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**Fall CCA Meeting Saturday, September 8th  
Cherry Creek High School**

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Fabius at CU-Boulder  
Photo by M. France

## Centurio Fabius Dr. Barcio's Presentation at Colorado Springs and Boulder

Dr. Barcio as Fabius the Tribune entertained rapt audiences in Colorado Springs and Boulder on February 9th and 10th.

Fabius is a fictional character, born in 793 A.U.C, who joins the army, trains, and is sent to Britannia. The audience learns about the grueling exercises where occasionally trainees get killed to serve as examples for what death looks like and smells like to better prepare the others for real battles. Dr. Barcio demonstrates how the various weapons were used on brave student volunteers. The replicas of the weapons and armor, including the outfit Fabius wears, and the first-person account, bring those watching closer to the reality of a soldier's life which textbooks can not convey. Dr. Barcio packs a wealth of information about Roman military training and life into a very entertaining and humorous monologue; yet, he manages to point out the battlefield horrors, too, for all to contemplate more seriously.

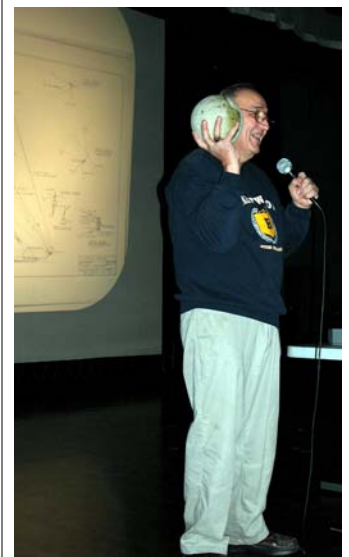
The Fabius persona was set aside for the second part of the presentation as Dr. Barcio related his ten years of trials and tribulations with the design and construction of catapults at the high-school level, attempting to achieve a particular goal, and the national competitions, news coverage, and major damage to a couple of school buildings and a car that ensued.

Magistra Ellen DelMargo hosted the Colorado Springs event at Palmer High School. She and the Palmer High-School administration and staff did an outstanding job of procuring the equipment needs for Dr. Barcio and managing the school-bus loads of students coming together from all over town to enjoy their beautiful auditorium.

The second day of presentations was held at the Eaten Humanities building at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

This event was sponsored by the Colorado Classics Association to provide high-school and college students an opportunity to learn about Roman military life and about catapults in a memorable and entertaining way. Magistra France is convinced of its success based on the enthusiastic feedback received from her students and the chaperones.

A special thanks also to Joy Collins who sponsored the event in Colorado Springs and who came up with the idea to show a video about catapults during the interval between presentations at Palmer High School. It was a perfect filler and kept the attention of the crowd.



Dr. Barcio speaking about catapults at Palmer HS in CO Springs



## CCA Minutes for February 10, 2007 Meeting

Colorado Classics Association Meeting

February 10, 2007 at the University of Colorado at Boulder, Eaton Humanities 145



Dr. Barccio giving a military signal with Roman horn replica at the CU-Boulder presentation. Below: Dr. Barccio at Colorado Springs



Present were: Marco DeGaetano, Kris Tracy, Mary France, Frank Gumerlock, Amy Sommer, Mary Zang, Rebecca Jessup, Helen Vickery, Lynn Gibert, Noel Lenski, Pierre Habel, Alison Orlebeke.

The meeting started at 2:15 pm.

Dr. Barccio had just given his military and catapult presentation earlier that day. Mary France gave an update on his presentations the previous day in Colorado Springs.

We approved the minutes from the fall meeting.

We discussed ways of promoting classics programs to high schools by getting on agenda of principals' meetings or board meetings. Mary Zang is active in the union and knows ways of doing this. Centaurus High School is fazing out their German program, possibly creating a void which a classics program could fill. Noel Lenski and Alison Orlebeke would like more information about it, as they are aware of two Latin teachers looking for jobs.

At the suggestion of Joy Collins [via] Amy Sommer, we discussed ways of welcoming new classics teachers to our state. We decided that when a new teacher (new for us) gets a position in the state, CCA will purchase a book or CD for them and give them a welcome package that includes a binder of lesson plans. Please email a lesson plan to Mary France at [mary.francesmith@colorado.edu](mailto:mary.francesmith@colorado.edu) who will put together a binder for the welcome package. Mary Zang volunteered to purchase the book and be in charge of delivering it. This school year Heritage High has a new Latin teacher from out of state. Perhaps she will be its first recipient.

### Announcements:

AP Latin Institute is M-R, July 30-August 2 at Cherry Creek High. A brochure will be coming out from the AP Institute. We should start talking to our schools about funding for it.

The American Numismatics Association Museum in Colorado Springs has an ancient coins exhibit which runs through the summer. Kris Tracy brought her students on a field trip there and said it was wonderful.

Regarding membership in CCA, besides the annual \$10 dues, we decided to offer a ten-year membership for \$80 and a lifetime membership for \$120. People may welcome and take advantage of the discount and convenience, and it could be a way for CCA to build up its coffers again. Newsletter with this in it, prepared by Mary France, will come out in April.

Colorado Junior Classical League convention (April 19-20) will have their registration on line. Hard copies of the registration with check is to be postmarked by February 28. Lynn Gibert said to be sure to put in all of the student's names first, before signing them up for things. "That's Entertainment" for that Thursday evening is in the planning stages.

The next CCA meeting is scheduled for September 8th at Cherry Creek High. Agenda: we would like to have a round table discussion on methodology. How do you approach reading, translation, and vocabulary in your program? How do you incorporate games into your lessons? If each person could be prepared to share for 5 minutes, that would be great. Please bring handouts of materials and resources.

Our meeting in the Spring of 2008 will tentatively be on a Saturday in February at Liberty High School in Colorado Springs with Mary France as hostess.

Noel Lenski gave a treasurer's report. After receiving and paying funds related to Fabius the Tribune (Dr. Barccio), there will be roughly \$800 in the account. Therefore, until the account balance rises, we probably cannot do another large scale event like this one.

The meeting adjourned about 3:05 pm.



## Cherry Creek's Advanced Placement Program Institute

Cherry Creek is offering an Advanced Placement Program Institute this summer from July 30th to August 2nd. A session will be given for Latin Vergil and Latin Literature. For information or to register on-line, visit the Cherry Creek AP Institute Website:

[http://www.cchs.ccsd.k12.co.us/fac\\_staff/apsi/apsi\\_index.html](http://www.cchs.ccsd.k12.co.us/fac_staff/apsi/apsi_index.html)

## Colorado College's Summer Institute

**Courses offered for the 2007 CC Summer Latin program this summer include:**

Block A (June 4-June 22) Latin Prose Composition/Intermediate Latin Readings

Block B (June 25-July 13) Topics in Classics: Mythology: Ancient and Renaissance Literature  
Colloquium: The Myth of Cupid and Psyche (2-3 times per week)

Block C (July 16-Aug. 3) Advanced Latin: Roman Historians

Coloquium: Oral Latin (meets one week during the second week)

For additional information, visit the website at:

<http://www.coloradocollege.edu/dept/CL/summersession/default.htm>

**The purpose of the Colorado College Summer Latin Institute is to facilitate the growth of Latin as widely as possible. The program will help meet the needs of a number of groups:**

- ◆ Experienced Latin teachers from Colorado and out of state seeking either a graduate degree or continuing education in Latin.
- ◆ Inexperienced teachers seeking certification in Latin
- ◆ Teachers of English and Social Studies seeking to expand their knowledge of the ancient world.
- ◆ Teachers of other foreign languages who wish to add a Latin endorsement
- ◆ Classics Students working toward a Classics major or minor in need of advanced language credit courses.

The summer session at Colorado College offers the following advanced degree programs:

- ◆ MAT in Humanities for experienced teachers (advanced courses in the Latin Institute will apply to this degree.)
- ◆ Fifth-year MAT Latin program for inexperienced teachers. Additional information on this program can be obtained from the CC Education Dept.

**Teachers, please check on your eligibility for scholarships from the American Classical League.**

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*Fabius with his recruits in Colorado Springs and in Boulder.*





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We are on the WEB:

<http://www2.coloradocollege.edu/dept/cl/cca/welcome.htm>

From the main page, follow the "Newsletter" link where you can read the latest issue.

**Colorado Classics Association Membership & Dues**

**Registration for CCA**

Please complete this form and SEND it to NOEL LENSKI, University of Colorado, CCA Treasurer, Eaton Humanities, 248 UCB, Boulder, CO 80309-0248

CCA dues: \$10.00 for regular members and \$5.00 for retirees.

**Or, consider this new offer: a 10-year membership for \$80.00 or a Lifetime membership for \$120.00**

Make out checks to CCA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Address (optional): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Ita Vero**, I'd like to be added to the Colorado Classicists E-Mail List.

My email address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Minime**, I prefer to be contacted by phone or postal service.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Quoque**, I prefer to receive the CCA Newsletter by mail rather than read it online or print it from the www.