

The Dal-King's N.D.P. Association on campus is a viable and growing concern. It is open to all students and any persons under 25, and offers practical involvement in politics. Throughout the past year we have set up information tables with slide shows in the SUB lobby once a week. We have also attracted several excellent speakers to our general meetings, including Provincial Party leader Alexa McDonough.

We have now achieved official status and are looking for people who are interested in viewing our politics and political involvement. This includes general organization, the running of an information booth, participation in Policy study groups and in sending of delegates to party councils and conventions. Speakers on social, economic and party issues will appear at general meetings. These meetings will be held once a month, the first being at 7:00 on Sunday, September 25th. Executive meetings are held twice a month and except in extreme circumstances are open to all members. Our president is Dale Steele.

Contact persons are Rob Hingley, 425-6733; Michelle Clarke, 455-7058; Steve St. John, 479-2457.

#### Young Liberals

The Young Liberals have many events planned for the upcoming year. We hope to have many guest speakers appear at our meetings to speak on current topics of interest to all students. We also plan to take an active role in the model parliament being organized this year.

Our first meeting is planned for Tuesday, September 20 at 8:00 p.m. in Room 410 of the SUB. We encourage all past members to attend and welcome any new members. Hope to see you there.

For more information on meetings, etc. contact George Cock at 429-3360 or John MacDonald at 421-0601.

#### Judo

The Dal Judo Club is regrouping for the 83/84 season, and will be holding an organizational meeting in room 223 Dalplex on Wednesday, September 21st at 8:30 p.m. The club is a member of Judo Nova Scotia and offers black belt instruction in Kodokan Judo, under the leadership of Patty Boomhower (shodan), and Dave Chapman (shodan). Although the club is primarily oriented towards recreational judo (i.e. fun and keeping in shape), there is ample opportunity for the more competitively minded to participate in tournaments and weekend training clinics, sponsored by the provincial organization. In the past two years Dal Judo men and women have brought home medals from both provincial and Atlantic competitions.

Regular club nights have been tentatively scheduled for Monday and Thursday from 8:30 to 10:00 in the Studley gym.

For further information contact Mike Moyles (424-2271, 424-4329) and Dave Chapman (424-2597).

## Sodales, the Debating Club

*"I disagree with what you say, but will defend to the death your right to be an idiot."*

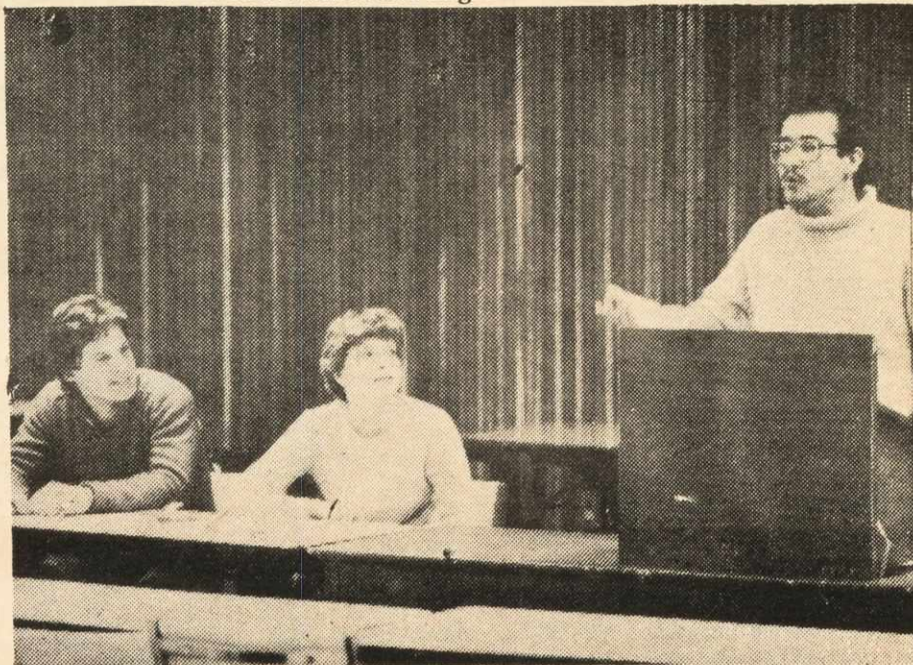
Sodales, the Dalhousie Debating Society, has two major objectives. The first is to foster and promote debate within the Dalhousie community. The second is to train debaters for competition at the regional, national and international levels. To reach these objectives, Sodales holds regular debates at its meetings on both prepared and impromptu topics.

Most debates are in the parliamentary style, although cross-examination style debate is also practised. One regular feature of our meetings this year will be French debates. Sodales also tries to hold exhibition debates with other universities, at local schools and for various groups on campus, on topics of particular interest to the group in question.

People from all faculties are encouraged to debate. There is no need for experience, as the Society seeks to provide its members with an opportunity to develop speaking skills within the structure of formal debate. A novice workshop will be held on the 24th of September to familiarize new members with rules and techniques. On-house tournaments are held during the year. Anyone who wants to watch us debate is welcome to attend our regular meetings as a spectator.

Tournaments which Dalhousie debaters have attended in the past year have included the Nationals

Sodales debates in both French and English.



Championships at UVic, the Joseph Howe Cup Competition (Atlantic Championships) at Memorial, the U of T Tournament, the McGill Tournament, the RMC International Tournament, the World Championships at Princeton, and the Acadia Tournament. French debaters competed in the French National Tournament at RMC. Results from last year are most encouraging since there are many returning debaters. At five tournaments, teams representing Dalhousie finished in the top five or better. First place speakers' prizes were awarded to Dal debaters at Acadia, Memorial and the U of T. The special challenge this year will be trying to send debaters to Canadian tournaments as well as the World Championships in Edinburgh, Scotland.

Every year, Sodales hosts an invitational tournament. This year's tournament takes on special significance as it will be the Canadian National Championship Tournament. The dates are the November 4-6 weekend. Plans and fundraising activities are well underway in preparation for the arrival of fellow debaters from across Canada.

Those with an interest in Debating at Dal are most welcome to attend our meetings. They are held every Thursday night at 7:30 in Room 100 of the SUB. Any groups who would like to sponsor an exhibition debate should contact the society president, Anne Mowatt, at 423-5800, or leave a message at the Enquiry Desk. She will also answer questions for any prospective members.

## Pharos

**Pharos** - the yearbook of the Dalhousie Student Union - is a 288-page hardbound book containing a photojournalistic record of each year of work, study, and play, here at Dal.

The yearbook is given to graduating students, thanks to student fees that help cover the cost. If you're not graduating, you may purchase a copy for twenty dollars. There are still a few copies left from 1980, 1981, and 1982, if you are interested. Students graduating in the spring or fall of 1984 are reminded that the deadline for grad photos is January 31, 1984. Don't delay! You'll need lots of time to book a sitting, pick your proofs, etc.

Many students are required to make this project a success. If you are interested in photography, copy writing, layout design, advertising, or just helping out around the office, please drop by the office to find out the details. No experience is necessary, just a desire to learn and a willingness to work.

The first yearbook staff meeting will take place at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21 in the Pharos office. The office is located in room 120, S.U.B. (phone 424-3542). This year's editor is Paul Morris. The production manager is Valerie Berryman.

## Amnesty International

Amnesty International began in 1961 as an appeal from a London office for the release of 'prisoners of conscience': innocent people in prison because of their opinions. Today, twenty-odd years later, it is a world-wide movement, awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1977 and the United Nations Human Rights Award in 1978. Thousands of members, through national sections and local groups, or as individuals, work for the release of such prisoners, for fair trial of detainees, and campaign against the use of torture, summary executions and the death penalty itself, 'the ultimate cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment'.

In 1948 the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which is our bible, was adopted by the United Nations, in a time of hope and good intentions following the defeat of fascism. Unfortunately that hope has not been realized. Inhumanity, injustice and cruelty, practised by governments openly or covertly, have spread like a foul disease. Tyrannies, bureaucratic or personal, have devised new ways to persecute those who speak out for rights, from psychiatric hospitals and internal exile to death squads, indiscriminate massacre and 'disappearances'.

Our work now takes two forms: the adoption of individual cases on the one hand, and special campaigns

against abuse of psychiatry, disappearances, extra-judicial executions, or campaigns directed at a particular country. The International Secretariat in London is constantly engaged in painstaking and costly research, including field missions, to ensure the justice of every case undertaken, to avoid adoption of undeserving cases. Each local group is allocated two prisoners for adoption.

Group 15 of the Canadian Section (English speaking) in Halifax was founded in 1974. It now has over 150 members. Our adopted prisoners are Ahmed Habchi in Morocco, a student of philosophy imprisoned for 18 years in the late 70's, and Salazar Alarcon, a Chilean labourer, imprisoned in 1981. Both were members of 'illegal organizations' and were tortured after arrest. The group has engaged in general campaigns and organized petitions against disappearances, extra-judicial killing, and in special campaigns directed at particular countries. We also engage in educational activity, providing speakers for schools, church groups and others. For information call Peggy Matthews at 443-1623. Meetings are held in the SUB every third Thursday in the month.

John Matthews  
September 1983