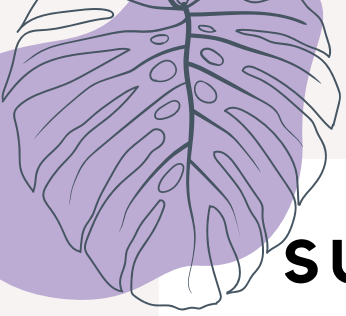


The VSCL presents

Queritor Quotidianus!





**SUMMER
2023**

VSCL

What's a pirate's favorite letter? The C! jkjk it's actually R (get it, like "arrgh!"). Just a fun little dad joke to welcome you to the Queritor Quotidianus, the summer publication of the Virginia Senior Classical League! In store for your read today is what the VSCL did over the summer, what you should be looking forward to as Pumpkin Spice Latte Season approaches, officer life updates, how to conquer Gaul, funky fresh memes, and more! Based on this year's convention theme, you'll also be seeing my favorite sea-related dad jokes thrown in here and there as you float through this foam-tastic publication.

E mari,
Emma Schmidt
VSCL Editor

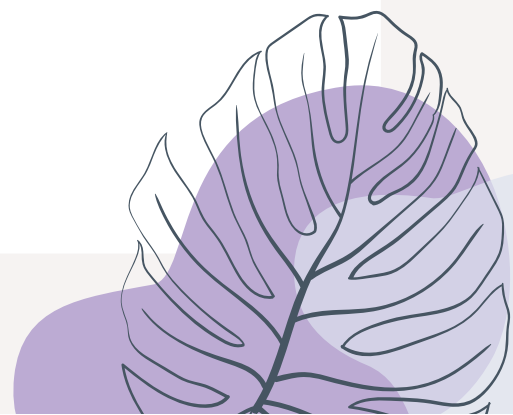
CONVENTION THEME:

*Caelum, non animum, mutant qui trans mare
currunt*

"They who rush across the sea change their
sky, not their soul"
-Horace, Epistles 1.11

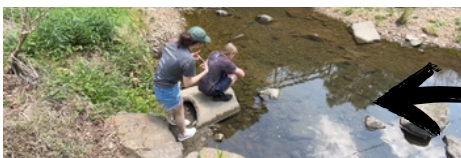
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Scavenger Hunt

SUMMER EVENT #1



I'm at a VSCL event and having so much fun.

a shoe
Narcissus + Echo

June 10

A VSCL scavenger hunt is shore to cheer up any SCLer or slasher! With prompts ranging anywhere from lose a shoe in the river to prank call Matt Nelson, the winning team had lots to shell-abrate (but a trophy most of all).

BBQ Party

SUMMER EVENT #2



July 30

Before everyone scattered back to school, Kashi and Savvy hosted a turtle-awesome BBQ full of badminton, burgers, and paper plate awards. It was so nice to see all of you and roast you on your paper plates.



Upcoming Events



**September Virtual
Social**

Sept. 8



**State Convention in
Richmond**

Nov. 18-20

What SCL Powerpuff are you?

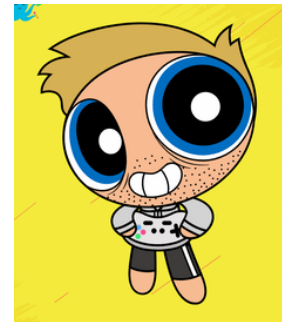


EX-PRESIDENT

- always holding a gavel
- started college burnt out

CERTAMEN ENTHUSIAST

- still has certamen captain on their resume

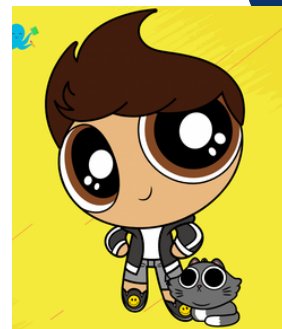


TE HOST

- only comes to convention for That's Entertainment

FUTURE LATIN TEACHER

- always has a notebook
- either hates or loves kids



Officers' Corner



Joseph Amsbary

President

Fave dad joke: I was gonna tell you a joke about time travel, but you didn't like it very much

Biggest flex of the summer: had a bird sit on my head at Busch Gardens

Class he's most looking forward to: Ovid

Savvy Thompson

Vice President

Fave dad joke: If a child refuses to nap, are they guilty of resisting a rest?

Biggest flex of the summer: I finally taught myself how to french braid

Class she's most looking forward to:

Acting Shakespeare!!



Katy Lenshin

Secretary-Treasurer

Fave dad joke: What do you call a three humped camel??? PREGNANT!!

Biggest flex of the summer: did not lose my mind working with groups of 40 6-10 year olds

Class she's most looking forward to: my Latin class!! We're doing Ovid this semester



Officers' Corner

Ryan Dwyer

Parliamentarian



Fave dad joke: Does anyone want to take a stab at this? No offense to Julius Caesar

Biggest flex of the summer: Fredericksburg Nationals 5th inning burger race champion (see picture)

Class he's most looking forward to:

Introduction to Indo-European Linguistics

Emma Schmidt

Editor

Fave dad joke: Quid pro quo, sic transit gloria. I didn't know Gloria was sick!?

Biggest flex of the summer: Saw Taylor Swift announce 1989 TV live in LA

Class she's most looking forward to: either a 1-credit Yoga class or fluid mechanics!



Kashi Nikore



Our MALs!

Fave dad joke: What goes up and down but never moves? STAIRS

Biggest flex of the summer: Through the whole summer, I drove a total of 58 hours alone

Class she's most looking forward to: I'm excited to start my 2nd year of teaching!

Fave dad joke: What part of your body dies last? Your pupils because they dilate.

Biggest flex of the summer: went on vacation with my BFF.

Class she's most looking forward to: I graduated, but I am taking a Spanish class! (don't be mad anyone, I need real world skills)



Lexi Harrell

Metrical Analysis of the *Bellum Civile*: What Aryn Hanna did this Summer!

by Aryn Hanna



As part of Randolph-Macon College's Schapiro Undergraduate Research Fellowship, I lived on campus for eight weeks conducting an in-depth metrical analysis of the poetry written by Marcus Annaeus Lucanus (39 - 65 CE). The *Bellum Civile* was an epic poem consisting of 8,060 lines of dactylic hexameter divided into ten books. Lucan began to write the *Bellum Civile* during the reign of the Roman Emperor Nero. Though initially a part of Nero's close inner circle, Lucan eventually fell out of favor with the volatile emperor and was forced to take his own life before finishing his epic. Thus, the tenth book of the poem ends abruptly at half the length of any other book. My goal was to search the meter for patterns, hoping that Lucan's metrical habits would shed some light on his compositional technique and how long he intended the poem to be.

After scanning and recording all 8,060 lines of the poem, I analyzed the meter, looking specifically at the first four feet in every line. Using D to denote dactyls and S for spondees, I ranked the patterns by usage from most to least prevalent. What I found was remarkable consistency across the *Bellum Civile*. Across the entire *Bellum*




Civile, the two most common patterns were DSSS and DSDS. In addition to consistent choice in patterns, Lucan also had incredible consistency in how often he used said patterns, varying by only a few percentage points if at all for each individual book.

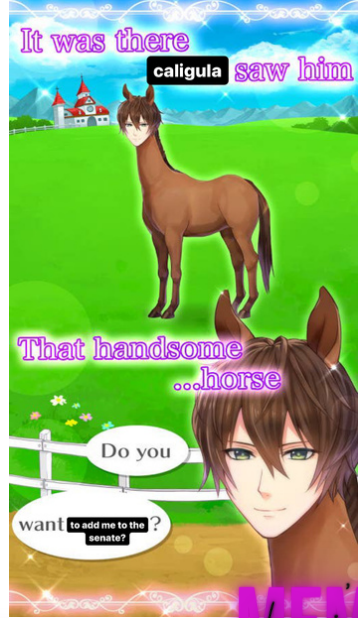
The consistency of his pattern choice and the frequency of his top patterns shows that Lucan had a clear rhythm in his head as he composed the poem. Even the tenth book, left unfinished after Lucan's early death, contained nearly the same metrical patterns as the rest of the book and no metrical errors or discrepancies. This consistency is remarkable, making it clear that Lucan wrote with a set rhythm in mind, using the meter as a framework for the poem, rather than fitting the poem into the meter.



Nugae

Get your vitamin-sea: The officers' favorite classics memes

understanding of history is incomplete	 Panik
We have primary sources	 Kalm
The primary sources say they're	 Joseph's



Lexis



Katya's



Kashi's



Emma's

Julius Caesar walking into the Theater of Pompey after multiple warnings that he is going to die, 44 BC (Colorized)



Ryan's



Savvy's