

Sodales hosts debating tourney

by Rosslyn MacKinnon

Sodales, the Dalhousie University Debating Society, presents its Annual Invitational Debating Tournament on March 10, 11 and 12. The tournament will feature teams from several other Canadian Universities all hoping to win the championship trophy. Mount Allison University will be back to defend the tournament championship.

There will be five rounds of debate as well as a public speaking competition on Saturday and Sunday. The championship round and speeches will take place Sunday.

This tournament has long been considered the finest held in the Maritimes and this year's should prove to be no exception. Andras Vamos-Goldman, the president of the club, said, "We expect this tournament to be a huge success. It should definitely prove to be an

exceptional educational experience for all those who are involved."

An exciting agenda has been planned for the visiting debaters. The activities kick off on Friday night with a Pub Debate. A pub debate is presented by the host club and is a model debate for visiting teams. Following this there will be a wine and cheese party.

Activities resume early on Saturday in the Weldon Law Building with the briefing of judges and debaters at 9 a.m. Debating and public speaking will continue until 4:45 that afternoon. In the evening Sodales will treat the visiting debaters to a banquet. There will be another early start on Sunday with the fourth round of debating of the tournament beginning at 9:30 a.m. The competition will continue throughout the day with the final championship round of debating at

2:30 p.m. Following this debate Sodales is pleased to have Dalhousie president Henry Hicks present the awards to the winning teams and public speakers.

The general public is cordially invited to attend the rounds of

debating on Saturday and Sunday at the Weldon Law Building. Anyone interested in acting as speakers, time-keepers or judges should contact a Sodales member. For further information phone 423-5906 or 422-8005.

DALHOUSIE UNIVERSITY INVITATIONAL DEBATING TOURNAMENT AGENDA

FRIDAY

12 to 7 p.m. - Registration - Weldon Law Building Lobby
8:30-11 p.m. - Pub Debate followed by a wine and cheese party

SATURDAY

9 a.m. - Briefing - Judges and Debators
9:30 - First round (prepared)
10:45 - Return to organizational room for topics
11:00 - Second Round (impromptu)
12:30 - Break for Lunch
2:00 p.m. - First Round of Public Speaking (prepared)
3:15 - Return for topics
3:30 - Third Round (impromptu)
4:45 - End of the day's debating
7:00 - Banquet

SUNDAY

9 a.m. - Briefing
9:30 - Fourth Round (prepared)
10:45 - Return for topics
11:00 - Second Round of Public Speaking (impromptu)
11:45 - Lunch
1:00 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
1:30 - Finals, Public Speaking (impromptu)
2:30 - Final Round of Debating (impromptu)
AWARDS PRESENTATION

Mag censored

by Bruce Grant

"On the whole I'm against censorship. I think adults should be able to read what they like," said a Halifax area bookstore manager in response to a recent decision by the University of Regina to stop selling the magazine **Soldier of Fortune** in its bookstore. The magazine, essentially a hard-core gun-freak book for professional mercenaries, features how-to-do-it articles on explosive making and guerilla warfare. Recent issues have included advertisements soliciting the services of mercenaries for the Smith regime in Rhodesia.

The university decided to ban the magazine because of its content and its pro-apartheid stand on the

issue of Southern Africa.

Only two of the Halifax area bookstores queried said they carried the American bimonthly, although most are familiar with it. One retailer reported, "we had a few but they went fast. People seem quite interested in it." Another book dealer said that while his store carried the periodical, he had never read it and couldn't comment on the contents. "The distributor takes the stand on whether it's immoral or not."

The Halifax distributor, H.H. Marshall Ltd., has "heard nothing about the magazine being controversial." About 130 copies per issue are sold in Halifax.

Cohen to give lecture

Paul A. Cohen, Professor and Chairperson of the Department of History at Wellesley College, will give a lecture on Thursday, March 9, in the Faculty Lounge, 5th floor of the McNally Building, St. Mary's University. The lecture, beginning at 7:30 p.m., is entitled "China in Western Perspective: Cultural Relativism and the Issue of Human Rights".

Cohen has published numerous

scholarly articles and books, notably **China and Christianity** and, with John Schrecker, **Reform in the Nineteenth Century China**. In May of 1977, Cohen toured the People's Republic of China as China expert with a group of young congressional leaders. The general public is invited to attend the lecture and the reception immediately following. A wine and cheese reception will be given by the Asian Studies Club of St. Mary's University.

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