

Local DJ heats up airwaves

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Thanks to a certain overused catchphrase from that blonde lil' bugger Paris Hilton, pretty much anything can be deemed "hot" these days.

But is there as such thing as too hot?

The answer is yes. And his name is Scotty Too Hottie.

Technically, Scott DeBourke is an on-air personality at local radio station WGMR-FM (101.1), The Revolution 101. But you probably know him better as "that dude on the radio who gives away beer and pizza ... dude."

First thing's first: Where the heck did that name come from?

"I don't really know what it means," said DeBourke, who on this particular day offset his "rugged" pierced-lip-and-T-shirt look with a way-cool tweed jacket. "I think it's a joke, because I'm quote unquote 'unattractive.'"

Seriously though, DeBourke says, he only considers himself "Scotty Too Hottie" when he's on the air. So if you see him out in public — you can usually find him at the bars — resist the urge to shout any variation of his nickname.

"Some of my friends see me and scream it," he said. "It was kinda cool at first, but now, really, it's not."

After graduating last spring with a degree in telecommunications, DeBourke scored a sales and promotions internship at The Revolution. When the gig was up in August, it was either find a "real" job or return home to Media.

"I asked [my bosses at the station] if they wanted me to kinda stick around and hang out up here, or go home," DeBourke said. "They said to stay up here. I didn't care either way. I didn't really want to move back home."

Since then, he has garnered a bunch of other impressive-sounding titles, including director of public service announcements and assistant production director. But to his listeners, his most important duty is giving away free stuff every afternoon; a Don Corleone's pizza between 3 and 4 p.m., and a 12-pack of Coors Light between 4 and 6 p.m.

The Revolution intern Joe Ammerman (junior-telecommu-

nications), who works with DeBourke every Friday, said people who call in can expect a good laugh.

"He usually goofs around with them, and it's just a good time," Ammerman said. "Sometimes his friends call in and he'll put them on the air."

And sometimes, to DeBourke's dismay, it's the young'ns that call in.

"I try to be nice," he said. "I've been punished for being too mean to callers. Over winter break, do you know how many little girls who are 14 call in and request Green Day? Every hour they call in. You start to recognize their voices after a while."

Not particularly a fan of the teenybopper crowd, DeBourke prefers alternative rock bands like My Chemical Romance and Boys Night Out. But he's trying to be open minded.

"I like everything," he said. "This format is not my favorite stuff, but you kinda learn to tune it out."

Besides, the upbeat hits that The Revolution plays make for some spectacular dancing opportunities.

"Scott is a kick-ass dancer," said Jim Logrando, the station's music director and a friend of DeBourke. "He's got some moves; he dances wherever he gets the chance. Anytime some Jackson 5 comes on, he busts it out. He's like a closet dance maniac."

Aside from being the next Mikey J, DeBourke said his dream job is to tour with a yet-to-be-formed band.

"But I couldn't do that forever," he continued thoughtfully. "I'd do that until I turn 28, I guess. Then I'd get my own radio station and play whatever I want. It would be the awesomest radio station ever. I'd play Warren G's ['Regulate,'] definitely."

For now, though, he'll stick with what he's good at.

"Scott is a very accomplished thumb wrestler," Logrando said. "He has amazing dexterity. He'll be like, 'Gimme your hand,' and grabs it so hard you fall down on your knees."

DeBourke boasted of his thumb wrestling skills.

"I'm actually undefeated for my lifetime," DeBourke said. "I openly accept challenges from anyone."

But remember: If you take him up on the offer, please, just call him "Scott."



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Scotty 2 Hottie (Scott DeBourke), a Revolution 101 DJ, contemplates why people think he is too hot.

Q&A with Scotty Too Hottie

■ **What do you think of Britney Spears?**

"I think she's hot, but other than that ... Uh ... 'Toxic' is good ..."

■ **What about JoJo?**

"The name of her latest song is 'Not That Kinda Girl.' Um, she's 14? Well if you're 14, I would hope you're not that kinda girl."

■ **Do you ever go on Thefacebook?**

"I hear of it, but I don't know. It kinda weirds me out. I'd rather just talk to face-to-face, not screen-to-screen."

■ **What all do you have pierced?**

"Just my lip. I used to have my septum pierced."

One time, I woke up at a party and it was gone. I found it in my sheets."

■ **Do you ever tell people who call in to win prizes that they didn't get it when they really did?**

"No comment."

■ **Everyone wants to know: Who are you "too hottie" for?**

"I would say all the ladies, probably."

■ **OK, but seriously, do you consider yourself "too hottie?"**
"You know it!"