

Halifax Life banned from Dal

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Dalhousie Student Union has ordered the 4th Estate to stop free distribution of **Halifax Life** in the SUB. This decision was taken at a recent Executive meeting in response to fears that the 4th Estate was encroaching on **Dal Gazette** advertising territory.

Nick Fillmore, owner-editor of the 4th Estate said at the meeting that, "While I do not want to hurt the Dal Gazette in any way, it would be a shame if the University no longer supports freedom of the press."

Allan Zdunich, editor of the **Gazette**, said in reply that "This has nothing to do with freedom of the press. The 4th Estate is still for sale at the campus bookstores. It is really a question of who is going to get the student advertising dollar: obviously Fillmore wants it. **Halifax Life** is simply a concentration of entertainment, information and advertising."

During Orientation Week, copies of 4th Estate's **Halifax Life** supplement were dropped in the SUB for free distribution to students. Student Council Treasurer Pat Stewart stated that this action was taken without prior knowledge or consent of the Student Council Executive. Student Union General Manager John Graham had granted permission for the distribution, thinking it would be a "one-shot deal". When 4th Estate approached him for permission to do this regularly, he referred them to the Student

Council.

The Sept. 22 issue of **Halifax Life** carries the statement that, "**Halifax Life** is circulated to all Halifax area University campuses" and the **Gazette** has learned that Fillmore has been emphasizing this point in his solicitation of ads. Believing these assertions, several local businesses have said they may switch their ads from the **Gazette** to **Halifax Life** where they could reach not only all the students but the rest of the city as well. In the case of Kelly's Stereo Mart, it took the intervention of Student Council President Gord Neal to convince the advertising representative that contrary to what Fillmore told them, **Halifax Life** is not on the Dalhousie campus.

In an interview Sunday 26 September, Fillmore refused to say if **Halifax Life** was being freely distributed on the city's other 5 campuses and offered no further comment pending presentation of his case, in person, to the Student Council at their meeting October 3. Student leaders on other campuses have indicated they will not allow distribution of **Halifax Life** on their campuses.

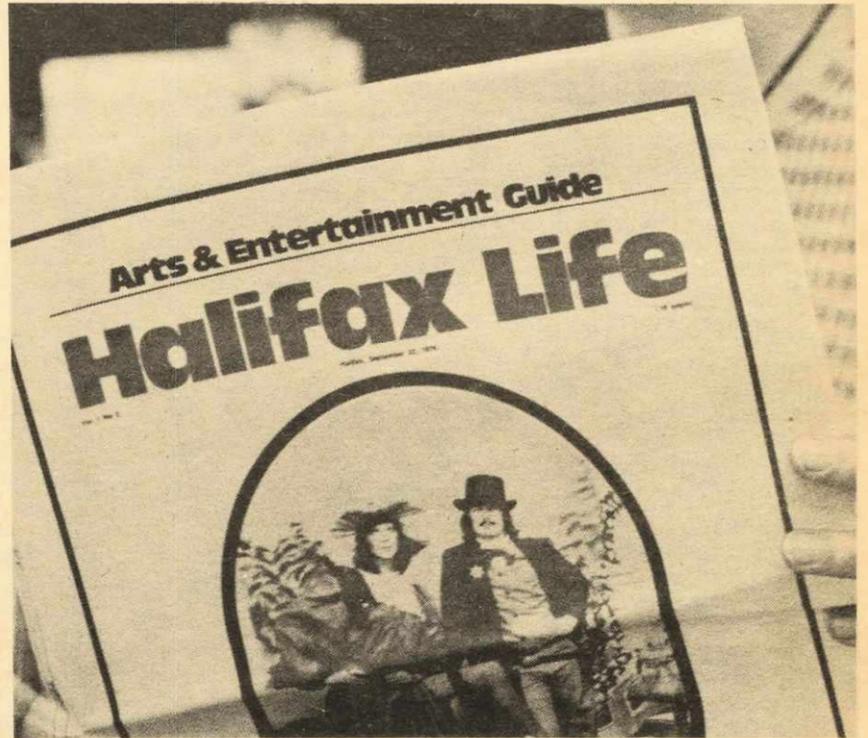
In discussion at the Dalhousie Student Council Executive meeting, Fillmore referred to the legal case of the **Georgia Straight** vs the University of British Columbia, and falsely asserted that the **Georgia Straight** won a "freedom of the press" decision in the Supreme Court.

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MackKay contradicts himself

Dal intimidates DSA



Vice President Andrew MacKay

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Recent University moves to pressure the Dalhousie Staff Association in their contract negotiations may signal a future deterioration in labour relations at Dalhousie.

The University has pulled two unusual cats out of the bag: They are forcing the Staff Association (DSA) to renegotiate pay raises already won in the last contract, since expired, and have begun a campaign of appealing directly to the Association members, by-passing the DSA bargaining committee and executive.

Both sides have indicated that no resolution is on the horizon; application for a provincial Conciliation Officer seems imminent.

Ben Fullerton, DSA President, says that, "Our proposals for the contract now under negotiation contained two categories. The first, which has been the least difficult, consists mainly of rewording articles which were the source of some misunderstanding in our first contract. The second category is monetary items. We asked for a 17% increase in the salary scales, and some minor adjustments in fringe benefits."

"The university has offered an approximate 6% increase in the salary scale."

University Vice-president Andrew MacKay claims that, "It isn't true that we are going to pay

people only 6% more." In an August 31 letter sent to Department Chairmen, Deans and Vice-presidents, MacKay wrote, "The facts of the matter are as follows. In the course of negotiations, the University advised representatives of the DSA that its final position on salary increments would permit employees within the bargaining unit to receive an increase of 10.95% in total compensation for the group. Under the agreement negotiated last year, continuing employees with 12 months service at June 30 were entitled, and were paid in August, a one-time cost of living adjustment payment, and those with at least six months' service would receive an annual step adjustment in their salaries."

The over 700 member DSA, the university's clerical and technical employees, last signed a 15 month contract in the spring of 1975. This contract provided for semi-annual increases to basic salaries and a cost of living allowance (COLA) to be paid as a lump sum soon after the contract expired on June 30 this year.

Even though the semi-annual step adjustments were included in this last contract and were expected by the members, the University now insists that they be renegotiated in this years contract.

Vice-president MacKay admitted to the **Gazette** that the University's proposal "sounds unusual. But from our point of view, every one of those dollars has to be found in this year's budget. We (the administration) have only so many dollars to play with."

According to MacKay, the University did not budget for the COLA or step increase in last year's

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