

THE FULTONIAN

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GREETINGS FROM FULTON DEBATE

The Fulton Debating Society enjoyed another successful year. This issue of THE FULTONIAN covers the on-campus activities held during the second semester, such as the annual Fulton Prize Debate and the high school round robin tournament. Moreover, it provides a snapshot of our many tournament accomplishments earned in intercollegiate competitions during the 2001-2002 season.

In keeping with our last issue, we have included a special insert containing comments and news items about and from our alumni. We appreciate the feedback and encourage more submissions for our ALUMNI BRIEFS.

We hope you enjoy reading THE FULTONIAN.

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FIVE GARGAN WINNERS IDENTIFIED

Prior to 1986, the Gargan medal was awarded to the winner of the Marquette Society Debate open to freshmen and sophomore debaters. According to E. Paul Kelly ('49), the 1946 winner of the Marquette Debate, the Gargan Medal was golden in appearance and it had the "Marquette Debating Society" inscribed on the front of it. Today, the Gargan Medal is silver and awarded to the second best debater in the annual Fulton Prize Debate. Unfortunately, the Society kept no records noting who won the Marquette Debates.

In an effort to reclaim this history, the last issue of THE FULTONIAN asked for your help in identifying Gargan Medal recipients. We thank those of you who responded and provided us with the names of winners for these years:

1912	Edward S. Farmer
1915	Francis X. Quinn
1926	Paul R. Hinchey
1946	E. Paul Kelly
1978	Steve Malachowski

In particular, we would like to thank Tom Hinchey ('42) who forwarded a copy of the program from the 1926 Marquette Debate, won by his brother, Paul. While we have been able to get a good start, we have a long way to go in reconstructing our list. Therefore, we ask again for your help in forwarding to us the names of previous Gargan Medal recipients. In the future, we plan to honor the winners of the Gargan medal by engraving their names on a large plaque, which will be displayed in the new debate office.



The Fulton Prize Debate of 2002. Debaters from left: Ben Bireley ('05), Jim Smith ('04), Kevin Hartzell ('02), and Christopher Schroeck ('04)

HARTZELL WINS SECOND FULTON PRIZE DEBATE; BIRELEY EARNS GARGAN MEDAL

For the second consecutive year, Kevin Hartzell ('02) won the 110th Annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 9th in Gasson 305 before a standing-room only crowd. The topic for the debate was, "Resolved: That the United States Federal Government should reform Social Security to privatize a portion of the retirement benefits." The judges for the debate were Communication Department professors Ekaterina Haskins and Bonnie Jefferson, along with Jared Fields ('01), a first year Harvard Law Student and the 1999 Fulton Prize winner.

Debating on the affirmative side were Jim Smith ('04), a political science major from Connecticut, and Ben Bireley ('05), a political science major from Plano, Texas. Debating on the negative side were Christopher Schroeck ('04), a philosophy major from Erie, Pennsylvania, and Kevin Hartzell ('02), a political science major from Worcester.

The affirmative side advocated the reform plan proposed by The National Commission on Retirement Policy, which would divert two percent of the current payroll taxes to establish private savings accounts for retirees. The affirmative argued that private savings account would generate a higher rate of return for retirees. Arguing against this proposal, the negative side claimed that this plan would result in benefit cuts for women and place retirement benefits in jeopardy due to volatile stock markets.

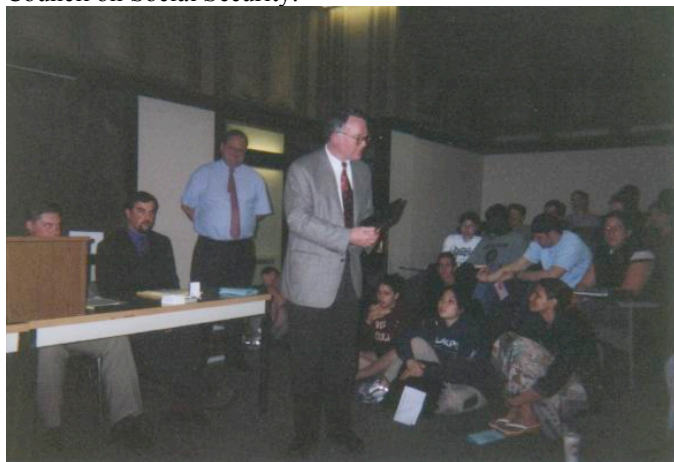
In a split decision, the judges awarded the debate to the affirmative side and named Kevin Hartzell as the top speaker and Ben Bireley as the second best speaker. As the top speaker of the debate, Kevin Hartzell received the gold Fulton Medal while Ben Bireley received the silver Gargan Medal for placing second.

DEAN JOSEPH QUINN HONORED AS 2002 FULTONIAN OF THE YEAR

At the Fulton Prize Debate, Dr. Joseph F. Quinn, the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Boston College, was honored as the 2002 Fultonian of the Year. This award is given annually to a member of the Boston College community who has provided distinguished service to the student body and, in particular, to the Fulton Debating Society.

Dale Herbeck, who presented the award, remarked that Dean Quinn was being honored for his more than twenty-five years of exemplary teaching at Boston College, his distinguished service as Dean, and for his strong support of the Fulton Debating Society. During his tenure as Dean, Quinn has been instrumental in recruiting and improving our office space.

Dean Quinn is also a world-renowned expert on social security reform, having published nearly one hundred articles and book chapters on the subject. He is a founding member of the National Association of Social Insurance, and he served as a co-chair of the Technical Panel on Trends and Issues in Retirement Savings for the President's 1994-95 Advisory Council on Social Security.



Joseph Quinn, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, receiving the Fultonian of the Year Award. The students are sitting on the floor because Gasson 305 is filled to capacity.

HARTZELL HONORED WITH THE KEVIN P. DUFFY EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE AWARD

Kevin Hartzell ('02), a two-time winner of the Fulton Prize debate, was named the third recipient of the Kevin P. Duffy Excellence in Debate Award. This award was established to honor Kevin P. Duffy, who retired as the Vice-President for Student Affairs at Boston College after serving more than twenty years. Dr. Duffy, a long-time friend of the Society, is now teaching in the Lynch School of Education.

In the fall of 1999, Kevin Hartzell came to Boston College from Worcester, Massachusetts, where he attended high school at St. John's Shrewsbury. Beginning as a novice, Kevin won numerous awards, including a first place finish at the CEDA East Regional Championship Tournament. The following year debating in junior varsity, Kevin won the prestigious U.S. Naval Academy tournament and reached the final round at the Cornell Tournament and the ADA Nationals Tournament. Debating in varsity, Kevin won the Washington-Franklin Debates and reached the semi-finals at Cornell.

Along with being an accomplished debater, Kevin is an exceptional student, graduating with a double major in political science and history in only three years. Kevin plans to work for a year before attending law school.

FULTON DEBATE REPRESENTED AT NDT

The Boston College team of Ben Bireley ('05) and Christopher Schroeck ('04) qualified to attend the 56th annual National Debate Tournament (NDT) held at Southwest Missouri State University in Springfield, Missouri, during March 22-25, 2002. By qualifying for the 2002 NDT, Bireley and Schroeck join a distinguished group of former Fultonians who have competed at the NDT. Boston College has qualified teams to the NDT 25 times over the past 56 years.

The NDT is the most prestigious national policy debate tournament; it is the only national tournament which imposes a rigorous qualification procedure to limit attendance to the top seventy-eight varsity debate teams in the United States. Bireley and Schroeck received a second round at large bid to the NDT on the basis of their impressive year-long performance at numerous tournaments, including reaching the quarter-finals at the University of Missouri--Kansas City, and compiling winning records at the most competitive varsity tournaments, with a 5-3 record at the University of Kentucky and a 4-2 record at the Wake Forest University tournament.

While debating at the NDT, Bireley and Schroeck narrowly missed advancing into the elimination rounds, losing a close decision in the 8th round to a strong team from Dartmouth College. The Fultonians ended the tournament with a respectable record of four wins and four losses, a very strong performance for a freshman and sophomore team. In fact, Ben Bireley was among a very select group of first-year debaters who qualified to the NDT. Of the 156 debaters comprising the

78 teams, there were only five other first-year debaters who competed at the NDT. Last year, Chris Schroeck also qualified as a first-year debater.

FULTONIANS WIN WASHINGTON-FRANKLIN DEBATES AT RANDOLPH-MACON COLLEGE

The Boston College team of Kevin Hartzell ('02) and Mario Powell ('03) won the Washington-Franklin Challenge Debate Tournament held at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, Virginia, on April 17, 2002. The topic for the debate was, "Be it resolved that: The United States federal government should significantly improve this nation's disaster preparedness."

The tournament utilized a parliamentary-style debate format where the Speaker of the House calls the assembly to order and asks the government team to defend the resolution and the opposition team to attack the resolution. During the debate, audience members are allowed to heckle each team and give floor speeches in support and against both sides. At the end of the debate, the Speaker of the House asks the audience for a division of the House to gauge the audience's opinion of who won the debate.

The final debate was judge by a panel composed of Bill Balthrop, Carole Blair, and Robert Seabolt. Dr. Balthrop is President of the National Communication Association and the Chair of the Communication Department at the University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill. Dr. Blair is a Professor of American Studies at the University of California--Davis. Mr. Seabolt is an attorney at Troutman, Sanders.

Competing against Boston College at this year's tournament was last year's defending champion, Wake Forest University, along with teams from the University of Richmond and Randolph-Macon College. In the semi-final debate, Wake Forest defeated the University of Richmond, and Boston College defeated Randolph-Macon.

In the final round, Boston College won the coin flip and chose to defend the government side. Mario Powell ('03), the Prime Minister for the Government, began the debate by advocating a proposal to deploy sensors capable of detecting evidence of a biological weapons attack in locations such as ports, subways, airports, and major cities. The Opposition team from Wake Forest team argued that this proposal would deter local communities from taking effective action and that the government's proposal was not feasible. By a large margin, the audience sided with the Government position, and the judges unanimously awarded the debate to Boston College.

The Washington-Franklin debates are generously sponsored by the law firm of Troutman, Sanders, who pays for the travel expenses of the participants and also hosts a banquet and reception after the debate. The winner of the debate receives a beautiful traveling trophy, and is invited back the following year to defend their title.



Mario Powell ('03) and Kevin Hartzell ('02) pose with the first place trophy from the Washington-Franklin Debates

CATHEDRAL PREP WINS BC HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

During January 12-13, 2002, Boston College hosted its second annual high school round robin tournament. Six high schools competed in the tournament, including Cathedral Prep (PA), Lexington (MA), Manchester (MA), Marist (GA), Scranton (PA), and St. Francis (CA). Teams were invited based upon their competitive records with the stipulation that at least one member of the debate team had applied to Boston College.

Cathedral Prep won the tournament, followed by Marist in second place and Lexington in third place. Brian Smith from Cathedral Prep was named the top speaker.

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS, 2001-2002

Championships and Final Rounds:

Liberty University (Novice), 1st place
Joe Bowden & Ryan Miller

John Carroll University (Novice), 1st place
Joe Bowden & Ryan Miller

U.S. Naval Academy (Novice), 1st place
Joe Bowden & Ryan Miller

Semi-Finalists:

Cornell University (Varsity)
Kevin Hartzell & Jim Smith

Semi-Finalists (continued):

Cornell University (Novice)
Joe Bowden & Ryan Miller

Quarter-Finals:

University of Missouri, Kansas City (Varsity)
Chris Schroeck & Ben Bireley

University of Vermont (Novice)
Joe Bowden & Ryan Miller

ADA Nationals at Methodist (Novice)
Joe Bowden & Ryan Miller

Octo-Finals:

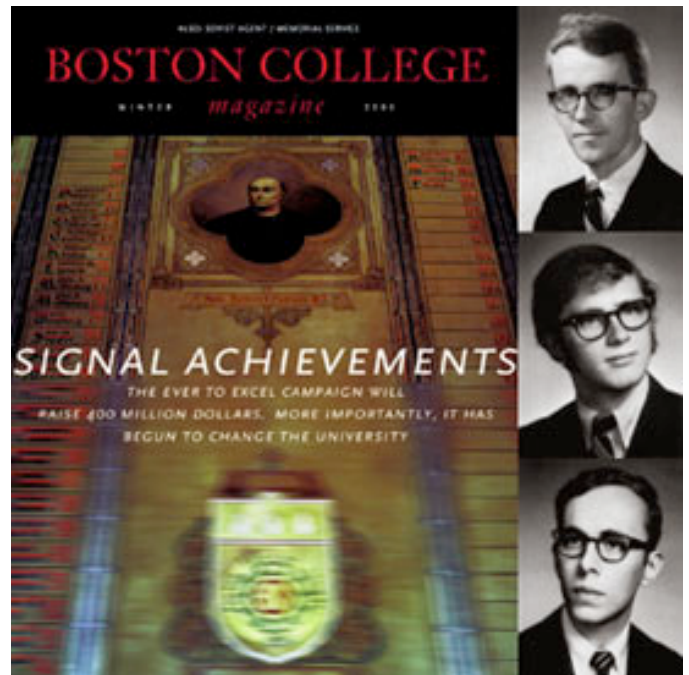
Novice Nationals at Northwestern (Varsity)
Ben Bireley & Patrick Carney

Winning records but insufficient speaker points to reach the
elimination rounds:

Wake Forest University (Varsity)
Chris Schroeck & Ben Bireley

University of Kentucky (Varsity)
Chris Schroeck & Ben Bireley

District VIII Tournament at Marist (Varsity)
Chris Schroeck & Ben Bireley



THE GREAT WALL IN GASSON 305
FEATURED IN BC MAGAZINE

The search for the missing names on the Fulton's Great Wall in 305 is featured in the Spring 2002 issue of the BOSTON COLLEGE MAGAZINE. The article is available online at www.bc.edu/publications/bcm/spring_2002/postscript.html.

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ALUMNI BRIEFS

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1940s

E. Paul Kelly ('49) is retired and living in Pine Point, Maine. After graduating in 1960 from Boston College Law School, he practiced trial and appellate law in New Hampshire. Kelly won the Fulton Prize Debate in 1949, as well as the Gargan Medal in 1946.

1950s

Kenneth L. Robinson ('50) is now retired. He served for thirty-three years in the U.S. Marine Corps achieving the rank of Major General. For sixteen years, Robinson served as the president/CEO of the National Association of Federal Credit Unions. In retirement, he is doing part-time consulting work with the U.S. Treasury Department. ♦ Jim Grady ('55) is a retired attorney, now serving as a selectman for the town of Bourne, Massachusetts. He writes that he practiced law for over 30 years with offices in Boston and Washington, DC, and for a time he served as the General Counsel to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters for North America. ♦ Brian E. Concannon ('56) is a practicing attorney in Marshfield, Massachusetts. He writes, "winning the Fulton Medal in 1955 was the most thrilling advocacy experience" in his life "rivaled only by arguing before the full bench of the Supreme Court of the United States." ♦ Norbert Michaud ('56) is retired from the Defense Intelligence Agency, where he was Chief of the Strategic Defense Economics Branch. He reports that his oratorical skills learned from debate were helpful in preparing him to testify before the Joint Economic Committee and to give briefings before the Department of Defense. Michaud also taught for many years at John Carroll University, where he says that he even judged a few debates. ♦ Donald R. McKeon is a research historian and writer living in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Previously, he was a rare book curator at the Library of Congress. In 1959, McKeon won the Fulton Prize Debate by persuading the audience that no Catholic could ever be elected President of the United States. McKeon was the first disabled student to win the Fulton Prize Debate. One of his most interesting memories, he writes, was while debating at the Dartmouth tournament, "we were mistaken for visiting apprentice funeral directors because we were following the BC dress code of

the day." The experience and self-confidence gained from debating, McKeon writes, "came in handy later on several faculties," and "was fine preparation for defending a dissertation."

1970s

Martin X. Moleski, S.J., ('73) is an associate professor at Canisius College in Buffalo, New York. ♦ John-Paul de Bernardo ('76) is a corporate/business attorney at de Bernardo Law Firm, located in Charlotte, North Carolina. ♦ Bob Kiggins ('71) is living in Pelham, New York. He writes that Bob Schrum was the head coach during his freshman, sophomore, and junior years, followed by the late Dan Rohrer. He says debaters from his era included Charlie Brown, Bob Baker, Jack McMillan, Ron Hoening, and Mark Killenbeck.

1980s

Steve Malachowski ('81) writes that his debate experience helped him immeasurably in his career in sales. Steve is the General Manager of Mats That Matter! in Nashua, New Hampshire. Malachowski is the 1978 winner of the Gargan medal. The topic for the debate was whether marijuana should be legalized. Cynthia Amara, John Lane, and Lawrence Supple were the other participants in the 1978 Gargan Debate.

1990s

Dilip Paliath ('93) is a Republican candidate for the Maryland House of Delegates in the 7th District. Information about his campaign can be found at <<http://www.dpaliath.com/>>. ♦ Brian Danforth ('94) graduated from the University of Connecticut Law School in 1997. He is now living in Manchester, Connecticut, and working at a law firm in Hartford. Brian is active in many organizations, serving as the Co-chair for the Connecticut Bar Association Public Service Committee (Young Lawyers Section), on the Executive Board for the Federalist Society of Law and Public Policy (Hartford Chapter), and as a member of the Executive Committee BC Alumni for Greater Hartford. Brian serves as a

volunteer at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center, the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp (a camp started by Paul Newman for children with cancer and blood disorders), and for Community Solutions Inc. (a mentoring program for inner city children). ♦ In the Winter 2002 issue of ALUMNI BRIEFS we reported the sad news that Daniel McNeal ('94) died in his office on September 11, 2001, when the World Trade Center collapsed. Dan's friends have created a web site in his honor and it is available at <<http://www.seancohen.com/projects/dan>>. ♦ Christopher Strunk ('95) recently married Jennifer Stansbury. He attended Villanova Law School and is now practicing law in San Francisco. Strunk is the 1994 winner of the Gargan Medal. ♦ Wenyu Ho ('95) is engaged to Eric Blanchard. The wedding will be held in Chicago on October 26th. Eric graduated from Boston College and then he attended law school at the University of Wisconsin. Both Wenyu and Eric are attorneys at law firms in Chicago. While at Boston College, Eric competed on the track team. Ho is the 1994 winner of the Fulton Prize Debate. ♦ Kathleen (Welch) Orejuela ('95) hosted a wonderful engagement party for Wenyu Ho at her parent's home in Suffield, Connecticut. Kate is an attorney at Sidley Austin Brown & Wood in Chicago. ♦ Joshua Marmol ('99) was married to Kerrie Hilleren ('01) on June 15th in Brighton, Massachusetts. Father Robert Barth, S. J., the former Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, officiated at the ceremony. Marmol is the 1998 Fulton Prize winner.



Work continues on the new lower campus faculty and administration building. Fulton Debate will be moving to a new suite of offices on the fifth floor of this building later this fall.

2000s

Lisa Langdon ('01) will be attending graduate studies next fall in the Masters program in Public Policy at the University of Michigan. Langdon won the Gargan Medal in 1999 and 2000. ♦ Dominic Cameratta ('01) is a second year law student at Case Western Reserve University. We thank Dominic for serving as a judge last December at the John Carroll Tournament.

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE ALUMNI BRIEFS. We invite all Fultonians to submit items for our next issue. We're especially interested in hearing old "war stories" or amusing anecdotes about intercollegiate debate in years past. Send these items along with any news or career updates to

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As an alternative, items can be emailed to <katsulas@bc.edu>.

ERRATA

We regret two mistakes in the Winter 2002 issue of THE FULTONIAN. First, we made reference to a Fultonian by the name of John T. McLaughlin. Of course, we were really referring to Joseph T. McLaughlin. Informed Fultonians will recognize that this is a particularly egregious error, as Mr. McLaughlin is one of the most successful debaters in the long and distinguished history of the Fulton Debating Society. Among his many forensic achievements, Mr. McLaughlin reached the final round of the National Debate Tournament in 1964 and he won the Fulton Prize Debate in 1964 and again in 1965. Second, we also misspelled the name of Mark Killenbeck in our feature on the missing names on the Great Wall in Gasson 305. We apologize for both mistakes.