

# CKDU gets exposure in downtown

by Glenn Wheeler

Dalhousie's CKDU has been asked by Dartmouth radio station CFDR to provide a half hour of programming a week for inclusion on "University Update", a magazine-type programme of news, public affairs and music to be aired Sundays at 3 p.m. The first half of the program will be done by CFDM at St. Mary's and the second half by CKDU.

CKDU Station Manager Michael Wile said the program was aired for the first time last Sunday and CKDU's portion, originating live from the fourth floor of the SUB, was broadcast simultaneously on CKDU and CFDR.

Wile said he was pleased with the first effort and

expects CKDU's contribution to improve "as soon as we all get used to, and comfortable with, the arrangements." He said it is "a little bit disconcerting" having to co-ordinate operations between all three stations but is confident the venture will succeed.

Wile thinks the arrangement with CFDR will benefit his station in a number of ways. He said CKDU is available to only a minority of students at the present time because of difficulties with the carrier current system which brings CKDU's signal to Dalhousie's student residences so everyone will get "at least a taste of CKDU."

Wile also said CKDU will get some community exposure which will clear up "any

ill-founded notions that student radio is nothing more than amateurs playing records"—an appropriate message now that CKDU is in the process of applying for an FM licence.

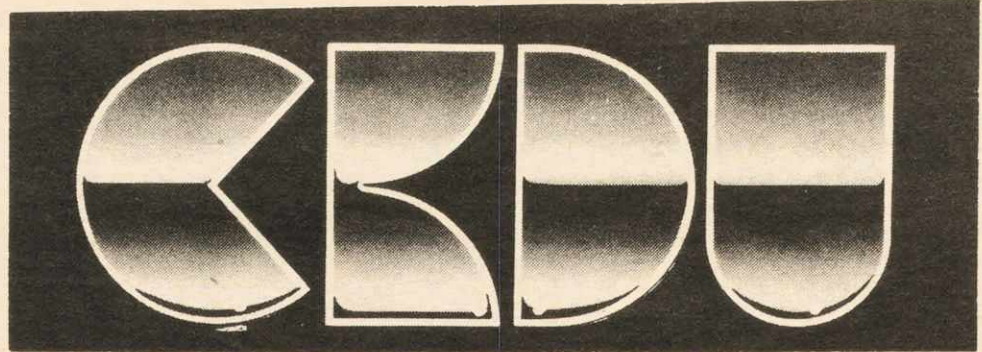
Wile said "making a good impression" does not mean

CKDU will have to compromise on its editorial policy or musical taste. "I'd like to think we're giving the people out there something relevant and important—not just pap."

Though the first program was done live, Wile said in future CKDU will pre-record

its portion of "University Update." He said this will hopefully lead to a production of better quality, and "less wracking of nerves."

"University Update" continues until the end of term in April.



# Mature Students Association offers support

by Kim Marchant

Dalhousie's Mature Students Association (MSA) offers a social atmosphere for older students as well as providing psychological support for some of the difficulties they may encounter.

"I came mainly for social contact, but many others came because they felt lost", said Georges Merinfeld, a former university professor who has returned to school to do graduate work.

Polly MacFarlane, a counsellor who helped co-ordinate the program, said that the MSA has helped to reduce the culture shock many mature

students experience when returning to school. They do this through various career information and study skills workshops.

"The first couple of months back you are sort of floundering. I found the study skills workshop very worthwhile; of course, at that stage I was pretty desperate!", said Marion Feetham who, after being out of school for twenty years, is now doing a qualifying year for a Masters program.

"I came back to meet some new people and find out what programs the MSA was running this year", said Janet

Copland, a returning member who is impressed with the interesting cross-section of people in the MSA.

Dale Trood, another returning member, said she came back this year because she liked the people and found moral support in talking to others who were experiencing the same problems she was.

The MSA meets every Tues-

day between 11:30-1:30 on the third floor of the graduate house at the corner of University Avenue and LeMarchant Street. The meetings are very informal, and all mature students are welcome to attend.

A Handbook for Mature Students is presently available at Psychological Services on the fourth floor of the SUB. It serves as a guide to the

workings of the University and the services it offers, and familiarizes the student with the MSA.

If you wish to learn more about the organization you can contact Polly MacFarlane at 424-2081 or Jeanette Emberly at 425-6563 and they will answer any questions you may have.

# Professor successfully challenges retirement age

WINNIPEG (CUP) — A University of Manitoba professor has successfully challenged mandatory retirement at age 65.

An appellate court has ruled invalid a collective agreement clause which required U of M faculty to retire at 65.

Educator professor, Imogene McIntyre, turned 65 in 1980 and was due to retire last July.

Instead, she applied to the court of Queen's bench for a ruling making the clause illegal because it contravened the province's Human Rights Act. The act prohibits employment discrimination on the basis of age, and prohibits unions from entering into agreements that do so.

McIntyre said she challenged the clause because "there is no mandatory age of retirement in Manitoba," and because she enjoyed her work it was productive, and would like to continue working.

Three of five appeal court judges agreed with her and with the June 10 decision of the court of Queen's bench which said, "No employer may refuse to employ a person solely on the basis of his age, no matter what that age may be."

University spokesperson Bob Raeburn said the implications of the decision were not clear but pointed out that Mr. Justice Charles Huband said it



"relates to a particular contract."

Raeburn said the university has not decided whether to appeal.

Pat McEvoy, of the Canadian Association of Industrial Mechanical and Allied Workers (CAIMAW), said this ruling would have a "profound effect."

"It completely invalidates their (U of M's) general retirement policy," he said.

McEvoy said there would be more challenges to the retirement clause as well.

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