

**LAWRENCE DEBATE UNION  
UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT**

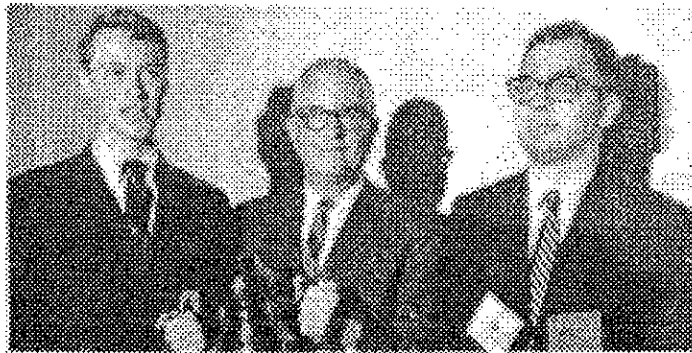


**105 YEARS OF SPEAKING TRUTH  
TO POWER**

## **2003-2004 BANQUET PROGRAM:**

Reception  
Dinner  
Welcome  
Special Awards  
Annual Prizes  
Senior Speeches  
Farewell

Edwin Lawrence wanted a banquet to be held at the end of each debate season to celebrate the forensic experience. Every spring we invite a few honored guests and all LDU parents to join us for a good time. A booklet about the year is prepared, seniors say good-bye, there is a minimum of oratory, and the various prizes for debate achievement may be distributed. Substantial cash awards accompany many of these prizes. These awards are distributed based on service to the LDU and others on the team, and achievement in representing the LDU and UVM in analysis and performance. A committee appointed by the coaches gives out these awards.



*Winning a Delta Sigma Rho-You Kappa Alpha Championship (1967)*

## **BRIEF HISTORY OF DEBATE AT UVM: NOW 105 YEARS OLD**

Intercollegiate debate at the University of Vermont began in 1899 when Edwin W. Lawrence '01 started the University of Vermont debate team. Throughout the early part of this century debate was a constant part of life at UVM. After the Second World War, a cohesive national level of debate competition began to take shape, and Vermont was an important force. Dr. Robert Huber came to UVM in the late 1940's, and throughout the 1950's and 1960's he led the Vermont debate team to national dominance, including national titles at all levels. During this time, Edwin W. Lawrence gave generously to the University to establish an endowment for the debate team and a professorial chair to teach forensics and work with the team — which became the Lawrence Debate Union. The 1980's replaced the doldrums of the 1970's with a revitalized and successful debate team stressing education, competition, and service. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's UVM has been a consistent top national competitor. Since the award was created five out of the six East Region Debater of the Year awards have gone to UVM students. During this period UVM has national championships in Novice Debate, Junior varsity Debate, and Public Debate, and has placed as high as Third in Varsity Debate and as high as Fifth in the National Sweepstakes race. This is doubly impressive because the vast majority of our opponent schools have extensive scholarship programs for talented high school debaters and a substantially larger budget, while

UVM has students with little or no high school experience and very high travel costs. Success is possible through a community of students, staff, faculty, alumni volunteers, and friends.

## **ORGANIZATION OF THE LDU:**

The LDU is an endowed, co-curricular program at the University of Vermont located within the Speech and Debate program of the Department of Theatre. It is directed by the Lawrence Professor of Forensics and coaches hired by the University.

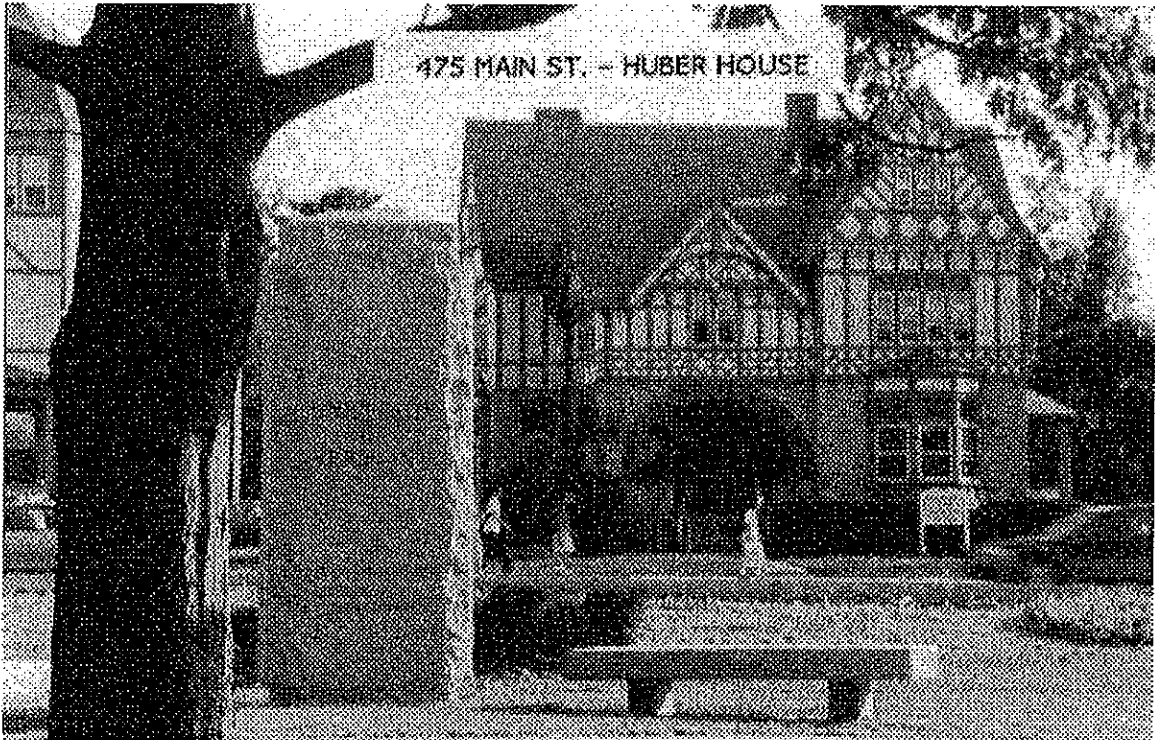
Members of the LDU are UVM students enrolled in at least six hours of undergraduate study per semester and who are working toward a Bachelor's degree. Members are expected to attend meetings, participate meaningfully in one of the three LDU areas of emphasis, provide information to the coaching staff about academic schedules and standing, and follow through on voluntary verbal commitments.

The LDU has active partnerships with the Community College of Vermont, St. Michael's College, Middlebury College, and Burlington High School.

The coaching staff is composed of debate experts who teach debate, explore issues, and coach students to win in competition and in life. They are overworked and underpaid.

The primary budget for the LDU is the income generated each year by the Lawrence Fund to Encourage and Develop Debating. It is our generous bequest from Mr. Lawrence, and as such, the LDU is responsible for the highest standards of good stewardship. It may or may not be completely spent in any given year, and unspent funds are rolled forward to the next year.

The Student Government Association also sponsors the LDU. A small sum of money each year is used to travel and to promote community debates. For these purposes, the LDU elects a student as S.G.A. Coordinator each year, and these funds are spent as directed by the S.G.A.



# **2003-2004 DEBATERS**

Zoe Anderson  
Andrea Aeschlimann  
Haroula Argiros  
Dean Blumberg  
Bent Cardan  
Karen Fortin  
Brady Fletcher  
Susan Greenbaum  
Teresa Hill  
Michael Harrington  
Jason Hitchcock  
Ashley Hogan  
Colin Kern  
Sheila Limprevil  
Carly Lehrer  
Eric Mates  
Jillian Marty

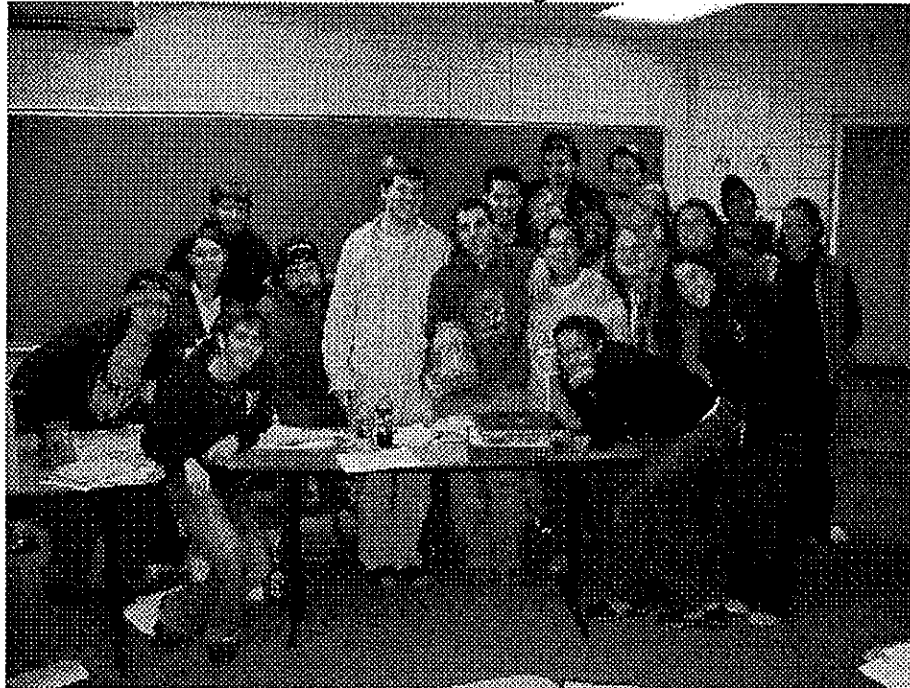
Kayce Massey  
Lindsey Melander  
Nikki Muradian  
Amy Myers  
Patrick Mayer  
Mike McMahan  
Edwin Owusu  
Timm Reimer  
Mimi Supernaw  
Emily Sanders  
Carlos Varela  
Leo Velez  
Jason Williams  
Eric Wright  
Tarik Yeasir  
Paula Zampieri

## **COACHES**

Aaron Fishbone, alum  
Charles Hoag, alum  
Jen Knops, alum  
Greta Lockwood, alum  
Gordie Miller, alum  
Helen Morgan Parmett, faculty  
Justin Morgan Parmett, faculty  
Alfred Snider, faculty  
Abigail Trebilcock, alum  
...and others!  
L. J. Palardy, Office Manager

# 2003-2004 TRAVEL

Ljubljana, Slovenia  
Atlanta, GA  
Rochester, NY  
Cambridge, MA  
West Point, NY  
Oklahoma City, OK  
New York City, NY  
Miami, FL  
Winston Salem, NC  
Dubrovnik, Croatia  
Denton, TX  
Dallas, TX  
Ithaca, NY  
Chicago, IL  
Binghamton, NY  
Poughkeepsie, NY  
Montreal, QC  
Towson, MD  
Louisville, KY  
Beijing, China  
Hohhot, Inner Mongolia



## **MAJOR ACHIEVEMENTS**

#18 debate program in America, 2003-2004 season, Cross Examination Debate Association national sweepstakes.

#3 debate program in the Eastern USA, 2003-2004 season, Cross Examination Debate Association sweepstakes.

#1 Junior Varsity debate team in America, 2004, winners of JV Nationals, Baltimore, MD, Colin Kern & Nick Landsman-Roos.

Three students named to the Cross Examination Debate Association All American Debate Team, 2003-2004 – Jillian Marty, Kayce Massey, and Teresa Hill.

Recipient of the Melissa Wade/Edward Lee scholarship, Jillian Marty.

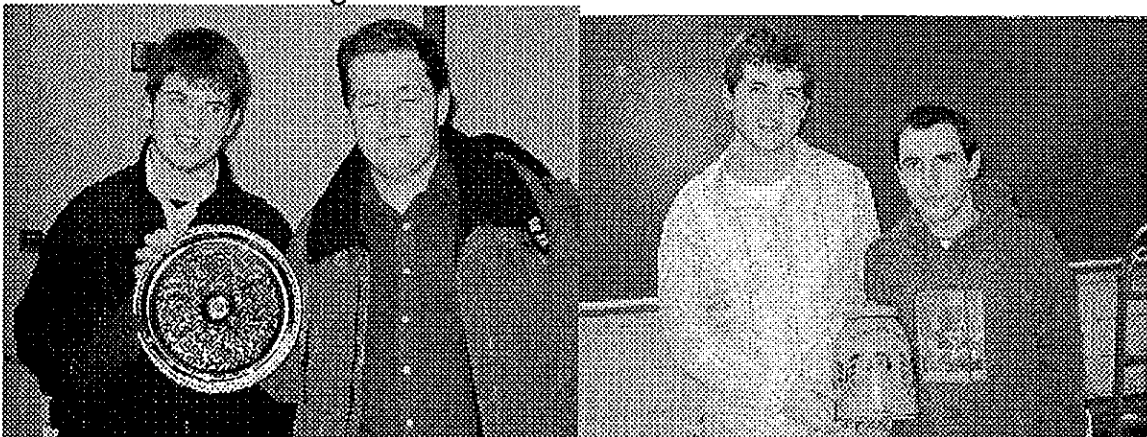
Many other awards too numerous to mention.

## **VERMONT DEBATE BY THE NUMBERS**

**689** 2 1/2 hour competitive debates on USA-EU relations means:  
**1722** hours of debating, **71.7** days of debating, and **2.47 MONTHS**  
**OF DEBATING!**

## **PUBLIC DEBATES AND EVENTS**

Preventive use of military force, Economic, Poetry Slams, Speak Out.  
Hosted Logic & Love debate tournament in the fall.



# **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

## **FLASHPOINT**

Weekly television show on Burlington Channel 15, Wed. 12:30 PM, Thur. 10:30 PM, Sat. 1 PM. 285 different shows so far. Now also available on the Internet.

## **INTERNATIONAL DEBATE TRAINING**

Slovenia, Croatia, China.

## **WORLD DEBATE INSTITUTE**

Four week intensive summer debate program held for over 20 summers. In 2003 had over 300 students from 15 nations.

## **DEBATE CENTRAL [debate.uvm.edu](http://debate.uvm.edu)**

The Internet's largest and most complete resource for debate related instructional, theoretical, organizational, and reference material. 24,000 hits a day, used by 72 countries, at <http://debate.uvm.edu/>

## **THE VOICE OF EDWIN**

Our weekly newsletter available to any and all. Let us know if you would like a mail or email subscription.

## **URBAN DEBATE LEAGUES**

Working with 15 cities bringing debate teams to inner city high schools.

## **PARTNERSHIPS**

Asian Studies Outreach Program, UVM  
Burlington High School  
Corporacion Cultural de lo Barnechea, Chile  
Cross Examination Debate Association  
English Speaking Union, UK  
Free Debate Club of Belgrade, Serbia  
Inner Mongolia Normal University, China  
International Debate Education Association  
Kyung Hee University, Republic of Korea  
National Association of Urban Debate Leagues  
National Forensic League  
Sino-American Seminar on Educational Leadership, China  
Universidad Diego Portales, Chile  
Vermont Debate and Forensic League  
Vermont Principals Association  
World Debate Organization  
Za in Proti, National Debate Program of Slovenia

## **FRIENDS OF THE LDU**

Ken Barton, Thrifty Car Rental  
Andrea Comtois, Theatre Dept.  
Sanh Son, Housekeeping  
Andrew Hendrickson, A&S Computing  
Karen McGregor, Vermont Community Access Media  
Barbara Mercure, Facilities Scheduling  
Sam Miller, Support  
Joan Smith, A&S Dean  
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Marc Whitmore, English-Speaking Union,  
London, UK  
Cheryl Wilson, Attorney, VT  
Steve Woods, Western Washington Univ.

**DONATIONS TO THE LDU  
AND WELCOME AND TAX  
DEDUCTIBLE**