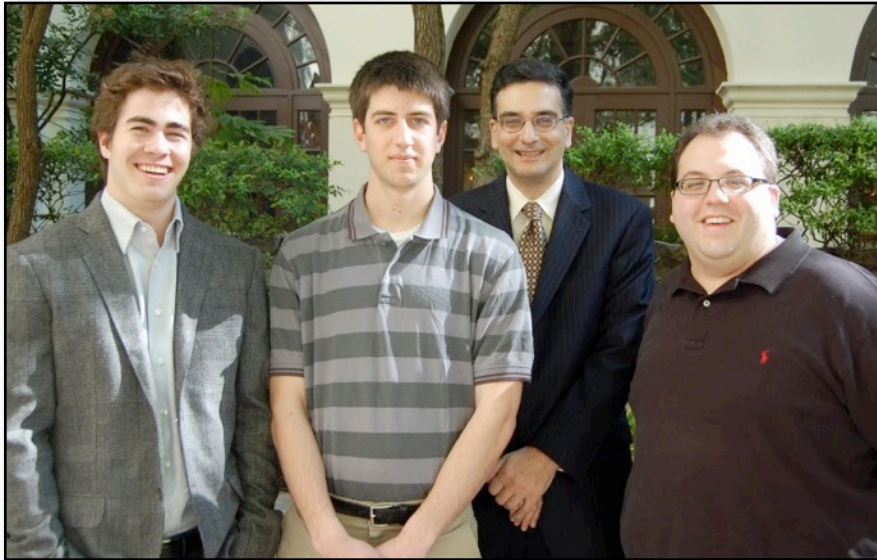


THE FULTONIAN

Fultonians Qualify for NDT

38th team to represent Boston College since 1962



Team photo taken at the 2009 NDT hosted by the University of Texas at Austin. From left Gabe Stacy '12, Matthew Maerowitz '10, John Katsulas, and Patrick Waldinger

Matthew Maerowitz '10 and Gabe Stacy '12 became the thirty-eighth team from Boston College to qualify for the National Debate Tournament (NDT).

The NDT is the oldest and most prestigious of the national tournaments. Participation is limited to an elite field comprised of the top seventy-eight debate teams in the United States.

The tournament was first held in 1947 and hosted by West Point for twenty consecutive years. In 1967, the NDT began a rotation system whereby the tournament was hosted by a different region and school every year. This year,

the NDT was hosted by the University of Texas at Austin during March 27-30, 2009.

Maerowitz and Stacy qualified for the NDT by finishing among the top seven teams at the District 8 (Northeast) qualifying tournament held at Baruch College during February 28-March 1st.

District Eight—always one of the most competitive districts—was represented at the NDT by teams from Binghamton University, Boston College, Cornell University, Dartmouth College, Harvard University, and the University of Rochester.

Greetings from the Heights

This issue reports on the activities of the Society during the 2008-2009 academic year, including tournament results from a season in which the Fultonians qualified for the National Debate Tournament (NDT) and achieved a top ten finish in the final debate rankings.

The Fultonian also reports on the on-campus activities of the Society including the establishment of a new public debate series as well as the 117th Annual Fulton Prize Debate. We also have a story about the Society's first "cyber-debate" against the University of Vermont.

Finally, this issue reports on our progress in completing our history initiative, an effort which has the goal of identifying all past officers of the Society, the Fulton and Gargan Medal winners, and the topics for all of the Fulton Prize Debate.

We hope you enjoy reading *The Fultonian* and welcome your suggestions and feedback.

John Katsulas
Director of Debate

Patrick Waldinger
Debate Coach

Dale Herbeck
Director Emeritus

117th FULTON PRIZE DEBATE ON LOWERING THE DRINKING AGE

Gabriel Stacy '12 won the 117th annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 15th in Gasson 305 before a standing-room-only crowd. The topic for the debate was, "Resolved: That Congress should repeal the Federal Uniform Drinking Age Act." The judges for the debate were Dr. Charles Morris '91, Howard Singer and Dr. John L. Mahoney, Sr. (Long-time Fultonians may remember that Dr. Mahoney served as Moderator of the Society from 1955 to 1960).

Debating on the affirmative side was Brendan Benedict '12, a political science major from New Jersey, and Sean O'Hara '09, a history major from Vermont. Debating on the negative side with Stacy was Matthew Maerowitz '10, an economics major from Arizona and last year's Fulton Medal winner.

The affirmative side argued that binge drinking among college students and underage youths is rampant today. In light of the failure of the 21 year old drinking age law to curtail binge drinking, the affirmative advocated allowing the individual states to enforce lower drinking ages if they agreed to implement alcohol education programs before issuing provisional drinking licenses to 18 to 20 year olds.

Arguing against this proposal, the negative side claimed that lowering the drinking age would make it easier for high school students to gain access to alcohol which would increase binge drinking among younger aged students. The negative also argued that



Negative debaters Gabriel Stacy '12 and Matthew Maerowitz '10 responded that lowering the drinking age to 18 would lead to increased alcohol consumption and more traffic fatalities.

lowering the drinking age would cause a dramatic increase in highway traffic fatalities, citing evidence from the National Highway Safety Administration.

In a unanimous decision, the judges awarded the debate to the negative side and named Gabriel Stacy as the top speaker. As the top speaker of the debate, Gabriel Stacy received the gold Fulton Medal and his name will be painted on the front wall of Gasson 305. As the second place speaker, Sean O'Hara received the silver Gargan Medal.



Affirmative debaters Brenden Benedict '12 and Sean O'Hara '09 argued lowering the drinking age would curtail binge drinking

The Fulton Debating Society

- Kenneth Aruda '10
- Brendan Benedict '12
- Daniel Berkowitz '11
- Kevin Coughlin '09
- Chris Fegan '12
- Ryan Folio '12
- Grant Gendron '11
- Cal Greene '12
- Sean O'Hara '09
- Matthew Maerowitz '10
- Ryan Malone '10
- Kelsey Muraoka '11
- Gabriel Stacy '12
- Michael Stork '10
- Kevin Walton '10
- Jamie Zhang '12

JOHN MAHONEY, JR. HONORED AS THE 2009 FULTONIAN OF THE YEAR

At the culmination of the Annual Prize Debate, John Mahoney, Jr., '79 and '85, the Director of Undergraduate Admissions at Boston College since 1990, was honored as the 2009 Fultonian of the Year. This award is presented annually to a special friend of the Society, a gifted speaker who used oratory for the greater good, or a teacher or administrator who served the Boston College community with distinction.

Mahoney was recognized for his long and distinguished service to the university. Under his leadership, student applications to Boston College have improved in quantity and quality, making Boston College among the most selective colleges in the United States. Mahoney was also commended for his special efforts to attract talented debaters to Boston College.



Fultonian of the Year John Mahoney, Jr., and the judges for the Fulton Prize Debate: Dr. Charles Morris, Dr. John Mahoney, Sr., and Howard Singer. While an undergraduate at Boston College, Dr. Morris won the Gargan Medal in 1991. Howard Singer, a long time friend of the Society, was honored as Fultonian of the Year in 2003.

STACY WINS THE QUINN OUTSTANDING FIRST YEAR DEBATER AWARD

The Joseph F. Quinn Award for the Outstanding First Year Debater was created in 2007 to celebrate the service of Dr. Joseph Quinn, who currently holds the James P. McIntrye Chair in Economics. From 1999 until 2007, Dr. Quinn served as the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

The Quinn Award for 2009 was given to Gabriel Stacy '12, who came to Boston College from Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School where he debated with his twin brother, Alex. In his first year of college debate, Gabriel achieved a high level of competitive success by reaching

the elimination rounds in the varsity division at tournaments hosted by Binghamton University, Cornell University, and the University of Massachusetts. Gabriel is also one of a handful of freshmen who qualified for the 2009 National Debate Tournament (NDT).

O'HARA HONORED WITH DUFFY AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE



Sean O'Hara '09 with one of the many trophies he won competing as a Fultonian.

The Kevin P. Duffy Award for Excellence in Debate honors the long and distinguished service of Dr. Kevin P. Duffy, Vice President of Student Affairs at Boston College from 1976 until 2000. Last year, Dr. Duffy retired from Boston College after serving as a professor in the Lynch School of Education.

The 2009 Duffy Award was given to Sean O'Hara '09. A history major from Vermont, O'Hara came to Boston College without any high school debate experience. Joining the debate team during his sophomore year, O'Hara competed successfully as a novice, reaching the semi-finals of numerous tournaments including West Point and the University of Richmond.

O'Hara did not debate during his junior year because he was studying in Ireland. As a senior, O'Hara enjoyed tremendous success debating in the junior varsity division. Debating with three different partners, O'Hara won tournaments held at Cornell (debating with Brendan Benedict), Western Connecticut (debating with Gabriel Stacy), and the University of Massachusetts (debating with Daniel Berkowitz).

FULTON SOCIETY INAUGURATES NEW PUBLIC DEBATE SERIES

This year Fulton Debate initiated a public debating series which featured four on-campus debates on contemporary topics of interest to college students. The topics debated during the fall included whether Obama should be elected the next U.S. President and whether marijuana should be decriminalized in Massachusetts. During the spring semester, the topics debated included whether fleeting expletives deserve First Amendment protection and whether college football should eliminate the Bowl Championship Series (BCS) and adopt a playoff system.

The format for the public debates was altered from the traditional tournament format so that the entire debate could be completed in less than one hour. The time limits for the four constructive speeches were reduced to 6 minutes. Because the interaction which occurs during the cross-examination periods is frequently the most entertaining part of the debate for the audience, the time limits for the four cross-examination periods were increased from the standard 3 minutes to 4 minutes. After the constructive speeches, the audience was given a 5 minute block of time to ask

questions to the debaters. To conclude the debate, each side was given a four minute rebuttal speech. To determine the winner of the debate, we asked the audience to indicate by a show of hands, who they thought won the debate.

This year, the debaters who participated in the public debating series were all former policy debaters. Michael Stork '10, Kevin Walton '10, and Kevin Coughlin '09 were all outstanding novice debaters; Ryan Malone '10 competed successfully for two years in junior varsity, and he won the Gargan Medal in 2008.

The public debating series turned out to be a huge success. All four of the debates attracted packed audiences in large auditoriums. In total, more than 800 people attended the four debates. The public debating series provided valuable instructional material for students enrolled in several communication classes. Communication faculty teaching public speaking, rhetorical tradition, broadcast and feature writing, elements of debate, cyber law, and communication law sent their students to these debates and had the students write evaluations analyzing the arguments, rhetorical strategies, and uses of evidence employed by the debaters.



The four public debaters--Kevin Coughlin '09, Ryan Malone '10, Michael Stork '10, and Kevin Walton '10--take time from their preparations to share a quiet dinner. Stork and Walton also represented the Society in BC's first Internet debate.

Fulton Public Debate Series
for 2008-2009

October 28, 2008

"Resolved: That Senator Barack Obama should be elected the next President of the United States."

November 18, 2008

"Resolved: The Massachusetts legislature should repeal the ballot initiative, Proposition 2, which calls for decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of marijuana."

February 24, 2009

"Resolved: That fleeting expletives are protected speech under the First Amendment."

March 19, 2009

"Resolved: That college football should adopt a playoff system for determining the national champion."

**WE THE STUDENTS:
INTERNET DEBATE OVER
THE LEGALIZATION OF
MARIJUANA**

On February 10, 2009, Boston College debated against the University of Vermont on a live internet program called *We The Students*. This program is produced by the University of Miami (Florida) Ethics Program and funded by a grant from philanthropist Adrienne Arsht.

The topic for the debate was whether the United States should legalize marijuana. Fulton Debate argued against legalization, while Vermont chose the pro-legalization position. Participating in the debate from Boston College were Michael Stork '10 and Kevin Walton '10,

who are members of the public debating team. Last year, Walton and Stork were members of the novice policy team who won three tournaments. Competing for Vermont were Sarah Anders and Paul Gross, who competed this year on Vermont's parliamentary debating squad.

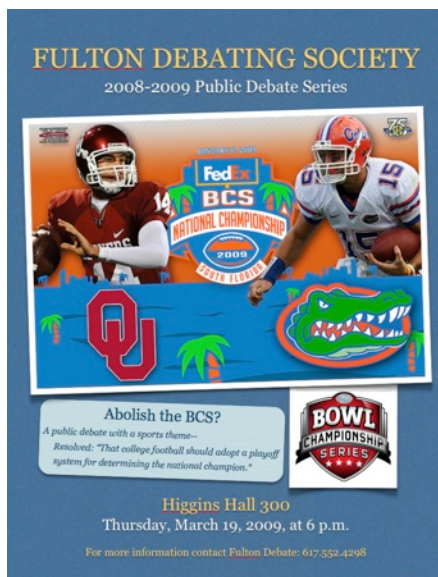
The format for *We The Students* debates is more akin to a panel discussion than a traditional policy debate. A student moderator from the University of Miami, Mitch Carr, asks both sides for a one minute opening statement. The moderator then asks each side to answer questions about the topic. For instance, in this debate, Carr asked both sides questions about the effects legalizing marijuana would have on the American

economy, public health, and law enforcement.

During the broadcast, another University of Miami student, Stephanie Schartel, monitors a chat room where students from other colleges offer their views about the topic. The program concludes without declaring a winner or loser.

This year, *We The Students* has sponsored debates on topics dealing with stem cell research, animal rights, gay marriage, Intelligent Design, Guantanamo Bay, globalization, and lowering the national drinking age. Video archives of these debates, including the marijuana legalization debate, are available at: <<http://www.wethestudents.tv/pastepisodes.html>>.

Poster used to publicize the final event of the 2008-2009 Public Debate Series. Despite the best efforts of the negative team to defend the Bowl Championship Series (BCS), the audience favored a playoff system and awarded a decisive decision to the affirmative team.



Fultonians at the Communication Department's Honors Banquet on May 7, 2009. Front row: Michael Stork '10, Brendan Benedict '12, Ryan Folio '12, Kelsey Muraoka '11, and Ken Aruda '10. Back row: Cal Greene '12, Kevin Walton '10, Gabe Stacy '12, Chris Fegan '12, Grant Gendron '11, Matt Maerowitz '10, and Sean O'Hara '09.

**Final CEDA Rankings
for 2008-2009**

1. Liberty University
2. Binghamton University
3. University of Oklahoma
4. University of Kansas
5. Emory University
6. BOSTON COLLEGE
7. Wake Forest University
8. University of Mary
Washington
9. Northwestern University
10. Wichita State University
11. United States Military
Academy
12. University of Central
Oklahoma
13. Kansas State University
14. University of California,
Berkeley
15. Towson University
16. University of West Georgia
17. University of Louisiana,
Lafayette
18. Gonzaga University
19. Clarion University
20. University of Minnesota
21. Baylor University
22. Harvard University
23. Michigan State University
24. University of Wyoming
25. University of Texas, Austin

**FULTON CONCLUDES SUCCESSFUL SEASON; SOCIETY
RANKED IN TOP TEN IN CEDA AND NDT STANDINGS**

In the final point standings released by the Cross-Examination Debate Association (CEDA) and the National Debate Tournament Committee (NDT), Boston College achieved a top ten ranking: 6th place in CEDA and 9th in NDT. Points are awarded based on the top two teams' performance at six tournaments for the CEDA rankings and eight tournaments for the NDT rankings. More than 130 schools fielded policy debate teams during the 2008-2009 year.

2008-2009 TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Championships and Final Rounds:

Cornell University (Junior Varsity)
First Place--Brendan Benedict & Sean O'Hara

University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Junior Varsity)
First Place--Ken Aruda & Ryan Folio
and Sean O'Hara & Daniel Berkowitz

Western Connecticut State University (Junior Varsity)
First Place--Sean O'Hara & Gabe Stacy

John Carroll University (Novice)
First Place--Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

Binghamton University (Novice)
First Place--Ken Aruda & Ryan Folio

Cornell University (Rookie)
First Place--Cal Greene & Jamie Zhang

Cornell University (Varsity)
Second Place--Matthew Maerowitz & Gabe Stacy

Semi-finalists:

Northeast Regional Championship
hosted by Baruch College (Junior Varsity)
Grant Gendron & Kelsey Muraoka

John Carroll University (Junior Varsity)
Daniel Berkowitz & Grant Gendron

Western Connecticut State University (Junior Varsity)
Daniel Berkowitz & Kelsey Muraoka

2008-2009 TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

Semi-finalists continued

Binghamton University (Novice)
Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

Northeast Regional Championship
hosted by Baruch College (Novice)
Ken Aruda & Ryan Folio

Western Connecticut State University (Novice)
Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

John Carroll University (Novice)
Ken Aruda & Ryan Folio

Quarter-finalists

University of Massachusetts, Amherst (Varsity)
Matthew Maerowitz & Gabe Stacy

University of Massachusetts (Junior Varsity)
Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

American Debate Association Championship
hosted by Appalachian State (Novice)
Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

American Debate Association Championship
hosted by Appalachian State University (Novice)
Ken Aruda & Ryan Folio

Western Connecticut State University (Novice)
Ken Aruda & Ryan Folio

Northeast Regional Championship
hosted by Baruch College (Novice)
Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

Octa-finalists

Binghamton University (Varsity)
Sean O'Hara & Gabe Stacy

United States Naval Academy (Novice)
Brendan Benedict & Chris Fegan

**Final NDT Rankings
for 2008-2009**

1. Liberty University
2. Binghamton University
3. University of Oklahoma
4. Emory University
5. University of Kansas
6. Wake Forest University
7. United States Military Academy
8. Northwestern University
9. BOSTON COLLEGE
10. Wichita State University
11. University of Mary Washington
12. Kansas State University
13. University of Central Oklahoma
14. Towson University
15. University of California, Berkeley
16. Clarion University
17. Baylor University
18. Gonzaga University
19. Harvard University
20. Whitman University
21. Cornell University
22. Michigan State University
23. West Virginia University
24. University of Louisiana, Lafayette
25. University of Minnesota

UPDATE ON THE FULTON HISTORY INITIATIVE

Thanks to all of our alumni who contributed historical information about Fulton Debate topics, officers, and medal winners. We are delighted to report that we now have the resolutions for 109 of the 117 Fulton Prize Debates. We are only missing the topics for 5 years: 1954, 1961, 1971, 1972 and 1975. Based on the available records, it appears that there were no debates in 1944, 1945, 1946 (due to World War II) and 1983, 1984, and 1985 (when a public speaking exhibition was held in place of the Fulton Prize Debate).

Presidents

We have also made progress in identifying the names of past Fulton officers. Every Fulton Debate President from 1890 until 1986 has been identified.

Previously, we were missing the names of the Presidents from these four years: 1967-1968, David M. White; 1983-1984, Tom Grace; 1984-1985, Richard Beck; and 1985-1986, Susan Tardanico.

Vice Presidents

As for identifying the names of Vice-Presidents, we made slight progress by learning that Charles C. Brown was the Vice-President for 1967-1968. We are still missing the Vice-Presidents for these terms and academic years: Spring 1911, Spring 1954, 1969-1970, 1971-1972, 1984-1985, and 1983-1984.

Gargan Medal

With the discovery that Frank Tannian was the 1953 Gargan medal winner, we now need to locate the missing Gargan medal winners from these 12 years: 1941, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1952, 1960, 1967, 1968, 1982, 1983, 1984, and 1985.



May 2009 photo of the Fultonians and some of the trophies won over the past year. Front row: Brendan Benedict '12 and Kelsey Muraoka '11. Back Row: Dan Berkowitz '11, Grant Gendron '11, Sean O'Hara '09, Ryan Folio '12, Chris Fegan '12, and Ken Aruda '10.

Seven of the Recovered Topics for the Annual Fulton Prize Debate

1955--"Resolved: The pen is mightier than the sword."

1956--"Resolved: That the philosophy courses at Boston College constitute a true search for knowledge."

1966--"Resolved: That law enforcement agencies in the United States should be given greater freedom in the investigation and prosecution of crime."

1967--"Resolved: That the United States should substantially reduce its foreign policy commitments."

1968--"Resolved: That the federal government should guarantee a minimum annual cash income to citizens."

1969--"Resolved: That executive control of United States foreign policy should be significantly curtailed."

1970--"Resolved: That the federal government should grant annually a specific percentage of its income tax revenue to the state governments."