

Debate team champ to go to Quaker state

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Mario Fallone wasn't sure that entering the Bishop Matthew H. Clark Oratorical Competition would be good for his reputation.

"I thought only geeks did stuff like that," explained the Aquinas Institute freshman.

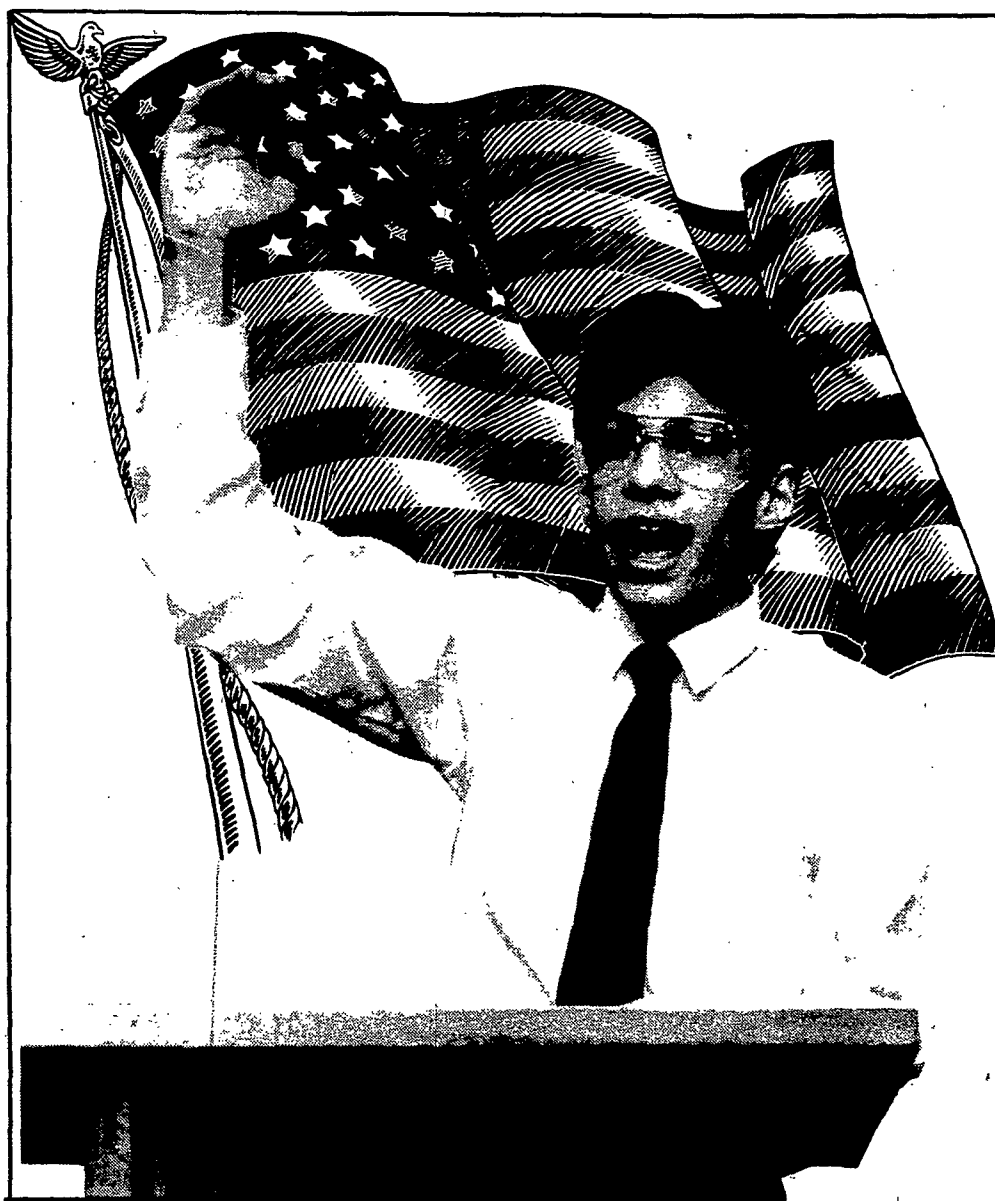
Fallone was an eighth-grade class clown at St. Theodore's School in the fall of 1987 when his classmates encouraged him to enter the bishop's oratoricals, an annual diocesan-wide speech contest for prospective high school students. The student swallowed his fear of being labeled and joined the field of competitors, eventually placing second overall and winning a \$750 scholarship.

Since then, Fallone has spoken at numerous forensics tournaments on behalf of Aquinas' speech and debate team. He was named among the top 10 competitors at the New York State Forensic League Championships in April, and will be one of three state representatives at the National Forensic League Grand Tournament over Memorial Day Weekend in Pennsbury, Pa.

The birthplace of the Declaration of Independence, Pennsylvania will be an ideal historical setting for Fallone's speech, entitled "How Stands the Republic?" The speech was originally delivered in 1980 by John Patrick Walsh, an advisor to the state department under former President Ronald Reagan. Walsh's upbeat, patriotic theme of the United States' past and future glory struck a responsive chord in Fallone's heart.

"I believed in what it said," Fallone commented. "It's always easier to do a speech you really believe in." Walsh's words describe an America "that is a symbol for others," Fallone said. Quoting Walsh, he added: "We have shown that democracy can and will work."

The student plans to work tirelessly on his speech, although he doesn't possess the fanaticism of some of his competitors. "I don't practice as much as I should," he said, noting that some students rehearse more than 10 hours a week for just one speech.



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Mario Fallone will appeal to his audience's love of country when he competes at the National Forensic League Grand Tournament in Pennsbury, Pa., over Memorial Day weekend.

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Should the jury have convicted Lt. Col. Oliver North?

DWAYNE POSTELL, junior:

Yes. He can't be as innocent as he is trying to appear. However, I do believe he is a scapegoat in the matter. While Reagan and Bush are not being forced to take the blame, North is. This is not to say North is completely innocent, but if he is guilty, so are Reagan, Bush and Poindexter.



AS TEENS SEE IT

RENEE GOULD, freshman:

I don't think that Oliver North should have been convicted. Oliver North was just following orders from a higher authority. Anyone in his position would have done the same. He is being used as a scapegoat for the administration.



JEFF WELCH, sophomore:

I feel Oliver North should not have been convicted. From information I've seen, heard and read, he was simply following orders. If he was convicted for doing his duty, what kind of message does that give to all enlisted men? I feel that what he did was not criminal, although it may have broken the law.



CHRISTY PRAM, sophomore:

I don't think Oliver North should have been found guilty. After listening to the news and participating in discussions on this matter, I have concluded that North was only following orders. Although I don't consider him a hero, he should not be penalized for trying to fulfill his duties.



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