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TOP 10 BY 2010: STAYING AHEAD OF INDIRA

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Our Constitution declares from time to time the President shall give to our Congress information about the state of our union... Much as I may dream by night in the dusty recesses of my mind of giving a state of the union speech in front of an adoring Congress, I must instead satiate myself in writing an address to all members so that they may be aware of the state of our union. While this administration has no legislation trapped in endless committee hearings, it can instead speak strongly from its Bohemian halls (v. the Duke in Measure for Measure) about a few things, as we move closer to reading week, an appropriate time to take our own measure of things since the last time we graced the pages of this publication.

The last time we spoke, winter had yet to really strike, and we could speak only of earnest anticipation for Worlds in Turkey as our delegation, in the wake of cap eliminations, grew larger and larger. In the end we sent four teams: Emily Cliff & Iain Ireland, Robert Lees-Miller & Ian Burch, Michael Thorpe & Kristen Pue and Dylan Handy & myself (not President of these United States, alas, but something within the "candle" of the Scottish play); Mary Mcphail, Wei Qiang and Julia Pon were our judges. Whilst enjoying the splendor of the Orient in our comfortable resort outside Antalya, we did manage to do our part: all our teams performed commendably, but Robert Lees-Miller and Ian Burch can boast rightfully of ranking the highest out of all our teams, with Ian Burch having the further dignity of being the best speaker from our school. As a result of these and all our other teams contributions, we as a club can boast of bringing ourselves not just into the top twenty of the world by a distant date of 2020, but into the top 10 of the world by the present date of 2010. That is indeed an enormous success. As the 10th best debating team in the world, the UADS can begin this year on a high note. It will certainly lend us a great deal of strength as we girt ourselves for hosting Nationals in March, for which all our members and their friends are welcome to volunteer.

Outside of campus, the UADS will be sending interested participants to debate or judge at external tournaments right up until the beginning

of March. While our contingents for Calgary's new "RSH" tournament have already been established, consider signing up for McGoun, which will be held in Saskatoon, or for Lethbridge's Invitational, held at the end of this month.

Funding, slow in coming in this year but at last available, has been allocated to help you save much money should you wish to attend. Even if you have no debate experience, we welcome (and encourage!) you all to attend outside tournaments – they are a great time and you will learn so much!

So far this month, we have further successes of which to speak: at McGill's Winter Carnival, one of the most competitive tournaments in Canada, Ashvin Singh and Robert Lees-Miller broke 7th and reached the Quarter-Finals; Ian Hruday meanwhile, who has been rapidly sneaking himself into the elite of public speakers in Western Canada, reached the public speech finals at this prestigious tournament. At our annual Winter Training Tournament, Mary Mcphail and Ian Hruday were victorious, further adding to both their success. At the same time but on the west coast, at the University of British Columbia's Pacific Cup, UADS alumna Erin Reddekopp, debating for Simon Fraser University, reached the finals and was top speaker. A congratulations for all these people who continue to do honour to the club.

We have also, since then, hosted a demo round for International Week, with myself, Kristen Pue, Aidan Paul and Sarah-Jane Laxdal participating and speaking admirably. The interfaculty debate tournament was hosted this weekend, organized by Rachele Neame and Sarah-Jane Laxdal. While most club members might not see them hard at work, one should give due notice to these two and to our I-Week volunteers, who sacrifice many hours of their life to furthering debate and enhancing our club's image. The same due goes to Cassidy Villebrun-Buracas and Emma James for being tournament directors of Winter Training Tournament.

As always, if you have any questions at all about the society, feel free to come and ask me or another member of the executive at any time. For those of you going to Calgary, best of luck and have a splendid Reading Week!

CLOTHING ORDERS

RACHELLE NEAME

Have you ever dreamed of expressing your love for debate with the message firmly emblazoned across your chest on your tshirt or hoodie? How about owning pants that say 'REBUTTAL' on the bum (punny, eh)? If so, do tell Rachele (neame@ualberta.ca). Our Member at Large is scoping out different options for screen-printing shirts and pants, and would like to know what kind of interest there is for it. Please send her an email telling what you might be interested in. Consider this a good way to show some school pride when we host Nationals. ORDERS ARE DUE BY THIS FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH.



UADS travellers and friends experiencing Istanbul at its finest

IMMINENT HAPPENINGS

Feb. 12-14	CP Pro-Am University of Calgary
Feb. 24-25	ADSA Casino: Volunteers Needed
Feb. 26-28	Spring Open University of Lethbridge
Mar. 5-7	McGoun Cup University of Saskatchewan
Mar. 12-14	French National Championships École Polytechnique de Montréal
Mar. 19-21	CP National Championships University of Alberta
Mar. 26	Fundraiser at Hudson's on Campus
Mar. 31	UADS Elections
Apr. 11	FunSpeak/ Year End Wrap Up

A more complete schedule, including past events, is available on our website, <http://www.ualberta.ca/~debate>

GENERAL MEETINGS

UADS hosts weekly meetings in **Humanities Centre 2-07** on **Wednesdays at 5:00** and **Thursdays at 5:00 in HC 2-12**. These meetings are operated on a drop-in basis, so there is no need to sign up. Most meetings consist of in-house practice debate rounds in which you can either speak or judge. Invite your friends!

HAPPENINGS WHICH ARE NEITHER IMMINENT NOR RELEVANT

Feb. 14	Corporate Capitalize on Hormones Day
Feb. 18	Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
Mar. 9	Barbie's Birthday
Mar. 16	National Artichoke Hearts Day

UNOFFICIAL ESCAPADES

For those of you who believe in stereotypes like "arts students will never get jobs" or "engineers don't know how to talk in public", we can proudly announce that one of those has been disproved. While Ashvin and Robert were breaking at Winter Carnival, the team of Seth Jansen and Sarah-Jane Laxdal, both engineers, qualified to compete at the Canadian Engineering Competition after taking a 2nd place out West. After 5 days stamina challenging events, like scaring other competitors dressed as COWBOY NINJAS or learning the Cha-Cha while wearing a Toga, the two emerged victorious and sleep deprived to represent the University of Alberta. There was a sad ending in which 'real debaters' were not allowed to compete in the strip debate, resulting in male engineers stealing ball caps to protect what little dignity remained after agreeing to give speeches half naked. We hope this may be remedied in the future. PS Engineers, Mary McPhail and Rory Sametz, also won the Centennial Cup for Supremacy in Interfaculty Debating. If you want to reduce the gear ego, you should sign up to compete next year. ERTW!

Also, at JDC, a competition for Business students, our very own Kathleen Elhatton-Lake was top speaker and made it to the finals! Congratulations to her (in professional degree solidarity).

Your Executive, hard at work patrolling the halls



WINTER SEMESTER TOURNAMENTS



KRISTEN PUE, VP EXTERNAL

Having finished up our in-house tournaments and Central competitions, from Winter Training to Winter Carnival, it is time to start travelling some more in CUSID West. To register for Lethbridge or McGoun you must submit your intention to attend in a meeting or to uads.external@gmail.com by THIS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH.

UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY RSH

(FEBRUARY 12-14)

Held in the lovely and conveniently located city to our south, RSH is sure to be an excellent tournament, where debaters from Saskatchewan and Alberta will face off for the title of... whatever the acronym RSH stands for (if you have a good idea for the acronym, email uads.external@gmail.com)

UNIVERSITY OF LETHBRIDGE INVITATIONAL

(FEBRUARY 26-28)

Putting an end to the second month of the year, Lethbridge IV promises to be an exciting affair, with representation from across the prairie provinces. Sign up for a relatively low cost tournament to compete, or to hone your judging skills for the National Championships.

ALBERTA NATIONALS

Prestigious debate, fantastic socials and resumé padding unite!

ASHVIN SINGH

As most of you have undoubtedly heard from the executive or Nationals Organizing Committee over the course of your involvement with the UADS this year, we are honoured to serve as the host of this year's National Debating Championships, to be held from March 19th to 21st, 2010 on the campus of the U of A. As we move into the final preparation period in advance of the tournament, we felt you should be aware of what will cause the transformation of many of your friendly colleagues into sleep-deprived organizational robots.

What is it?

The CUSID National Debating Championships constitutes the country's largest and most prestigious debating competition, bringing together the best teams from Canada's top debating schools for three intense days of competition. Through six in-rounds of bracketed debate and three elimination rounds, this tournament presents our club with the chance to witness some of Canada's most competitive debate, along with the Canadian National Public Speaking Championships. This is accompanied by a formal banquet at the Delta Centre Suite hotel which all paid local judges are welcome to attend.

How can I get involved?

Nats is more than just a chance to put our school on the map within the Canadian debating community – it is a chance to rally our club and build on the strengths of our membership. In case you haven't yet had a chance to bolster your involvement, please consider becoming a judge or volunteer at Alberta Nats. It's as simple as e-mailing Emily (ecliff@ualberta.ca) indicating your interests and availability during those dates.

Why get involved?

1. Building your adjudication experience:

While the importance of judging is frequently lost amidst the prestige of competitive debate, almost every successful debater cites judging experience as a key landmark along their path to development. Given that host schools are not permitted to compete at their own Championships, this year presents an incredible opportunity to see what criteria are weighed from the inside and evaluate debate of every caliber. For those interested in becoming prominent judges, as well, this is an excellent chance to network within the judging community and build your judging skill among some of Canada's most talented adjudicators.

2. Building your social network:

The true measure of a man is his Facebook friend count – and there is no better way to drastically expand your list than meeting hundreds of strangers over the course of a weekend. If they are friendly, intellectual strangers who might become lifelong friends, even better. If you haven't been able to make it to any out-of-province tournaments this year, Alberta Nats is a great chance to make some out-of-province friends and learn about what debate tournaments across the country are like. Whether you encounter their party side or their "let's discuss politics while partying" side, we guarantee you'll like it.

3. Building your resume:

The title of an adjudicator or volunteer at the Canadian National Championships ultimately carries a great deal of weight within most professional circles, and we would be happy to provide a letter of reference to anyone who dedicates some time to helping out.

So, come out, support your club and bring your U of A pride! (Green and gold attire optional.)

Ashvin Singh is Tournament Director for the 2010 CUSID National Championships.

McGOUN CUP (WESTERN CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIPS)

UNIVERSITY OF SASKATCHEWAN
(MARCH 7-9):

The Western Canadian Debate Championships is sure to draw all of the best debaters west of Ontario. Come out to judge or debate at this inexpensive tournament, where you will see high calibre debaters compete and prepare for Nationals. This tournament will be subsidized, which means that you will be expected to complete practice rounds and submit cases.

CUSID NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
(MARCH 19-21)



Even Worlds Champions can't resist Alberta

LISTENING INTO THE LIVES OF DEBATE'S ELITE

I just happened to fall for my roommate. - Erin

The A in U of A stands for trespass. - Wei

I didn't get to deposit my egg! - Roman

We call it 'dogs for deviants'. - Aidan

Okay, now how about you explain that to us using REAL IR logic? - Sarah-Jane

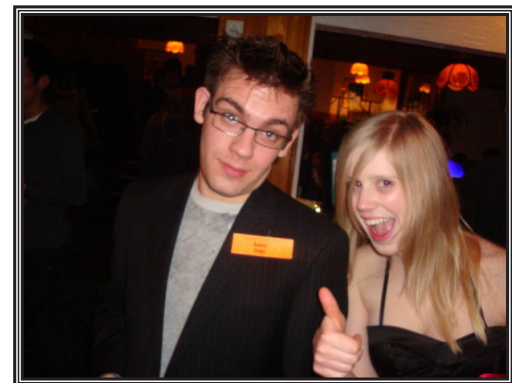
Are you feeling violated? If you're not, you should be.

- Roman

XOXO Gossip Girl



The UADS contingent shows off our ever classy style at York University

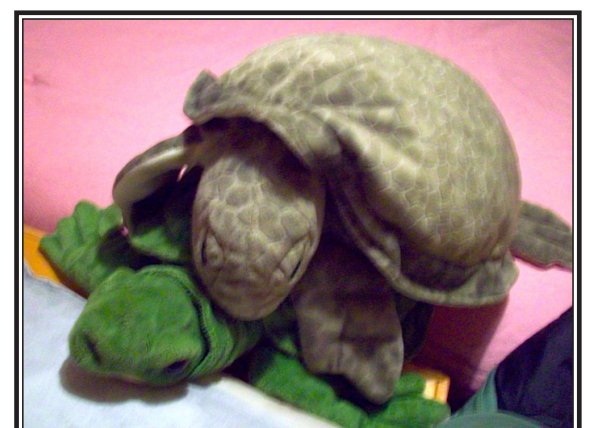


Ashvin has ownership over CUSID East too; Kathleen is excited to help claim Dalhousie

TUR HAS RETURNED!

MARY MCPHAIL

Tur McPhurtle has finally come home! After a cruel kidnapping by Easterners (who lacked a nearby ocean, despite all claims to the contrary) he was safely obtained after attending this year's North American Championships at York University. No red faced lobster blustering could stop our Novice Member at Large (Sarah-Jane) on her retrieval mission. Give Tur a hug to welcome him home at the Calgary Pro-Am (Regina Shaped Hole).



So far Tur has received very warm greetings upon catching up with old friends