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# Letters To the Editor...

Mr. Editor,

I have suffered through your editorials every week since September. This week I picked up a copy of the X-PRESS (Still the Gem to me) in anticipation that this week you may have finally written an editorial that is somewhat relevant to student's concerns. This week however, I was not only disappointed, but also enraged.

Mr. Editor, I can understand some of your concerns such as the lighting problem on campus, which is being solved, but some of your other concerns are out in the left (or should I say "right-wing") field. So far I've gathered that a) there is no parking problem in campus, b) non-smokers pay tuition to have a non-smoking campus (I thought it was for an education) c) CIMN is a horrible radio station, and d) feminists are a bunch of lying, self-serving, ball breakers. By the way, was your brother hired unfairly by maintenance? I consider myself a mature, enlightened person that can pick and choose views that fit with my own morals. I also try to be aware of what is happening on campus and in the education system as a whole. Since you are involved with many things on campus such as Senate and Council I would imagine that you have a general idea of what is happening at this university. So where are your editorials on tuition costs rising, student loan problems, transfer payment cutbacks, CEC closing, safe passage, etc, etc? Perhaps you don't care about these things, but many students do, and I, for one, think that the editor of a school newspaper has a mandate to represent student concerns, particularly an editor that is representing students on Senate.

One last note, the feminist movement which was born out of radical action, like all great movements (democracy for instance), has put women where they are today. However there is still much work to do if we are ever to achieve complete equality. Feminists do not hate men, in fact many men are feminists. Feminists simply hate the abuse of patriarchal power, which you, Mr. Editor, are guilty of.

An impoverished, smoking, feminist, with a parking problem.

P.S. Please back up your quotes with references.

Dear Editor,

What a great idea, CIMN Radio will be fantastic, and it's so simple, why didn't I think of it. All we have to do is play Top 40 music and students will love us, who needs this alternative crap anyways. We will finally have a "Real Radio Station", competitive to anything else in Charlottetown, wow.

Well, I think it's time to take a reality pill. Okay in a non-regulated world your idea might have a slight chance of being true, However we don't. CIMN has a licence, which is issued by the C.R.T.C. (Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission). All Radio and Television Stations in Canada must have one to Broadcast. CIMN's licence, like all other university stations in Canada, is an alternative licence. This gives artists who do not get exposure on commercial Top 40 Radio Stations a chance to be heard and also insures that Student Subsidized Radio does not compete with Commercial Stations who are attempting to make a living in a highly competitive industry.

CIMN Radio Management has set a goal of Broadcasting on FM airwaves (We are currently on cable FM). This would require a new licence, more costly equipment, and much more alternative music. The alternative policy at CIMN is only the first small, very small, step toward what would have to exist to broadcast open air FM with C.R.T.C. approval. As CIMN exists now the amount of truly alternative music which is played in relation to the amount of popular, if not Top 40 music, is well below what the licence requires. CIMN gets away with it because we do not hurt anyone and are too small to be a concern to the C.R.T.C. brown shirts. However if CIMN dumped its alternative policy and freely played all the Top 40 "most students" want to hear, eventually it would effect other local Top 40 stations markets which would most definitely trigger complaints to the C.R.T.C. and the end of CIMN.

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