picnics, bake sales and plays....Last year, Gulliver students came home with 26 prizes from the nationals (Junior Classical League competitions).

(Reprinted from The Miami Herald, April 30, 1976.)

I. "FRANGITE, I-IX"

III. "GLADIATOR, HABESNE AURES TUAS IN?"

V. "HABES 'AURIGAM'. SUNTNE URSAE
ULLAE IN VIA APPIA?"

VII. "GRATIAS TIBI."

IX. "X-IV."



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II. "PROCEDE, FRANGE" ~

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IV. "ITA, HABES EAS.
QUID EST HANDLUS TIBI, AMICE?" ~

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VI. "UNAM HABEMUS PROPE ~
AQUAEDUCTUM IULIUM." ~

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VIII. "AGE BENE HODIE ~
MELIUSQUE CRAS ET ~
X-LXXVII IN LATERE!" ~

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Submitted by Michael Wilson, David Walorski,
Kathy Vandewalle, Emily Rosenstock,
Jeff Mickelson, Nora Little, Jim Huber,
Rosemary Hamilton, John Berners,
John Bastian, and Brad Allen - Students of
James Stebbins, Riley High School,
South Bend, Indiana .

THE LIGHTER SIDE

Built-in Urban Decay Could Save Billions

By Bob Collins

Rome wasn't built in a day. How's that for giving it to you straight, history fans?

But in these times of instant everything - including history - a fellow with an idea to build a model city called "Rome" would be lucky if he didn't get locked up.

Picture this scene! It's coffee-break time at the old planning bureau in Washington. The people from HEW, HUD and DOT are amusing themselves tossing initials around. Object of the game: to find a four-letter word ending in TOE. A planner speaks:

"Man, you people think you get some weirdos. You should have seen the two that came to see me today. They said they were twins and their foster mother was a wolf. And that ain't half of it. They want to start a city from scratch with the urban decay built in.

"When I explained that we already had spent billions trying to end urban blight, and weren't about to drop another ton and a half putting it back, they said that was just their point. These nuts claim they can save the government billions - maybe trillions - by putting up cities with ruins in the middle. According to them, it would save the cost of tearing them down and building something else. They want to build hotels, cafes and saloons around the edges of the ruins. They maintain the tourists will come from all over the world just to look at the holes in the ground - with a few bricks and some broken glass thrown in, of course.

"And I hate to say this, but the longer they talked, the more they made sense. At least it beats flipping a coin like we're doing now."

(Reprinted from The Indianapolis Star, August 18, 1976)

ET TU



**THE MODERN WORLD MAY PROFIT MUCH BY THE
EXPERIENCE OF THE ROMANS; IT CANNOT
AFFORD TO DISREGARD THE LESSONS THEY
LEARNED**

"A sober reflection on the history of the ancient republics might put us on our guard against many of the dangers to which we ourselves are exposed."—Irving Babbitt, "Literature and the American College," p. 171.

"Moreover, I believe that the deeper one has delved into the past, and particularly the past as represented by Greece and Rome, the keener will be his interest in the coming lot of his fellow-men. . . . The Greeks faced many of our problems and have much to tell our own generation as it stands before the door of tomorrow."—Fred B. R. Hellems, "The Dial," March 1, 1913, pp. 176-78.

"They [the classics] contain a body of human experience and tried wisdom by which we may still guide our steps as we stumble upon the dark ways of this earth. . . . For, frankly, if a man is not convinced that the classics contain a treasure of practical and moral wisdom which is imperatively needed as a supplement to the one-sided theories of the present day, and as a corrective of much that is distorted in our views, he had better take up some other subject to teach than Greek or Latin."—Paul Elmer More, *The Paradox of Oxford*, "School Review," June, 1913.

"We should have scant capital to trade on were we to throw away the wisdom we have inherited and seek our fortunes with the slender stock we ourselves have accumulated. This, it seems to me, is the real, the prevalent argument for holding every man we can to the intimate study of the ancient Classics. . . . Your enlightenment depends on the company you keep. You do not know the world until you know the men who have possessed it and tried its wares before you were ever given your brief run upon it. And there is no sanity comparable with that which is schooled in the thoughts that will keep. . . ."—Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States.

HEART CRY FROM TROY

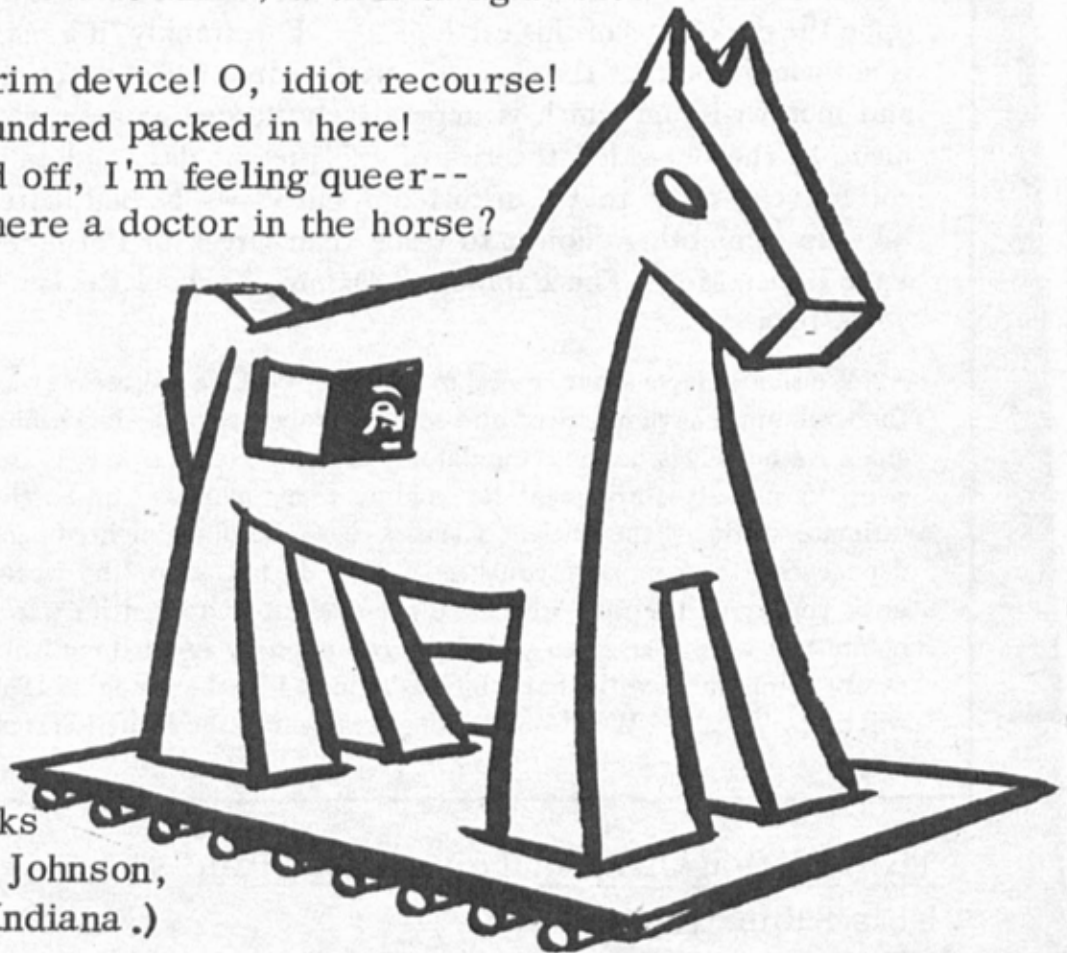
Move up a little, Menelaus, please .
The sharp end of your spear
Is sticking in my ear
And I am very ill at ease .

Who thought up this contraption, anyhow?
Athene? Yes, she would!
I'd like to know what good
We're doing, sitting in this cow .

Perhaps it is a horse . I do not care
To argue in this heat .
There, you! Get off my feet!
Lean back, Odysseus; give me air!

Your elbow, Neoptolemus, is hard;
Remove it from my eye,
Or later we will try
Our skill at arms, with nothing barred!

O grim device! O, idiot recourse!
A hundred packed in here!
Hold off, I'm feeling queer--
Is there a doctor in the horse?



(Special thanks
to Gertrude Johnson,
Frankfort, Indiana.)

A TYPICAL THANKSGIVING DINNER MENU IN LATIN

By Mary G. Schumacher

Calix Fructuum Frigidorum
Ius Poletorum
Cubi Casei
Olives Cucumeres Conditi
Assa Gallina Meleagris
Sucus Farctum
Caepae Rapa
Virentia Pisa
Lactuca Secta cum Cucumeribus
et Ovis Coctis
Panis Butyrum Mel
Flos Lactis Gelidus Crustula
Nuces Salsae Palmulae in Saccharo
Lac Coffea Arabica

(Submitted by Bernard Szymczak, Anoka, Minnesota)



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