

THE FULTONIAN

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GREETINGS FROM FULTON DEBATE

This issue of THE FULTONIAN reports on the activities of Fulton Debate occurring during the 2005-2006 season. The debate team enjoyed another successful season, qualifying two teams to the National Debate Tournament, as well as winning tournaments at the University of Miami and George Mason University.

An Alumni Briefs supplement is also included with news items about and from our alumni.

We hope you enjoy reading THE FULTONIAN.

John Katsulas
Director, Fulton Debating Society

Patrick Waldinger
Debate Coach

Dale Herbeck
Chair, Communication Department

NEW FULTON DEBATE WEBSITE

Fulton Debate has a new and improved website which is part of the Communication Department's home website. In the left column, you will find a set of navigational links providing information about Fulton history, debate awards (Fulton Prize Winners, Gargan Medal, Duffy Award for Debate Excellence, Fultonian of the Year, NDT qualifiers), the travel schedule, members, directors, alumni, and debate links. Copies of back issues of THE FULTONIAN are posted under the alumni links.

To visit the website, go to this address:
<http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/communication/fulton/>

If anyone has old pictures of themselves or other debaters that they would like added to the website, please send us a copy of the photographs and we will scan them and return them to you. In particular, if you have any pictures taken at debate tournaments, please send them along with a note identifying the persons, date, and event shown in the photograph.

DEBATE ALUMNI REUNION DATE IS APRIL 20-21, 2007

Thanks to everyone who sent back their survey providing suggestions for when and how to schedule the Fulton Debate reunion. The overwhelming sentiment was for the reunion to coincide with the holding of the Fulton Prize Debate, which occurs in April. After looking over the calendar for 2007, it looks like the April 20-21st weekend is our best weekend as this date avoids Easter, which is on April 9th as well as the Boston Marathon, which runs on April 16th.

Our preliminary plan for the reunion schedule is to hold the Fulton Prize Debate on Friday, April 20th at 7:00 p.m. Alumni are welcome to attend the debate. If there is sufficient interest, we will assemble an all-star panel of alumni to serve as judges. On Saturday, April 20th, we will hold a debate featuring alumni as participants, followed by a debate banquet. As details become finalized, we will post announcements on the website, and a formal invitation will be mailed in January 2007. John Katsulas will be in contact soon with everyone who volunteered to serve on the reunion steering committee.



2006 Fulton Prize Debate in Gasson 305. From left to right: Doowon Chung ('09), Allen Best ('07), Director John Katsulas, Mandy Castle ('07), and Jeffrey Sullivan ('06)

US-CHINA POLICY: THE 2005-2006 INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE TOPIC

United States foreign policy toward China was debated as the intercollegiate debate topic for the 2005-2006 year. The wording of the topic was, “Resolved: That the United States Federal Government should substantially increase economic and diplomatic pressure on the People’s Republic of China in one or more of the following areas: trade, human rights, weapons non-proliferation, Taiwan.”

While debating on the affirmative side of the topic, Boston College teams advocated one of two cases. During the first semester, Fultonians advocated filing a World Trade Organization (WTO) complaint against China, alleging that it was violating the intellectual property rights of United States businesses. This affirmative case claimed four harms. First, it argued that the theft of software, DVDs, and other goods by China was robbing the US economy of billions of dollars in sales. Second, it argued that intellectual property theft was harming the Chinese economy by reducing the incentives for local innovation by Chinese entrepreneurs. Third, it argued that the health and safety of millions of consumers were threatened by the export of counterfeit drugs and auto parts from China. Fourth, it argued that the credibility of the World Trade Organization (WTO) was in jeopardy if the United States failed to utilize the dispute settlement mechanism to force China to live up to its commitments.

During the second semester, the Fultonians advocated a plan that prohibited issuing travel visas to all Chinese doctors who visited the United States for the purpose of receiving training in organ transplantation. According to reports by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, Chinese doctors are involved in the harvesting of human organs from prisoners on death row, without the consent of the prisoners or their families. Profits from the sale of these organs to foreign tourists generates millions of dollars per year for the Chinese military, who owns and operates the hospitals. This affirmative case was largely premised on a morality claim.

Other popular affirmative cases advocated by other schools included these: imposing capital market sanctions against Chinese companies selling missiles to rogue nations; pressuring China to revalue its currency, including threatening passage of the Schumer-Graham bill; banning the import of any Chinese product manufactured using slave labor; threatening to boycott US participation in the 2008 Olympics unless China abandoned its one child policy or stopped its persecution of Tibet; imposing sanctions on China for not enforcing the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

BEST WINS FULTON PRIZE DEBATE; CASTLE WINS GARGAN MEDAL

Allen Best (’07), a political science major from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, won the 114th annual Fulton Prize Debate held on April 20th in the Fulton Debating room, Gasson 305. The topic for the debate was, “Resolved: That the United States should file a World Trade Organization (WTO) complaint against China for violating the intellectual property rights of US business.”

Debating on the affirmative side with Allen Best (’07) was Doowon Chung (’09), a political science major from Lexington, Massachusetts. Debating on the negative side was Mandy Castle (’07), a political science major from Holland, Michigan, who was paired with Jeffrey Sullivan (’06), a political science major from Towson, Maryland.

In the debate, the affirmative side argued that piracy rates for business software as high as 90% proved that China was not enforcing its laws to protect intellectual property rights. Allowing piracy to continue would cause US companies to lose billions in revenue, resulting in millions of lost jobs. The affirmative argued that filing a complaint with the world trade organization would pressure China to adopt stronger criminal penalties to deter piracy.

The negative countered by arguing that filing a WTO complaint would fail because China’s laws already protect intellectual property, meaning that the United States would probably lose the case. Moreover, the negative argued that engagement was a more effective strategy at improving intellectual property rights in China and that filing a WTO case would undermine cooperation with China on important international issues like preventing North Korea from expanding its nuclear arsenal.

Judging this year’s Fulton Prize Debate were three Fulton Debate alumni, including Communication Department professor Charles Morris, III (’91), Kevin Hartzell (’02), a third year Harvard Law School student, and Joseph Bowden, (’05).

On a split decision, the judges awarded the debate to the affirmative side and named Allen Best as the top speaker of the debate. As the first place speaker of the debate, Best received the gold-plated Fulton Medal and his name will be painted on the wall of Gasson 305, along with the other winners dating back to 1890. Second speaker honors went to the second negative speaker, Mandy Castle, who received the silver Gargan Medal for the second consecutive year.

DELEEUW HONORED AS THE 2006 FULTONIAN OF THE YEAR

At this year's Fulton Prize Debate, Dr. Patricia DeLeeuw, was recognized as the 2006 Fultonian of the Year Award. Dr. DeLeeuw was honored for her outstanding contributions over the past 27 years as a teacher in the Theology Department and as an administrator at Boston College. Dr. DeLeeuw is the Associate Academic Vice-President for Faculties.



The end of a career. Jeffrey Sullivan's last rebuttal was delivered at the 2006 Fulton Prize Debate.

SULLIVAN AWARDED THE DUFFY EXCELLENCE IN DEBATE AWARD

Jeffrey Sullivan ('06) was awarded the Kevin P. Duffy Excellence in Debate Award. Jeff debated in high school at Loyola Blakefield, a Jesuit school in Towson, Maryland. While debating at Boston College, Jeff enjoyed considerable success, qualifying for the National Debate Tournament three times, and winning prestigious tournaments like West Point. In 2004, Jeff also won the Fulton Prize debate. Next year, Jeff will be attending law school at the University of Virginia.

FULTON DEBATE QUALIFIES TWO TEAMS TO ATTEND THE NDT

For the fourth consecutive year, Boston College qualified two teams to compete at the National Debate Tournament (NDT) which was held at Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois during 24-27 March 2006. This marks the 29th year that Fulton Debate has qualified teams to compete at the NDT.

The NDT 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.

Qualifying this year from Boston College were Allen Best ('07) & Mandy Castle ('07), along with Jeffrey Sullivan ('06) & Doowon Chung ('09). Both teams qualified by finishing among the top five teams at the District 8 qualifying tournament at Western Connecticut University in February.

The five teams qualifying for the NDT from District 8 tournament included Harvard (12-0 record), Boston College, Best & Castle (9-3 record), The University of Rochester, (9-3 record), Boston College, Sullivan & Chung (9-3 record) and The University of Vermont (8-4 record). Prior to the district tournament, two teams from Dartmouth and one team from Harvard qualified to the NDT by receiving first round at large-bids.

TOURNAMENT HIGHLIGHTS, 2005-2006

Championship and Final Rounds:

University of Miami (Varsity), 1st place
Mandy Castle & Doowon Chung

George Mason University (Varsity), 1st place
Mandy Castle & Allen Best

West Point (Varsity), final round
Jeffrey Sullivan & Doowon Chung

Semi-Finalists:

Liberty University (Varsity)
Jeffrey Sullivan & Doowon Chung

Quarter-Finals:

US Naval Academy (Varsity)
Jeffrey Sullivan & Doowon Chung

John Carroll (Novice)
Kevin Coughlin & Andrew Kaplun

BC HOSTS THE 2nd ANNUAL BOSTON DEBATE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

On April 6th, Boston College hosted the second annual championship tournament of the Boston Debate League. Six Boston area urban high schools competed in the debate tournament, including Prospect Hill Academy Charter School in Somerville, Charlestown High School in Charlestown, Josiah Quincy Upper School in Boston, Boston Community Leadership Academy in Brighton, Academy of Public Service in Dorchester and Excel High School in South Boston. Students competing in the tournament debated the 2005-2006 interscholastic high school topic, which is, "Resolved: That the United States federal government should substantially decrease its authority either to detain without charge or to search without probable cause."

After three rounds of preliminary competition, the top two teams in the varsity and junior varsity division squared off in two championship debates. In the finals, Excel High School's Amleset Hagos and Shantae Romaine defeated Charlestown High School's Li Hui Xie and Dewon Roy on a 3-0 decision to capture the Varsity title, while Academy of Public Service's Charlette McHayle and Generre Crockett defeated Charlestown High School's Jackson Saint-Joy and Raul Lopez on a 3-0 decision in the JV division.

The Boston Debate League is sponsored by The National Association of Urban Debate Leagues (NAUDL) who support the establishment of urban debate leagues in major cities like Atlanta, Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, and New York City. Urban Debate Leagues (UDLs) organize interscholastic debate as an academic competition, and promote debate as a component of the regular classroom curriculum, so that urban youth who have for so long been denied the powerful academic benefits of debate can be offered this valuable learning tool. To learn more information about the National Association of Urban Debate Leagues, visit their website at www.naudl.org.



Charlestown High School's Li Hui Xie & Dewon Roy debate Excel High School's Amleset Hagos & Shantae Romaine in the varsity final round of the Boston Debate League Championships Tournament hosted by the Fulton Debating Society.

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ALUMNI BRIEFS

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1970s

John Hart ('78) is assistant dean of the College of Communication as well as a program chair and professor of communication at Hawaii Pacific University in Honolulu. It was good to see Jack and his daughter in November 2005 at the National Communication Association Convention (NCA) in Boston.

1980s

Christopher T. Gassett ('89) moved to Dallas to become Senior Vice President & General Counsel at Match.com

1990s

Brian Danforth ('94) was recently married to Candice and is a practicing attorney with Howard, Kohn, Sprague & Fitzgerald in Hartford.

Wenyu Ho Blanchard ('95) accepted a position as Senior Counsel at Wrigley Co. Wenyu was previously a partner at Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal LLP in Chicago.



From left to right: Nick ('96) and Tammy ('96) Brady, Eric ('96) and Wenyu ('95) Blanchard, and Joshua Marmol ('99). Nick, Wenyu, and Joshua were all Fultonians.

Nick Brady ('96) is an attorney at the law office of Baker Botts in Washington, DC.

Joshua Marmol ('99) graduated from Boston College Law School and has accepted a position with Bingham McCutchen in Boston.

2000s

Vu Quang ('00) is enrolled in the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He founded a non-profit organization called College Preview, which will bring twenty high school students to Harvard for one week this summer to take classes on critical reading, debate, mediation, and personal fitness. The classes will be taught by professors and administrators from Boston College, MIT, and Harvard.

Kelleigh Domaingue ('00) is an attorney at Devine & Nyquist in Manchester, New Hampshire. In November 2005, she was elected to the Manchester School Board. In February 2006, she was named one of the 40 most influential people under the age of forty in the State of New Hampshire. She also has been appointed as an Arts Commissioner for the City of Manchester.

Jared Fields ('01) is a commercial litigation attorney with Parsons Behle & Laitner in Salt Lake City.

Kevin Hartzell ('02) graduated from Harvard Law School and has accepted a position with Goodwin Proctor in Boston.

Joseph Bowden ('05) is working at CSN Stores, an online furniture marketing business.
