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-by, 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-Tau Kappa Alpha Championship (1947)

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.


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
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

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