

Arts & Entertainment

Silence Sounds Sweeter

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If you're one of the less apathetic at our fine institution, you may have heard (cared?) that the Cadre got shut down last week. In the ensuing shake-up, I was hired as the new PG-rated Arts Editor. And so begins a new era in ranting...

Seeing as the bulk of youth-oriented maritime radio stations are run by Maritime Broadcasting System, which has a decidedly brown-nosed attitude towards Clear Channel, maritime music-loving youth are greeted every Sunday morning with the slurping and smacking of the creepy grandfather nobody wanted, Casey Kasem. Fortunately, thanks to his clone-with-a-rack Leeza Gibbons, I now know how many glasses of milk John Mayer drinks in a day. Buh. Paul Harvey, how about you

take "the rest of the story" and shove it?

Unfortunately, it is not the speech-impaired radio personalities that make our radio stations utter garbage. Rather, it is shitty music that is to blame for crapping up the airwaves. I mean, maybe Roch Voisine is a real lady-killer in

sional spurts where our radio stations show promise. CBC Radio 2's late-night Brave New Waves program regularly plays inventive new music, but isn't great for those of us who don't work the graveyard shift. Truro's Big Dog 100.9 has been known to put Radiohead, Foo Fighters, and

regardless of genre.

Does the Decent Radio Station merely exist in Plato's blessed realm of the forms? Can a radio station not be commercial and not suck? UPEI used to have a radio station, and then it disappeared due to campus politics or lack of funding or something. Its broadcast radius barely made it to the school library, but dammit, it was something. I think the campus radio station should be resurrected. Ask people around here what happened to it. Complain to our local radio stations. Ask them to give UPEI some regular airtime. There's a real lack of alternatives, and I don't know what else to do about it. If anyone cares about this, come talk to me. I'll be around, and I likely won't be doing much.

I sure won't be listening to the radio.

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Trois-Rivières, and the Theory of a Deadman dude has a nice moustache, but they sure as hell can't write a song. I know musical tastes vary, but can't all reasonable people agree that Staind, Puddle of Mudd, and every other nu-metal band with a misspelled name sucks?

Granted, there are occa-

The Strokes into its rotation every now and then, but their playlist is far from consistent. I realize I have a bias towards alternative rock bands, but I can respect the genius of Hey Ya as much as the next Myron's patron. The point is, as intelligent listeners, we should demand decent music on a regular basis,



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