

THE FULTONIAN

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GREETINGS FROM FULTON DEBATE

The Fulton Debating Society enjoyed another successful year. The Society won tournaments at West Point and John Carroll, qualified two teams to the National Debate Tournament (NDT), and finished in the top twenty-five in the final NDT rankings. This issue of THE FULTONIAN reports on accomplishments achieved in intercollegiate competitions during the 2003-2004 season, as well as providing coverage about the annual Fulton Prize Debate.

Due to insufficient submissions, we were unable to offer a separate page of ALUMNI BRIEFS. Those news items which we did receive are featured on the page back of THE FULTONIAN. We know our readers appreciate alumni news items. Therefore, we strongly encourage you to send submissions by e-mail to katsulas@bc.edu or by mail to John Katsulas, Communication Department, 140 Commonwealth Avenue, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3859.

We hope you enjoy reading THE FULTONIAN.

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STEFAN BAUSCHARD LEAVES BC FOR ST. MARK'S; NAVEEN RAMACHANDRAPPA HIRED AS NEW DEBATE COACH

After serving capably for five years as the Debate Coach of the Fulton Debating Society, Stefan Bauschard is leaving Boston College to become the Director of Debate at St. Mark's Academy in Dallas, Texas. This is an excellent opportunity for Stefan, as St. Mark's is one of the elite high school debate programs in the United States. The Fulton Debating Society wishes to extend its appreciation to Stefan for putting in many hard hours of service and we wish Stefan, his wife Holly and their son, Ryan, all the best in their move to the Lone Star state.



Members of the Fulton Debating Society of 2004.

To fill the debate coaching position for next year, the Fulton Debating Society is pleased to announce the hiring of Naveen Ramachandrapa from the University of Georgia. As a debater, Naveen enjoyed a spectacular career, winning prestigious tournaments like Georgia State and West Georgia, along with reaching the finals at Harvard and Wake Forest. In 2003, Naveen and his partner were the top seeded team after the preliminary rounds at the National Debate Tournament (NDT) hosted by Emory University. This year, Naveen received the second best speaker award at the NDT held at Catholic University.

The Society will conduct a national search to find a new debate coach in September. Naveen agreed to serve as our debate coach on a one-year, interim basis, because he plans on attending law school next year at the University of Georgia.

SULLIVAN WINS FULTON PRIZE DEBATE; FISHMAN HONORED AS FULTONIAN OF THE YEAR!

Jeffrey Sullivan, a sophomore majoring in political science, won the 112th annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 29th in Gasson 305 before a standing-room only crowd. The topic for the debate was, "Resolved: That the United States Supreme Court should strike down regulations prohibiting indecent



Action from the 2004 Fulton Prize Debate in Gasson 305. From left: Mandy Castle ('07), Allen Best ('07), Joe Bowden ('05), and Jeff Sullivan ('06)

broadcasting upheld in FCC v. Pacifica.” The judges for the debate were Dr. Michael Keith of the Communication Department along with two Harvard law students, Jared Fields ('01) and Kevin Hartzell ('02). Both Fields and Hartzell are former Fulton Debate Prize winners.

Debating on the affirmative side in the debate was Jeffrey Sullivan who debated with Joe Bowden, a junior majoring in political science major. Debating on the negative side was Mandy Castle, a freshmen Math and political science major, who was paired with Allen Best, a freshmen political science major.

The affirmative side in the debate argued that the indecency regulations enforced by the Federal Communication Commission (FCC) violated the First Amendment because the regulations are vague and overbroad, resulting in a chilling effect on broadcast programming. The negative side argued that indecency regulations were necessary to prevent children from being exposed to harmful speech and that the government had a unique right to regulate broadcasting because the airwaves are publicly owned.

In a split decision, the judges awarded the debate to the negative side, yet still named Jeffrey Sullivan as the best speaker of the debate. As the first place speaker of the debate, Jeffrey Sullivan received the gold-plated Fulton Medal, and he will have his name painted on the front wall of Gasson 305, along with the other winners dating back to 1890. Second place speaker honors went to the second affirmative speaker, Allen Best, who received the silver Gargan medal.

At the Fulton Prize Debate, Dr. Donald A. Fishman, was recognized as the 2004 recipient of the Fultonian of the year. Dr. Fishman was honored for his outstanding contributions as a teacher and scholar in the Communication Department over the past thirty-one years.



Dr. Donald Fishman, 2004 Fultonian of the Year, addresses the audience while the judges deliberate on the decision.

BIRELEY AWARDED THE KEVIN P. DUFFY EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE AWARD

Ben Bireley ('05), a junior from Plano, Texas, was awarded the Kevin P. Duffy Excellence in Debate Award. Ben is a political science major and a Presidential Scholar. In each of the past three years, Ben has qualified for the National Debate Tournament and he has won numerous speaker awards. Upon graduation, Ben plans on attending law school.

FULTON DEBATE QUALIFIES TWO TEAMS TO THE NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT

Boston College qualified two teams to compete at the 58th annual National Debate Tournament (NDT) to be held at Catholic University in Washington, DC during 2-5 April 2004. This marks the 27th year that Fulton Debate has qualified teams to the NDT.

Qualifying this year from Boston College were Allen Best ('07) & Mandy Castle ('07), along with Ben Bireley ('05) & Kevin Shatzkin ('05). Best & Castle qualified based on their strong performance at the District Eight Tournament, where they qualified along with teams from Harvard, Dartmouth, Rochester, and Cornell. Bireley & Shatzkin qualified by receiving a second round at large bid, based on their strong debate record during the entire season.

The National Debate Tournament is the most prestigious national tournament. The field is limited to the top seventy-eight debate teams in the United States. Teams must qualify by participating at district tournaments or by receiving at large-bids which are awarded to the top sixteen teams prior to districts and to the top ten teams after the district qualifying tournaments.

Of the forty-nine schools competing teams at the National Debate Tournament, Boston College was one of only twenty debate programs in the United States who qualified more than one team to the NDT.

FINAL NATIONAL DEBATE TOURNAMENT RANKINGS FOR 2003-2004

In the final National Debate Tournament (NDT) Rankings Report, Boston College achieved a top twenty-five ranking. These rankings reflect a school's best two team performance earned at eight tournaments over the 2003-2004 season. This year, over two hundred institutions fielded policy debate teams. The top twenty-five debate programs included:

1. Liberty University
2. Emory University
3. University of California, Berkeley
4. Michigan State University
5. University of Rochester
6. University of Texas, Austin
7. University of Kansas
8. George Mason University
9. University of Missouri, Kansas City
10. Wayne State University
11. Harvard University
12. Northwestern University
13. Cornell University
14. California State University, Fullerton
15. University of North Texas
16. Dartmouth College
17. University of Georgia
18. Southwest Missouri State University
19. Wake Forest University
20. Oklahoma University
21. Whitman College
22. Catholic University of America
23. University of Central Oklahoma
- 24. BOSTON COLLEGE**
25. University of Iowa

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS, 2003-2004

Championship and Final Rounds:

West Point (Varsity), 1st place
Kevin Shatzkin & Ben Bireley

John Carroll University (Junior Varsity), 1st place
Joseph Bowden & Matthew Hays

Wake Forest (Varsity), final round
Allen Best & Mandy Castle

U.S. Naval Academy (Junior Varsity), final round
Mark Irvine & John Powell

Semi-Finalists:

George Mason University (Varsity)
Allen Best & Mandy Castle

Quarter-Finals:

University of Richmond (Varsity)
Brady Littlefield & Jeffrey Sullivan

University of Richmond (Junior Varsity)
Mark Irvine & John Powell

West Point (Junior Varsity)
Mark Irvine & John Powell

Liberty University (Junior Varsity)
Mark Irvine & John Powell, final round

U.S. Naval Academy (Junior Varsity)
Joseph Bowden & Matthew Hays

ADA Nationals at George Mason (Junior Varsity)
Joseph Bowden & Matthew Hays

John Carroll University (Novice)
Qunag Nguyen and Phuong Thai

Octo-Finals:

West Point (Varsity)
Brady Littlefield & Jeffrey Sullivan

Liberty University (Junior Varsity)
Joseph Bowden & Matthew Hays

U.S. Naval Academy (Varsity)
Brady Littlefield & Jeffrey Sullivan

U.S. Naval Academy (Novice)
Qunag Nguyen and Phuong Thai

Winning Records but insufficient speaker points to reach elimination rounds:

Northwestern University, 5-3 record (Varsity)
Kevin Shatzkin & Ben Bireley

1st Place Speaker Awards:

Allen Best, George Mason University
Matthew Hays, John Carroll University

ALUMNI BRIEFS

1990s

Dilip Paliath ('93) and his wife Tracey are pleased to welcome Hannah Mary Paliath! She was born on May 18th (right at 38 weeks), weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz. She is an impressive 19 3/4 inches long.

Joshua Marmol ('99) and his wife Kerrie welcomed the birth of their first child, Isabel. She was born on July 12, 2004, weighing, 8 lbs 5 oz.

Kelleigh L. Domaingue ('99) graduated from the Vermont Law School.

David Staiti ('99) was married to Lisa Di Taranto in Gardner, Massachusetts on June 19th.

2000s

Lisa Langdon ('01) was married to Matthew Koch ('01) in Syracuse, New York on June 19th. The couple will be moving to Chicago where Matt will be attending the MBA program at the University of Chicago. Lisa will be looking to pursue her career in international relations.

Jared Fields ('01) graduated from Harvard Law School and he will be employed at the Salt Lake city firm of Parsons, Behle & Latimer.

Paul Sutton ('03) is moving to Miami, Florida to head the interactive production department for the advertising agency of Crispin Porter.

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