

THE FULTONIAN

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GREETINGS FROM FULTON DEBATE

We apologize for skipping the publication of the Winter 2005, volume 4, number 2, edition of THE FULTONIAN. Our preoccupation with conducting a national job search to hire a new debate coach led us to postpone publication.

To catch everyone up to date, this issue reports on all the activities of the Fulton Debating Society during the 2004-2005 academic year, including a separate page of ALUMNI BRIEFS.

In response to a growing number of inquiries from alumni about holding a Fulton Debate reunion, we have included a survey to determine how much interest exists in the idea and to determine the most convenient time of year to hold such an event. If you are at all interested in attending a debate reunion, please return the survey which is enclosed in this issue. You are also invited to forward any suggestions that you have for organizing the event.

We hope you enjoy reading THE FULTONIAN.

John Katsulas
Director, Fulton Debating Society

Patrick Waldinger
Debate Coach

Dale Herbeck
Chair, Communication Department

WALDINGER HIRED AS DEBATE COACH

Fulton Debate is pleased to announce the hiring of Patrick Waldinger as our new debate coach. Waldinger is replacing Naveen Ramachandrappa who is leaving to attend law school at the University of Georgia. Fulton Debate would like to thank Naveen for doing an exceptional job as a one-year replacement for Stefan Bauschard who departed in May 2004 to become the Director of Debate at St. Mark's in Dallas, Texas.

Waldinger comes to Fulton Debate with extensive intercollegiate debate experience. Waldinger debated for four years at Catholic University, where he won numerous individual and team awards, including winning first place at

the 2003 American Debate Association National Championship Tournament. Over the past two years, Waldinger has enjoyed great success as a graduate student coaching the nationally ranked Wake Forest debate team.

This summer, Waldinger is coaching high school students at the Wake Forest Debate Institute. He plans on relocating to Boston in August after completing his Master's degree in Communication at Wake Forest.



Dr. John Neuhauser receives the 2005 Fultonian of the Year Award from Joe Bowden ('05) in the Fulton Debating Room in Gasson Hall. Stories about the Fulton Prize Debate and the Fultonian of the Year appear on page 2.

ENERGY POLICY: THE 2004-2005 INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE TOPIC

United States Energy policy was debated as the intercollegiate debate topic for the 2004-2005 year. The wording of the topic was "Resolved: the United States federal government should establish an energy policy requiring a substantial reduction in the total non-governmental consumption of fossil fuels in the United States."

When debating on the affirmative side of the topic, Boston College teams advocated the passage of the Climate Stewardship Act, sponsored by Senators John McCain and Joseph Lieberman. This plan caps greenhouse gas emissions at 2000 levels by 2010 and establishes an emissions trading

system which allows companies to meet reduction goals by buying and selling carbon permits.

Boston College teams claimed three advantages to enacting the McCain-Lieberman bill. First, they argued that adopting reductions in domestic greenhouse gas emissions was necessary to prevent Europe from filing an unfair trade complaint with the World Trade Organization. Such an action might result in the imposition of trade sanctions against the United States, precipitating a trade war with the European Union. Second, they argued that by creating a market that makes greenhouse gas reductions economically valuable, McCain-Lieberman would spur innovation in clean energy technologies, creating jobs and restoring the competitiveness of US companies. Third, they argued that enacting curbs on greenhouse gases would improve relations and cooperation with our European allies who are irate over the US refusal to ratify the Kyoto treaty.

While emission cap and trade affirmative cases like the Climate Stewardship Act were among the more popular cases, other approaches to reducing fossil fuel consumption were also debated. These included mandating a federal renewable portfolio standard on electric utilities requiring that a certain percentage of power must come from renewable sources, raising the corporate average fuel economy standards (CAFE) on cars and light trucks, requiring old coal power plants to meet higher pollution control standards, imposing an ethanol fuel mandate requiring that ethanol fuel must supply 30 billion gallons by 2015, and increasing the efficiency standards on appliances using natural gas.

SHATZKIN WINS FULTON PRIZE DEBATE; CASTLE WINS GARGAN MEDAL

Kevin Shatzkin, a senior majoring in Political Science, won the 113th annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 26th in the Fulton Debating Room, Gasson 305. The topic for the debate was, "Resolved: That the United States should substantially increase the corporate average fuel economy standards (CAFE) for cars and light trucks."

Debating on the affirmative side with Kevin Shatzkin ('05) was Jeffrey Sullivan ('06) last year's Fulton Prize winner. Debating on the negative side was Mandy Castle ('07), a Math and Political Science major, who was paired with Allen Best ('07), a Political Science major.

The affirmative side argued that raising the CAFE standards for cars and light trucks would force the U.S. auto industry to develop more fuel efficient vehicles, leading to a substantial reduction in overall gas consumption. Reducing U.S. oil dependency, the affirmative side claimed, was necessary to prevent the outbreak of future oil shocks and to reduce the risk that high oil prices would harm the US economy.

The negative side countered by arguing that increasing the CAFE standards would dramatically increase the price of

automobiles, resulting in lower vehicle sales which would harm the auto industry and the US economy. Moreover, the negative claimed that raising the CAFE standards would force the auto industry to design smaller and lighter vehicles, reducing auto safety.

Judging this year's Fulton Prize Debate were Dr. Patricia De Leuw, the Associate Academic Vice President of Boston College; Kevin Hartzell ('02), a second year Harvard Law School student; and Joshua Marmol ('99), a second year Boston College Law School student. Hartzell and Marmol are former winners of the Fulton Prize Debate.

In a unanimous decision, the judges awarded the debate to the affirmative side, and named Kevin Shatzkin as the best speaker of the debate. As the first place speaker of the debate, Shatzkin received the gold-plated Fulton Medal; his name will be 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 negative speaker, Mandy Castle, who received the silver Gargan medal.

NEUHAUSER HONORED AS THE FULTONIAN OF THE YEAR

At this year's Fulton Prize Debate, Dr. John Neuhauser, was recognized as the 2005 recipient of the Fultonian of the Year Award. Dr. Neuhauser was honored for his outstanding contributions over the past 36 years as a teacher and administrator at Boston College, including a twenty-two year reign as the Dean of the Carroll School of Management and as the Academic Vice President since 1999. Dr. Neuhauser joins Charles Donovan, S.J., and Kevin Duffy as the only two time recipients of the Fultonian of the Year Award.



Debate Coach Naveen Ramachandrappa presents the Kevin Duffy Debate Award to Kevin Shatzkin ('05) while Jeff Sullivan ('06) watches.

SHATZKIN AWARDED THE DUFFY EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE AWARD

Kevin Shatzkin ('05) was awarded the Kevin P. Duffy Excellence in Debate Award. Kevin enjoyed an outstanding debate career, qualifying for the National Debate Tournament three times and winning the West Point Tournament twice. Next year, Kevin will be attending graduate school in international relations at the University of San Diego.



Grace Peters adds another name to the trompe l'oeil plaque in Gasson Hall 305 under the watchful eye of Father Fulton.

GRACE PETERS CELEBRATES 20TH YEAR AS CALLIGRAPHER OF GASSON 305

In August 2004, Grace Peters achieved a notable feat when she finished painting Jeffrey Sullivan's name on the front wall of Gasson 305, as this marked the 20th year that she climbed the 27 foot ladder to paint the names of Fulton Prize winners.

Although the Society lacks historical records to indicate who painted the names of all the winners going back to 1890, there is a very high probability that Grace Peters is the most prolific name painter. Since she was first hired in 1985, Grace Peters has painted the names of twenty-nine Fulton Prize winners. Her first job was to paint the names of the winners of the debate from 1979 to 1984, which had gone unpainted. That means Eric Woodbury is the very first name that she painted. In addition to painting those twenty-six names, Grace also painted the names of the winners from 1968-1970, which were not painted at the time.

Painting one name on the wall takes approximately one hour. Before arriving on the job, Grace creates a stencil on a piece of paper which contains the exact lettering of the winner's name. On her first climb up the wall, Grace traces the name on the wall using a pencil and carbon paper. On her second trip, Grace paints the top half of the lettering using red paint; on her final climb, Grace paints the lower half of the lettering with black paint.

Grace is an exceptional calligrapher who received her training at a professional sign-painting school. For many years, Grace hand-lettered the college diplomas for local universities such as MIT. However, the demand for sign-painting and calligraphy work has greatly diminished in recent years due to the advent of computer-generated lettering, which is much cheaper to produce. Therefore, painting remains a part-time job for Grace, and the great wall in Gasson 305 is one of the few jobs that she continues to perform. Grace's full-time profession is serving as an interpreter at area hospitals.

FULTON DEBATE QUALIFIES TWO TEAMS TO ATTEND THE NDT

Boston College qualified two teams to compete at the 59th annual National Debate Tournament (NDT) held at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington during 25-28 March 2005. This marks the 28th year that Fulton Debate has qualified teams to compete at the NDT.

Qualifying this year from Boston College were Allen Best ('07) & Mandy Castle ('07), along with Jeffrey Sullivan ('06) & Kevin Shatzkin ('05). Both teams qualified by finishing among the top five teams at the District 8 qualifying tournament which was held at the University of Vermont over the weekend of February 26-27, 2005. Other schools qualifying for from District 8 include two teams from Dartmouth, two teams from Harvard, one team from the University of Vermont, one team from the University of Rochester and one team from the State University of New York-Binghamton.

The National Debate Tournament is the most prestigious national tournament. The field is limited to the top 78 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.

Boston College was one of twenty debate programs in the United States who qualified more than one team to attend the NDT.

BAUSCHARD TAKES OVER AS DIRECTOR OF DEBATE AT LAKELAND HIGH SCHOOL

Stefan Bauschard, our former debate coach from the fall of 1999 until the spring of 2004, has decided to leave St Mark's to become the new Director of Debate at Lakeland High School in Westchester County, New York. One year living in the Dallas, Texas heat was enough to persuade the Bauschard family to move back to the northeast. Relocating to New York puts the Bauschards closer to their families who reside in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. We wish Stefan, his wife Holly, and their son, Ryan the best of luck.

FULTON DEBATE HOSTS THE FIRST BOSTON DEBATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

On May 8th, Boston College hosted the first championship tournament of the Boston Debate League. After three rounds of preliminary competition, two finalists were chosen for the championship debate. In front of an auditorium of fellow debaters, coaches, families of debaters, and even some school administrators, Cleonice Costa-Mendes and Danielle Floyd from Boston Community Leadership Academy (BCLA) defended United Nations intervention in the Sudan against Chris Walker and Mai Hoang from Charlestown High School. The decision was a 2-1 in favor of the affirmative from BCLA.

In its first year, the Boston Debate League started new debate programs in four urban high schools in the Boston area, including the Boston Community Leadership Academy, Joshua Quincy Upper School, Charlestown High School, and Prospect Hill Academy. Andrew Brokos and Laura Sjoberg, who established a successful urban debate league in Chicago, are the Boston League Coordinators. By supporting the expansion of debate to urban high schools, Fulton Debate hopes to expand debate in Boston schools and enhance its ability to recruit a broad range of students to Boston College. To learn more information about the Boston Debate League, visit their website at www.bostondebate.org.



Participants at the Boston Debate League Championship celebrate their success with smiles, trophies, and flowers! The Fulton Debating Society hosted this event which is part of an effort to revitalize high school debate in Boston.

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ALUMNI BRIEFS

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1940s

Robert F. Drinan, S.J., ('42) received the highest medal awarded by the American Bar Association for lifelong service to the improvement of the administration of justice. The award was given to Father Drinan at the annual meeting of the American Bar Association in Atlanta, Georgia on August 9, 2004. Father Drinan is the author of eleven books, including his most recent one, *Can God and Caesar Coexist—Balancing Religious Freedom and International Law*, published by Yale University Press in October 2004. Father Drinan is currently a professor at Georgetown University Law Center. He served as the dean of the BC Law School from 1956 until 1970 and he represented Massachusetts in the United States Congress from 1971 to 1981.

1970s

Frank Roach Rider ('79) writes: "Reading about the debate team's current activities brings fond memories of my own BC debate days in 1975-1977. I wish my contemporaries in BC debate—John Meany, Mike Reilly, Frank Lynch, Rich Ducott, Cindy Amara, Eric Woodbury, John Lane, Steve Malachowski, Jack Hart and all the rest—health, happiness and success.

I moved to Arizona as a journalist in 1980, but within a year had somehow found myself in an unexpected career in human services that remains ongoing. I ran the state's northern Arizona service system for people with developmental disabilities for several years, and later worked within the child welfare system. In 2001, I was hired to lead a six-year reform of Arizona's behavioral health system for 36,000 children and their families. I serve as the Bureau Chief for Children's Health Services for the AZ Division of Behavioral Health Services.

I raised a Navajo boy with severe disabilities to adulthood as my foster son for 13 years, and now have two children of my own with my wife, Keverly: daughter Destiney, age 8; and son Stephen, age 3.

Only by winning a one-of-its-kind Bicentennial debate scholarship—right place, right time—was I able to attend

BC at all. Erwin Chemerinsky, subsequently a famous law professor at USC (remember his TV commentaries during the OJ Simpson trial?) was my debate coach at BC. My partner, Eric Woodbury ('79) and I won a debate tournament for BC at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst, but my biggest BC debate memory, in hindsight, was losing to Larry Summers and his MIT partner in the octafinals of a tournament at Harvard. Larry, of course, eventually signed all the dollar bills printed during Bill Clinton's second term, and is now the President of Harvard University.

The skills I developed as a debater at Xaverian Brothers High School in Westwood, MA, and later at BC—researching and organizing information, constructing logical argument, writing and public speaking, have all served me very well during my own career."

1990s

Charles Morris, III ('91) is leaving Vanderbilt University to return to Boston College as an Associate Professor in the Communication Department. Chuck is one of the leading rhetoric scholars in the United States, having published numerous articles in the prestigious *Quarterly Journal of Speech*. In the fall of 2005, Chuck will teach classes in Rhetoric and Public Memory and Communication Criticism.



Chuck Morris ('91) during a recent visit to London.

Dilip Paliath ('93) is running in the 2006 election as a Republican candidate for the State Senate seat in District 42 in Baltimore County, Maryland. To learn more about Dilip's candidacy, go to his website at www.paliath.com. Dilip is currently working for Governor Robert Ehrlich, Jr. as the Chief Counsel in the Office of Crime Control and Prevention.



Candidate Paliath ('93) gives a stump speech on the campaign trail.

Wenyu Ho ('95) Blanchard returned to the Heights to celebrate the tenth anniversary of her graduation. While on campus, Wenyu and her husband, Eric Blanchard ('95), visited the new debate suite in 21 Campanella Way and had their picture taken next to the Fulton Debate trophy case. Much to Wenyu's delight, several trophies that she won debating with Dilip Paliath ('93), Jack Minnear ('95) and Chris Strunk ('95) were on display.



Wenyu and Eric Blanchard ('95) visit the Society's shrine to great debate triumphs.

Jack Minnear ('95) moved back to Atlanta and he is employed as a Counsel at the law firm of Sutherland, Asbill & Brennan. This fall, John Katsulas had the

pleasure of dinning with Jack while attending the Georgia State tournament.

Christopher Strunk ('95) moved to San Francisco and accepted a new job as an attorney at the law firm, Gordon & Rees.

Joshua Marmol ('99) reached the finals of the Moot Court competition held at the Boston College Law School. While attending law school, Joshua is teaching a section of public speaking for the Boston College Communication Department.



Joshua Marmol ('99) and his daughter at the BC Moot Court competition. Joshua is joined by his wife, Kerri (standing), and his moot court partner, Tracy Hreshko (seated).

2000s

Brian Kane ('00) accepted a new position as a grant coordinator in the College of Computer Science at Northeastern University. Previously, Brian was the Director of the Boston College Center for Irish Programs in Dublin, Ireland.

PLEASE HELP UPDATE THE ALUMNI BRIEFS. We invite all Ful-tonians 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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REUNION SURVEY

Fulton Debating Society, c/o Communication Department, Boston College, Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3804

Your Name:

Mailing Address:

Please return this survey if you are interested in attending a reunion for Fulton Debate alumni.

1. Please check a preference for the month:

April to coincide with regular Fulton Prize Debate (usually the 3rd or 4th week)

May (Memorial Day Weekend)

June (1st week of June with other BC reunions)

July

Other time (please specify)

2. Date preferences:

Friday-Saturday

Saturday-Sunday

3. A block of rooms should be reserved at

A hotel in downtown Boston

A hotel near campus

A dormitory on campus

Attendees should be responsible for their own lodging

4. A debate using a current event topic with alumni participants should be part of the reunion

Yes

No

5. A banquet should be part of the reunion

Yes

No

6. The banquet should be held at

BC on-campus location

Function room at a local restaurant

7. I am interested in serving on a steering committee to recruit alumni from my decade to attend the reunion

Yes

No

8. Comments and suggestions:

Completed surveys should be mailed to

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