

Ethics Bowl 2011



CWU's Ethics Bowl team (l- r): Dr. Matt Altman, Dr. Michael Goerger, Mac Brown, Dustin Waddle- Ford, Victoria Frederickson, Peter Gorman, Isaac Wheeler, and Brian Torres

On Saturday, November 7, 2011, CWU's Intercollegiate Ethics Bowl (IEB) team traveled to Seattle University for the regional tournament. Coached by Dr. Matt Altman and Dr. Michael Goerger, our students worked hard for weeks, preparing arguments for ten different cases on a number of topics, from attractiveness discrimination in hiring to burning the Qur'an.

The first two rounds were pretty tough for us. We had two hard-fought matches where we narrowly lost to Washington State and perennial powerhouse Montana State. The second match was marred by some lousy judging. In our third match, however, the students beat the University of Montana in a real team effort. Nearly every student contributed to the argument, fending off a strong push from Montana. We won that round convincingly, 140 to 130.

Although the team ended the day with one win and two losses, we all had fun meeting students and faculty from other universities and testing our argumentative skills. Everyone is looking forward to participating again next year, even more polished in our arguments and out for blood.

Thanks to all of the students who participated: Mac Brown, Victoria Frederickson, Peter Gorman, Brian Torres, Dustin Waddle- Ford, and Isaac Wheeler. If you see any of these people

around campus, be sure to congratulate them on all their hard work. Put them on your shoulders and sing the CWU fight song.

By the way, I also want to mention that CWU is having a far-reaching impact on the Ethics Bowl in the Northwest. Three of our former students, alumni from CWU and our Ethics Bowl team, are still involved with the IEB. Casie Dunleavy, currently a graduate student at the University of Montana, founded and coached the university's new Ethics Bowl team. Alyson Radabaugh volunteered as a judge and a moderator for the tournament. And Phillip Downes, who is interning at the Washington State Executive Ethics Board, served as the program coordinator for the event. Soon people won't be able even to mention the Ethics Bowl without thinking about Central.

~ Dr. Matthew Altman