

Farmington Hills debaters named among best in state

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Some of the nation's most knowledgeable persons concerning foreign policy and national defense might not be government officials in Washington, D.C. but debate students at Catholic Central High School in Redford Township.

Recently, four top members of Catholic Central's debate team, juniors Brian Murray of Canton, Dan George of Farmington Hills, Dan Finnegan of Plymouth and senior Tom Krasnewich of Farmington Hills, together with their debate coach Frank Garlicki met to discuss the world of debate and public speaking.

Catholic Central ranks among the top 16 debate teams nationwide and the top five in Michigan. Rank is determined by general consensus of debate coaches from the University of Kentucky, Northwestern University in Illinois and Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.

Catholic Central's high standing in the debate circuit earned mention in the New Yorker magazine November 1.

Admission into the debate team at Catholic Central isn't easy and can only be accomplished during the freshman year.

"WE NEVER accept students after the freshman year because it takes a number of years to train a debater," coach Garlicki said. "A tremendous amount of commitment is involved."

Of the 300 freshmen who enter Catholic Central annually, 100 receive an invitation to join the debate team. In order to be invited, a student must have an I.Q. of at least 120, be in the 90th percentile of achievement in reading, math and language based on the high school placement exam and show potential based on past success.

Forty percent of the invited students respond.

At present, there are 26 members in the debate team made up of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors.

"Because this is an extracurricular activity, we can be more selective," said Garlicki, who has directed debaters since 1969. "And the more selective we are the better. We need bright but mature students. If they are to be winners, they have to do it for themselves. I'm here only to help them facilitate what they need."

All four students cited travel as the most alluring factor in joining the debate team. In the past they have journeyed to Florida, Chicago, New York, Georgia, Ohio, Pittsburgh, Boston and Missouri to compete in tournaments.

This year they trekked across the country debating the resolution: "That the United States should significantly curtail its arms sales to other countries."

About 10,000 students from 2,400 high schools across America participate annually in the national high school debate program operated by the National Forensic League (NFL). These students invest hundreds of hours each year debating a single topic concerning a major public issue.

Because of their intensive and systematic research, analysis and discussion, the NFL says these students are probably the largest group of informed citizens in the nation in their field of study.

THE RESEARCH involved is not to be underestimated. A good debater is

expected to have at his disposal at least 12,000 pieces of evidence written on 4 x 6 index cards. Some debaters have 20,000 pieces.

The notecards are so numerous that debaters carry their evidence in large catalogues or sample cases. Some debaters who travel by plane employ luggage on wheels to transport the evidence needed for each debate.

"All evidence must come from a recognized journal and be complete with the author's name and page numbers so we can document our facts," said Finnegan.

The students rely largely on the libraries at Wayne State University and the University of Michigan for information. Once the research is completed and the evidence compiled, presentation becomes the next concern.

Different time limits are set up for high school and college debates. A flip of the coin decides who will take the affirmative and negative positions. Debaters switch sides enabling them to become aware of both sides of the argument. Each speaker in a debate tries to persuade the audience to accept or reject a given proposal. The average debate round lasts 1 1/4 hours.

"We use the congressional form of debate that is used in a courtroom," said Finnegan.

Speed is crucial for dynamic delivery because it increases the number of issues a debater can deal with. Top speeds for Catholic Central debaters are 200-210 words per minute. The average person speaks 100-120 words per minute.

"MENTAL COMPETITION is the appeal," said Krasnewich. "It becomes a case of my brains against your brains. You try everything in the world to persuade the audience while diligently attempting to project personality."

The Catholic Central debaters consider the Oak Park High School in Chicago the top debate team in the nation citing budget as the reason.

"The Oak Park team can talk twice as fast and five times more clearly than we can," said Krasnewich. "They also have a huge budget of \$35,000 which works in their favor. They can afford to hire assistant coaches and research assistants. We do our own research."

Budgets of \$20,000 and up are not unusual for debate teams, said Garlicki. Catholic Central has a budget of \$4,000. "Our program concentrates on its good teams (made up of two people each)," Krasnewich added. "Oak Park High concentrates on one."

Catholic Central debaters subsidize their own travel (by car) expenses. The average debate student at Catholic Central pays \$1,600 for tuition and \$1,500-\$2,000 for summer debate seminars and workshops given by universities like Northwestern, Georgetown and Louisville. Expenses often reach \$4,000 or more per year.

All four debaters are members of the National Honor Society. Each has set high goals for his future education. Krasnewich will major in economics when he enters Northwestern University in Chicago this fall. Murray hopes to study law and has been approached by recruiters from Harvard University. The international affairs department at West Point is luring George and Finnegan. All plan to continue debating in college.



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In order to prepare for a debate, members of the highly regarded Catholic Central High School debate team record and file volumes of information for use in preparing and supporting their position

during a debate. Seated (from left) are Dan George, Dave Finnegan and Frank Garlicki, debate coach. Standing are Tom Krasnewich (left) and Brian Murray.

How students feel on arms sales

High school debaters across the country are participating in a new citizenship education program called the National Debate Opinionnaire Network.

The project, first of its kind nationally, polled debaters on 28 various issues within the topic: "Resolved: That the United States should significantly curtail its arms sales to other countries."

A three-year pilot program previously operated successfully in Washington State.

Fourteen percent (1,424) of the 10,000 students who participated in the National Forensic League debate program this year responded to the opinionnaire.

THE RESULTS show that after intensive study of the topic, a substantial majority of debaters believe that:

- It is sometimes but not always morally wrong to use arms sales as an instrument of foreign policy.
- Arms sales should be made on a case by case basis, not according to fixed criteria.
- The effectiveness of U.S. foreign policy would decrease if the United States significantly reduced its arms sales to Third World nations.
- Congress, rather than the president, should primarily control arms sales to other countries.
- If the United States unilaterally reduced its arms sales, other arms sellers would increase their sales so

that total arms sales would not decline.

• The major objectives of U.S. arms sales should be to ensure that our allies can adequately defend themselves, to

persuade recipient nations to improve the political or economic conditions of their people, and to increase employment in the United States.

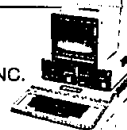
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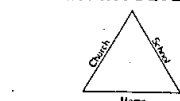
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