

THE FULTONIAN

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GREETINGS FROM FULTON DEBATE

We are happy to announce that Fulton Debate has finally moved into our new debate suite. A description and picture of our new office appears in THE FULTONIAN.

This issue of THE FULTONIAN also contains information about the fall activities of the Fulton Debating Society, including a brief description of the 2002-2003 debate topic and a story about our winning first place honors at the West Point Tournament. The Fulton Debating Society has enjoyed tremendous success this season, as indicated by our fourth place ranking in the national standings. A detailed tournament by tournament summary of our accomplishments will appear in the summer 2003 edition. In this issue, we provide you with a listing of the top twenty five debate programs.

Consistent with past practice, this issue of THE FULTONIAN contains news items and comments that we received from our alumni. Please keep sending us updates and news items, as these are greatly appreciated by our readers.

We hope you enjoy reading THE FULTONIAN.

John Katsulas
Director, Fulton Debating Society

Stefan Bauschard
Debate Coach

Dale Herbeck
Chair, Communication Department

FULTON DEBATE MOVES INTO NEW OFFICES

On December 19, 2002, Fulton Debate moved into the new Lower Campus Office Building behind the O'Neill library. Our new office is located on the fifth floor within a large suite of offices occupied by the Department of Communication. The main office number for Fulton Debate is 534, Katsulas' office is 534a, and Bauschard's office is 534b.

Outside the main debate office door, a plaque will be placed thanking John Burke and his wife, Nancy Fuerst, for making a generous donation to establish an endowment to support the activities of the Fulton Debating Society. The plaque will

read, "In grateful acknowledgement of a gift from the honorable Nancy A. Fuerst and Dr. John F. Burke, ('61).

Compared to our previous offices on the fourth floor of Lyons and in the Service Building, our new debate office is luxurious. The main squad room is approximately 400 square feet. In the center of the squad room is a large conference table surrounded by 18 chairs. Off to one side is a storage room which contains metal shelving for storing all of the tubs of debate evidence and office supplies. The debate coaches offices are also located off the main squad room. Both offices are 150 square feet, and are furnished by handsome, cherry desks, books cases, and filing cabinets. A large trophy case will be constructed at the front entrance of the Communication Department.

We encourage all of our alumni to come visit us and get a tour of our new debate office when you are in the Boston area or visiting the campus. Our new mailing address is Fulton Debating Society, Department of Communications, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467.



A coaching session held in the new debate office. From left to right are debaters Matt Hays '06, Chris Schroeck '04, Kevin Shatzkin, '05 and coach Stefan Bauschard.

DEBATE TOPIC, 2002-2003: TREATIES

The policy debate topic for the 2002-2003 academic year concerns whether the United States should ratify four multilateral treaties and one bilateral treaty with Russia. More

specifically, the wording of the topic states the following: "Resolved that the United States Federal Government should ratify or accede to, and implement, one or more of the following: The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; The Kyoto Protocol; The Rome Statute on the International Criminal Court; The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights aiming at the Abolition of the Death Penalty; The treaty between the United States of America and the Russian federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions, if not ratified by the United States."

When debating on the affirmative side, Boston College teams advocate the ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty (CTBT). The CTBT is a multilateral arms control treaty which prohibits nations who ratify the treaty from conducting any nuclear test explosions. As of October 2002, 166 countries have signed the treaty, including 41 of the 44 states with the potential to acquire nuclear weapons. According to the treaty, all 44 of these states must ratify the treaty before it can enter into force. The United States remains the key hold-out state. On October 13, 1999, the United States Senate rejected the ratification of the CTBT, and the Bush administration remains opposed to the treaty. Absent U.S. ratification, other hold-out states like China, India, Pakistan, and Israel will never ratify the treaty.

There are two major security rationales supporting the ratification of the CTBT. First, a global ban on nuclear testing will impede the development of a renewed nuclear arms race. Without nuclear testing, the United States, China, and Russia would be precluded from making qualitative improvements in their nuclear arsenals or from deploying new types of nuclear weapons like bunker-busters. The CTBT is also crucial for heading off a nuclear arms race in South Asia, where the risk of nuclear war breaking out between bitter rivals- India and Pakistan-remains high. Persuading India and Pakistan to ratify the CTBT would prevent them from conducting additional nuclear tests which could precipitate a destabilizing nuclear arms race.

A second reason to support the CTBT is that it will greatly advance the global nonproliferation regime. Banning nuclear testing will impede additional states from acquiring advanced nuclear weapons. Without nuclear testing, rogue states will be limited to developing crude fission bombs. Moreover, the CTBT will establish a global International Monitoring System (IMS) of 321 stations utilizing seismic, hydroacoustic, radionuclide, and infrasound technologies capable of detecting any militarily significant nuclear explosions. These highly reliable verification measures will deter cheating. Finally, ratification of the CTBT strengthens the Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) and the larger non-proliferation regime. A global test ban is explicitly mentioned in the preamble to the NPT, and gaining political support for renewing the NPT at the 2005 review conference depends on the major nuclear powers fulfilling their promises to support the CTBT.

1972 GARGAN WINNER IDENTIFIED

Since the last newsletter, we heard from Mary Ellen Raux, who was the 1972 winner of the Gargan medal. Mary Ellen Raux wrote to us that she was a member of the debate team from 1970-1972, while Dan Rohrer was the coach. She won the Gargan medal, for the 1971-2 season, debating much of that year with Jack McMillan. She said that she gave up debate to focus on her premed studies. Mary Ellen is now living in Atlanta, Georgia, where she is an anesthesiologist at a large private hospital. She is the mother of three teenagers, Jenny, 19, Becca, 17 and Jeff, 14.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE 1927 FULTONIAN YEARBOOK

We are grateful to Thomas Hinchey ('42) for sending us information from the 1927 Fultonian Yearbook describing the debate topics from that season. The topics debated during 1927 included the following: Government invasion of rights, Recognition of Soviet Russia, Co-education in East, Women in politics is deplorable, Cancellation of war debts, Philippine independence, More to fear than to hope from science, Repeal of the eighteenth Amendment, Modification of the Volstead Act, Uniform marriage and divorce law, and the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill.

BC WINS SABRE AT WEST POINT!

Fulton Debate won the varsity division of the 35th annual West Point invitational debate tournament held during 1-3 November 2002 at the United States Military Academy located on the banks of the Hudson River. Previous winners of the prestigious West Point tournament include Bates, Cornell, Dartmouth, George Washington, Harvard, and The United States Naval Academy.

Winning the West Point Tournament for Boston College was the team of Kevin Shatzkin ('05) and Jeffrey Sullivan ('06), who compiled a perfect 6-0 record during the preliminary rounds, defeating teams from Vermont (twice), New York University, Trinity, Cornell, and Liberty. As the top seeded team entering the elimination rounds, Shatzkin & Sullivan met the 8th seed from Catholic. BC, debating on the negative, had no trouble defeating Catholic on a quick 3-0 decision. In the semi-finals, BC met Liberty's top team who won the coin toss, and chose negative. BC was victorious again in a unanimous decision, setting up a final round debate between BC and Cornell, who was the second seeded team.

According to tradition, the final round of the West Point tournament is judged by a panel of distinguished military officers and policy experts. This year's judging panel was headed by Lieutenant Colonel Michael Meese, the head of the Department of Social Sciences at West Point, and the son of former U.S. Attorney General Ed Meese. The other military officer on the judging panel was Lieutenant Colonel Michael Newton, who teaches constitutional and military law at West

Point. The third judge, David Stoelting, is a litigation attorney for Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP in New York City. Stoelting was selected as a judge because he has published numerous articles on the International Criminal Court.

In the final round, Boston College debating on the affirmative, defeated Cornell in a 2-1 decision, winning the ballots of Meese and Stoelting. As the winner of the varsity division, Boston College took home the prestigious traveling trophy, which is a West Point sabre prominently displayed in a handsome trophy case.



Director of Debate John Katsulas (center) and Fulton Debating Society members Jeffrey Sullivan '06 (left) and Kevin Shatzkin '05 display the sabre won by BC at the recent West Point invitational tournament.

2002 FALL TRAVEL SCHEDULE

The fall travel schedule included attendance at these tournaments:

King's College, Sept. 20-22
 Georgia State University, Sept 21-23
 University of Kentucky, Oct. 5-7
 University of Richmond, Oct 12-14
 Capitol Cities Classic at Catholic University, Oct 19-21
 Harvard University, Oct 26-28
 The United States Military Academy at West Point, Nov. 1-3
 Liberty University, Nov. 8-10
 Wake Forest University, Nov. 16-18
 John Carroll University, Dec. 6-8

FULTON DEBATE RANKED #4 IN THE UNITED STATES

According to the official fall standings released on December 15, 2002 by the National Debate Tournament rankings Director, Boston College is rated as the 4th best overall debate program in the United States. The overall rankings are determined by counting the points earned by each school's top two debate teams at eight tournaments. Approximately two hundred schools compete in policy debate. Listed below are the rankings for the top twenty-five debate programs:

1. Catholic University
2. Rochester (Univ. of)
3. Liberty University
4. BOSTON COLLEGE
5. Northwestern
6. Cornell University
7. Emory
8. Missouri-Kansas City (Univ. of)
9. Texas (Univ. of)
10. Vermont
11. Southern California (Univ. of)
12. Cal. State Fullerton
13. West Virginia University
14. Michigan State Univ.
15. Dartmouth
16. SUNY-Binghamton
17. Wayne State University
18. John Carroll University
19. Southwest Missouri State
20. Georgia
21. Gonzaga
22. U.S. Military Academy
23. Whitman
24. Wake Forest
25. Cal-Berkeley (Univ. of)

FULTON DEBATING SOCIETY, 2002-2003

Coaching Staff:

John Katsulas, Director of Debate
 Stefan Bauschard, Debate Coach
 Jared Fields'01, Assistant Debate Coach

Members of the Society:

Ben Bireley, '05
 Joseph Bowden, '05
 Matthew Hays, '06
 Mark Irvine, '06
 Sora Lee, '06
 Ryan Miller, '05
 John Powell, '06
 Mario Powell, '03
 Christopher Schroeck, '04
 Kevin Shatzkin, '05
 James Smith, '04
 Jeffrey Sullivan, '06
 Paul Sutton, '03

Executive Board:

Christopher Schroeck, '04 Chair
 Ben Bireley, '05
 Kevin Shatzkin, '05

ALUMNI BRIEFS

1950s

James E. Martin, ('55), writes: I am a 1955 graduate of the business school. After BC, I spent 4 years in the U.S. Navy supply corps traveling all over the world. I later received an MBA from Boston University in 1963. I was a self-employed CPA in Sandwich, Massachusetts for 30 years and also a professor in management studies at Curry College in Milton and later at the Mass Maritime Academy in Bourne. I am now semi-retired doing a little taxes and a little teaching. In all these ventures, my experiences at the debating podium was helpful.

James J. Brosnahan ('56) is a trial attorney with the law firm of Morrison & Foerster in San Francisco California.

1990s

Steve Bazyl ('96) the 1996 Fulton Prize winner, writes that he's happily employed at RSA Security (crypto/authentication/access management stuff) and that he's one of the lead architects on their access management software (ClearTrust). Steve is living in San Francisco in the Sunset District near the ballpark.

Joshua Marmol ('99), the 1998 Fulton Medal Winner, accepted a position this summer as an Assistant Director of Admissions at Boston College.

2000s

Brian Kane ('00) is the Assistant Director of the Irish Institute at Boston College.

Vu Quang ('00) received a Masters Degree in Education from Harvard. He is now working as a Physical Education teacher at The Edward Brooke Charter School in Boston.

Kevin Hartzell ('02) is working as an administrative assistant for the First Year Experience Program at Boston College.

Please submit your own updates for our next edition to John Katsulas (katsulas@bc.edu).

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