

# CKDU-FM report released

by Paul Creelman

The report on CKDU's proposal to go FM was released Tuesday. The report contains guidelines and suggestions for staffing, salaries and financing.

Authored by Thomas Lathigee, of Transcan Corporate Services, the report suggests that the average operating budget of the FM station will be in the neighborhood of \$57,000 per annum.

Although considering various options for financing an approximate 5 fold increase in the operating budget were considered, Lathigee evaluates the best option to be registering the FM station as a charitable organization.

"It might be possible to have the station registered as a charitable organization," states the report, "thus opening the way for government grants, public subscription and corporate donations. As well, departmental budgets

might be amended for the purchase of air time for their own use."

The second-best option, that of turning CKDU into a commercial station, was considered to be financially feasible but it was considered doubtful whether the CRTC would approve an application for such a format.

"As detailed in a following section, the CRTC takes a dim view of strictly commercial university radio stations. They hold university stations as having the potential to provide true 'broadcasting alternatives'."

The Lathigee report also supported the viewpoint of "alternative programming" in its suggested programming guideline for the FM station. Suggesting a diverse program format containing cultural, artistic, and community affairs programming, the report suggested classical and jazz pro-

gramming be supplemented with discussion and interviews with locally prominent guests.

Community service programming would also depend heavily on cameo appearances and special presentations, but the report also suggest that university drama and debating clubs be allowed to share in this time.

However, the Lathigee report refuses to commit itself to the number of hours of contemporary programming (that is, rock music) to be played. Although suggesting that "a number of hours each day be set aside for contemporary programming", the report notes in the next paragraph that the CRTC is not shy about turning down applications which don't broaden the choices for the listener in the broadcast area. The implication is clearly that an over emphasis on rock or other contemporary music in

programming will tend to prejudice the application for an FM license.

Further suggestions contained in the report have to do with the physical layout and staffing of the FM station. Although conceding that the present CKDU station area is sufficient in physical size, the report suggests a number of modifications including larger on-air and news studios.

Outlining the duties and proposed salaries of six staff members, the report specified the responsibilities of each, along with a salary for the year which ranges from \$10,000 for the station manager to \$1,000 per year from the sports director.

Maintenance of the station was the last point addressed by the report, which noted that an FM station will require more concentrated and expert maintenance. The addition of an extra staff person to the

technical department to service the FM transmitter and studio equipment was also suggested.

Gord Owen, president of the Student Council, refused to comment on the report, stating that the report would be coming up before Council in two weeks.

"I don't want to comment on the report until I've had a chance to examine it", said Owen.

Mike Wile, station manager of CKDU, also stated that he had not had a chance to thoroughly read the report.

"I haven't had the chance to read it in depth either", said Wile, "but I understand that the student council appears quite happy with it, and from what I've read it appears to be quite positive."

"Now I think that the next step is to have Council approve a referendum on the FM proposal."

## A shot of prevention prevents a week's illness



## Ebony Express staff dumped

by Sheila Fardy

On September 29th a \$4,000.00 Manpower Rural Industry grant came through from the provincial government for Charles Husbands, the owner of Ebony Express, a black community newspaper.

"The money was given to help him with the debt load and to continue the newspaper," said John Chiasson, Director Business Development Centre, Dept. of Development, "and also to create three new jobs in Nova Scotia."

On September 31st the staff of the newspaper found themselves out of work and unpaid for two months work this summer even though, according to ex-reporter Sheryl Grant, Husbands had promised to pay the editor, Ezeke Es-sien, and the two reporters

when he received the government grant. Husbands put out the October issue using the material left on file by the former staff.

"What really bothers me is that the taxpayer's money is given unconditionally," said Sheryl Grant, who is a graduate from the King's College Bachelor of Journalism program.

When asked why the government gives out unconditional grants, Chiasson said that very few are given, and that this was a special instance because the government thought it was a "quality paper."

"I've known Charlie Husbands for a long time," said Chiasson. "He just made the wrong decision, but he did what he thought was good for the paper."

Mr. Husbands refused to comment on the charges against him. When asked whether he planned to keep publishing the paper single-handedly, he replied again, "No comment."

The three ex-staff have hired a lawyer, Ron Pink, to try to get their money. Sheryl Grant said that Husbands owes them a total of \$2,258.00 in back pay. Pink has filed a complaint with the Director of Labour Standards. "He has the power to collect the money," he said. "This case may not go to court."

George Boyd, ex-Ebony Express reporter, commented only that he is "shocked" with what has happened. Ezeke Es-sien, ex-editor, did not wish to publicize the case, as he felt it might prejudice their legal stand.

by Cathy Plant

Last year, at King's residence, one case of the flu resulted in most of the students in that residence contracting influenza. Dalhousie Student Health wants to avoid a repeat performance this year.

Prevention, in the form of a flu vaccine called fluogen, is the answer according to Mrs. Lennie Duffield, of Student Health.

For this protection, however, you will be required to pay a \$3.00 fee, as the vaccine is not covered by MSI. "Medicare is not interested in prevention," said Duffield.

Although students are not a group recommended by the

pharmaceutical company, Parke-Davis, to receive fluogen, a number of factors has prompted Student Health to promote the vaccine pro-

gram. Students living in residence run an increased risk of coming down with influenza because of the close proximity of the living ar-

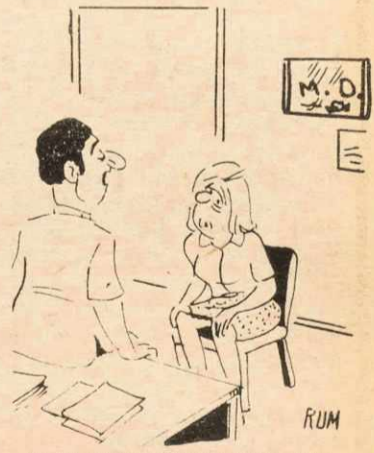
rangements. Duffield also noted the rigours of student

life, midterms, increased stress, late hours and skipping meals — lower your resistance, thereby increasing the risk of catching diseases like the flu. As well, the infirmary facilities offered to ill students in the past are not available this year, due to budget cutbacks.

The fluogen vaccine is for three strains of influenza predicted to be most prevalent in this season. Once immunized, you will be protected from these strains and perhaps related others. Immunity is not guaranteed for unrelated strains, however. If you can one of these viruses, the best immunization can do for you is

decrease the severity of your illness. Duffield said this might mean missing two days of classes rather than ten days.

To receive the vaccine, you can call Student Health and make an appointment or just drop in. You should be able to be immunized that same day. The flu vaccine is being offered from now to the end of November, as the onset of cold weather is a prime time for influenza. The shot is administered in the thigh, said Duffield, because this increases antibody production, giving better immunity. There have been no reported side effects.



Duffield described the symptoms of influenza as a headache, a temperature, nausea, vomiting, chills and general malaise. The duration of the flu is from 24 hours to ten days.

November is Immunization Month. Duffield stressed the importance of each individual taking responsibility for updating and recording their immunizations. Counselling, vaccines, information, help and record cards are available at Student Health. In keeping with Immunization Month: Be Wise — Immunize!