

Rock radio dead

by Michael Brennan

Do you remember rock and roll radio? I don't. Somehow, at some time, someone killed rock and roll radio.

Today, the airwaves are simply dead. One hundred per cent of pop music radio stations are absolutely rotten. Those geared toward a broader musical and intellectual audience (CBC for example) are good but they don't play rock and roll. That just makes them about as bad as the others. They all aim at a middle of the road listener: someone who just doesn't care about music, who has no passion for music. The best music (jazz, blues, rock or country) is almost nothing but passion and not just sexual passion but a passion for life in all its forms. The radio unfortunately is sterile.

FM radio in the east is putrid. You'll never hear a good song. AM radio for housewives and old men is almost as bad but you'll hear the odd Elvis Presley number and some good country. CBC, as I've mentioned, is a relatively good station but not for pop music. They have no programs featuring rock and roll.

In larger urban area centres like Toronto, the FM stations are somewhat better. They will play acceptable rock and roll but it's so programmed and set. They never take any chances to play something new or moral majority unacceptable. You're left feeling an awful void. "They give you all the hits to play/To keep you in your seat all day" exclaims the Clash's Joe Strummer and he couldn't be more correct.

For any honest radio, you're left with college stations and their small broadcasting range. The limited audience they have should realize that they are lucky to have an open, uncompromising radio station to listen to. No matter how unorganized or screwed up they may be, you have people who care about

music desiring to share their excitement with an audience, hoping that there are at least a few souls out there who are as thrilled over the music as they are. And they can play whatever they wish.

When I heard CKDU may shut down next year I was disappointed. Maybe it will be good in the long run but many people will not be at Dal after next year. I don't see why CKDU can't be given more money to improve its broadcasting signal now. Of course I don't know the politics of the situation and I don't give a shit about politics. Nevertheless, I strongly feel that CKDU should run next year. It's the only rock and roll station around. I've heard great rock and roll from the Ramones to Hank Williams. The CKDU audience deserves the radio station.

One may object to this concern for radio by saying that you can hear the music of your choice privately. However, that's not the spirit of radio. It's the feeling of hearing a great song from someone else, knowing that somebody else loves that song as well and that others are in their rooms rocking away too. When the radio is great there is a wonderful feeling of communication. Haven't all the great rock and rollers sung of the joy of the radio? "It took no computation/To just dance to a rock and roll station/And it was alright" sings Lou Reed in probably the best song ever written about rock and roll. And the Ramones used to lie in bed with the covers over their head listening to the radio.

I really hope CKDU continues next year. It's a lot of fun and always interesting. You can hear different types of music as well as good rock and roll. I just can't listen to any commercial station (C100 makes me wanna puke). CKDU is a refreshing, enjoyable treat to my ears.

PRES. - V.P. TEAMS FORUM

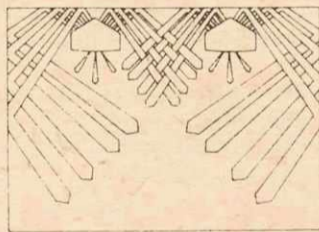
Tuesday	March 9	6:00 pm	Howe Hall
Wednesday	March 10	6:00 pm	Shirreff Hall
Thursday	March 11	12:30 pm	SUB
Friday	March 12	12:30 pm	SUB

Introducing the Bose® 901® Series IV Direct/Reflecting® speaker.



Bose has improved the legendary Bose 901® speaker.

The new Bose 901® Series IV system has new equalizer controls so you can adjust broad portions of the frequency band to compensate for room acoustics and speaker placement. And a new driver that



is so advanced in materials and design that Bose

has removed the power limitations for

home use.

The new Bose 901® is durable enough to handle any amplifier, yet can be driven with as little as 10 watts per channel.

The Bose 901® IV still gives you that life-like sound that is characteristic of this Direct/Reflecting® speaker. There is no better speaker, regardless of size or price for achieving the realism of a live performance.

BOSE®

Suggested Retail \$1899.00 W/Equalizer
SLEEPY'S SPECIAL \$1499.00

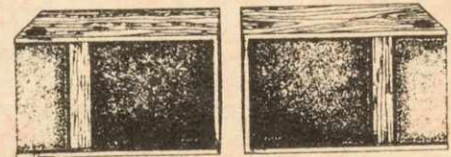
BOSE MODEL 301

Direct reflecting
SPEAKERS

Suggested Retail \$549.00 (Pr.)

SLEEPY'S SPECIAL \$399 (Pr.)

Note: Quantities Limited Sale Ends Nov. 30th/81



Call
"SLEEPY"
THOMAS



Sleepy's

A STEREO SHOP WITH A
LIVINGROOM ATMOSPHERE

1717 Barrington Street
Halifax, Nova Scotia
Phone 423-9359