

Sweet's raise sparks campus debate

By LA'EL HUGHES
The Jambar



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The decision to give University President David Sweet a \$25,000 raise has sparked discussion and debate about the university's spending priorities. The YSU Board of Trustees voted unanimously Tuesday to raise Sweet's annual salary by \$11,520 and his housing

allowance to \$50,000 a year. The increases are retroactive to July 1. Sweet, in his third year as president, will now earn \$203,520 per year, a 6 percent increase over his 2001-02 salary. Those who defend the raise argued Sweet deserves the pay increase because of his performance, but critics said the increase was questionable.

In a telephone interview Wednesday, Sweet deferred questions about his salary to trustees. He referred to a list of accomplishments he said he gave to trustees before they made their decision.

"I will follow the request made by the Board of Trustees," Sweet said.

The list Sweet submitted included statistics showing a 3.7 percent increase in enrollment for the fall, new degree programs and retention rates showing an increase from 67.3 to 85.8 percent. "The YSU Board of Trustees based the president's increase from leadership, increased enrollment, Operation Improvement Task Force and the Development Centennial Strategy," said Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications.

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President salaries and university enrollment for nearby colleges

The Board of Trustees used these universities as a guideline in making the decision to raise David Sweet's salary.

University	Salary	Enrollment
University of Akron	\$275,101*	24,348
Cleveland State University	\$260,000	15,746
Kent State University	\$244,743	23,504
Youngstown State University	\$203,520	12,698

*The president will be giving 3 percent of his salary back to the university.

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YSU tips lead to drug bust

By JAMI BONINSEGNA
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A tip from YSU students led to four drug-trafficking indictments, which members of the Mahoning Valley Drug Task Force said stem from activity near YSU's campus.

Two of the four indicted, Kristopher Sweed and Alexandros Stavrou, are current YSU students. Sweed, sophomore, 23, was charged with two counts of trafficking in cocaine; and Stavrou, sophomore, 20, was charged with two counts of trafficking in marijuana.

Lt. David Allen, commander of the Mahoning County Drug Task Force, said a number of students made complaints recently to the YSU Police Department in reference to the suspects selling drugs at local hangouts, including bars in the Uptown area of Youngstown and eateries near campus.

Also indicted were Nicholas Habuda, 20, of Lowelville, and William Snowden, 21, of Liberty. Habuda was charged with two counts of trafficking oxycotin, and Snowden was charged with two counts of trafficking in cocaine.

Police said Sweed is believed to be a ninth-grade basketball coach at Ursuline High School in Youngstown.

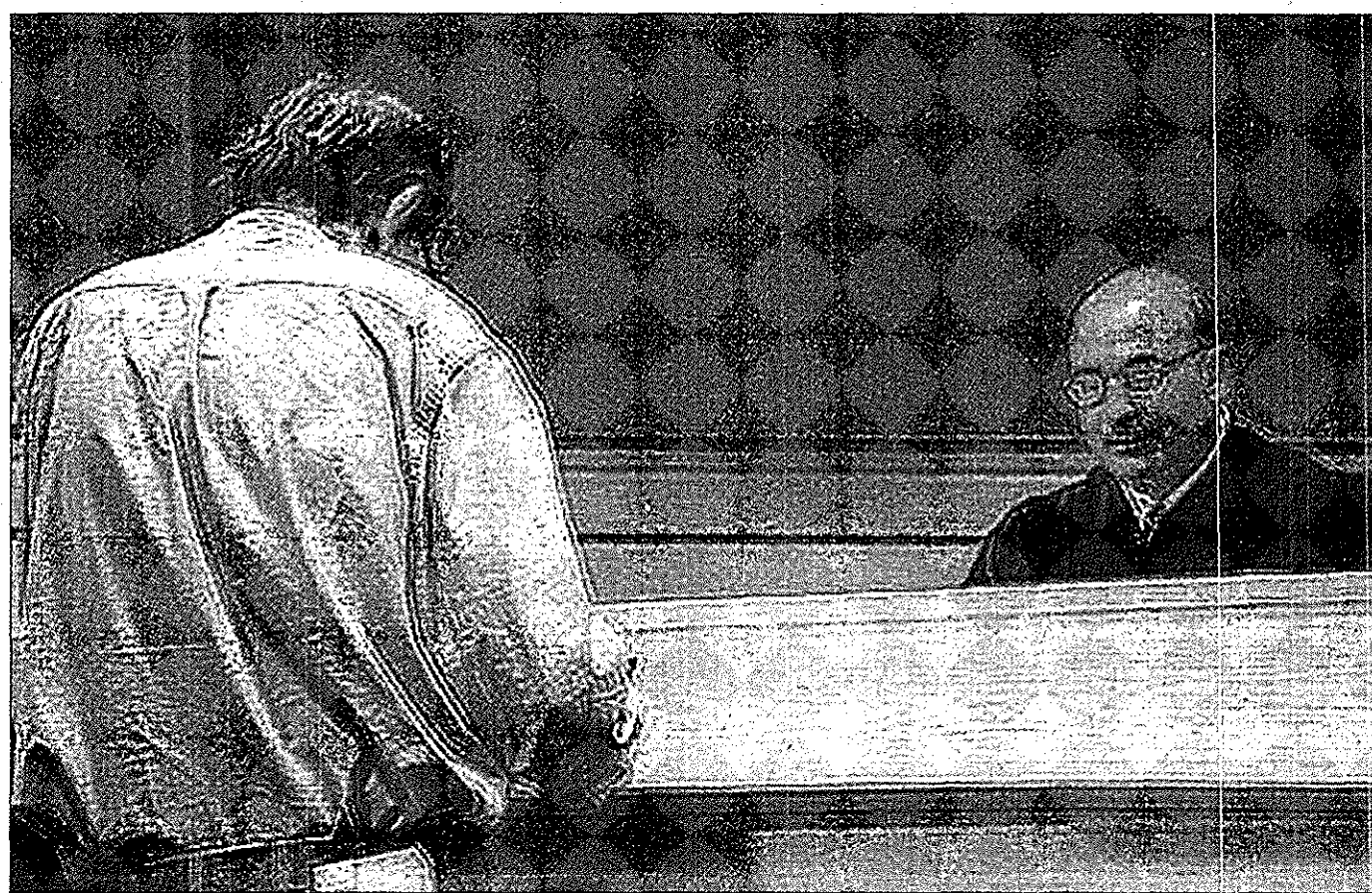
Allen said there also was drug activity at Sweet's Park Avenue apartment.

"This all says a lot for the students at YSU," Allen said. "They care a lot to make those complaints, and we're thankful."

Allen said the complaints were filed with YSU Police Sgt. Randy Williams, who is also employed with the Mahoning County Drug Task Force.

"The YSU police acted quickly and appropriately in this case," Allen said. "We

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PLEA BARGAIN: YSU anthropology professor Gary Fry (above) plea bargained to avoid jail time Wednesday. Fry was found guilty to charges of unauthorized vehicle use and using a weapon while intoxicated. On the bench is Girard municipal court Judge Michael Bernard.

Fry pleads to lesser charge

By ANGELA OLIN
The Jambar

GIRARD — Anthropology professor Gary Fry will avoid jail after he plea bargained Wednesday to charges stemming from two recent arrests.

Fry, 64, was found guilty after pleading no contest to one charge of unauthorized use of a vehicle and one charge of using a weapon of intoxicating. The ruling came after almost two hours of plea bargaining.

Fry refused to comment to a Jambar reporter after he left the courtroom Wednesday. He will pay \$350 plus court costs for the two separate charges. University officials said they would consider their own response to Fry's legal troubles.

Wednesday, Walt Ulbricht, executive director for Marketing and Communications, said the university likely would hold discussions between Fry and his supervisors.

For almost two hours

Wednesday, Fry and his attorney talked outside of the courtroom about the pending plea bargain from the prosecution.

In the plea bargain, Fry was offered a reduced charge from a fifth-degree felony to a misdemeanor for the unauthorized use of a vehicle charge. The plea bargain also came with one year of probation and fines paid to the court.

Hubbard Township Police Det. Mike Begeot said the plea bargain was one way for Fry to avoid a trial.

Fry, as he has since news of his arrests spread last week, declined comment.

"No," Fry shouted as he waved his hands. "I don't want to talk to you."

There almost was a delay in Fry's hearing, as Judge Michael Bernard told the court he might have a conflict of discipline.

"I have a son that attends YSU and is in one of [Fry's] classes," Bernard said.

Bernard said the prosecution and Fry had two choices: Either both accept to waive the disability conflict or call in an acting judge to hear the case.

Fry and the prosecution waived the disability then agreed on the plea bargain. After Fry plead no contest to both charges, Bernard found him guilty and read the terms of the plea bargain.

Prosecutor Bob Johnson said \$900 was taken off the original fines, but if Fry vio-

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— BOB JOHNSON
Prosecutor

lates his probation at any time during the year, he would be subject to pay the \$900.

Johnson also said that for Fry's probation, he would have to see a probation officer once a month, where he would talk to someone about his possible drug or alcohol problem.

"They will decide if he needs inpatient treatment," Johnson said. "It just depends on what his actual addiction is."

Johnson said Fry could be sent to a rehabilitation center such as Neil Kennedy or Community Solutions.

Ulbricht said the university is in the process of informing YSU officials of the outcome of the preliminary trial. Eventually, Ulbricht said, there likely will be a discussion that includes Provost Tony Atwater, Director of Faculty Relations Thomas Maraffa, Chair of Sociology and Anthropology John White and Arts and Sciences Dean Robert Bolla.

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SG plans for forums continue

By MELISSA MOSCHELLA
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Student Government continues to work out plans for new forums, which some representatives hope will help SG reach out to more students.

SG sent the issue back to the Student Affairs committee for further discussions that will take place Monday.

The issue originally caused debate after Student Affairs and SG representatives pondered whether the student forums would be appropriate.

While some SG members said there are more suitable ways to reconnect with students, others argued that student forums are necessary.

Some members discussed inhibitions they had about holding the forums.

"These forums could get out of control," College of Arts & Sciences Representative Ryan Siskind said. "If a few representatives go on stage and don't answer a question right, it could turn into a shooting gallery. Then, you have students angry at SG for no reason," he said.

SG president Jeff Parks, however, said forums will become a reality this year.

"A lot of reps want to have a forum," Parks said. "They just want to do it right."

He said plans have been sent back to a committee to modify the location of the forums, originally scheduled to take place at Peaberry's in Kilcawley Center.

Parks said SG wants feedback from students as to where they would like to see the forums held.

"We need to have them," Parks said. "A lot of reps feel the same way. We just want to do it right."

Parks said student forums are part of SG's plans to reconnect with the student body this semester. Since August, Parks

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Female rock 'n' rollers talk about their roles, and experiences in the music scene and industry. **Rock 'n' Roll Damnation, Page 6**



Freshman Readers Dialogue Clue, #37:

What street did the Watkins family move to in 1944?



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Some faculty and staff said regardless of Sweet's strategic plans, a 6 percent increase is not warranted.

"In the president's campus address on Tuesday he said we have learned a lot of valuable things — meaning the labor negotiations," YSU-Association of Classified Employees President Christine Domhoff said. "But, to give him a raise partly based on his leadership before any results have been shown is a problem."

YSU Board of Trustees Chairman Joseph Nohra said he strongly believed the pay increases Sweet has received are justified.

"President Sweet has performed the way we have asked him to," Nohra said. "We are very pleased with the partnerships he has created in the community, enrollment is up and he has brought in a lot of money to this university."

With the raise, Sweet will remain the second lowest paid president at a public university in Ohio — a fact Walt Ulbricht, executive director of Marketing and Communications, said warrants the increase.

The financial compensation Sweet receives also

includes annual dues for the Youngstown Country Club and Youngstown Club.

Ulbricht said the universities in northeast Ohio served as a guideline for the trustees when deciding Sweet's pay raise.

One college president in northeastern Ohio — Luis Proenza of the University of Akron — recently returned his raise.

"Our president was offered a 3 percent increase," said Bruce Vesry, senior public relations representative for University of Akron. "But due to the recent budget cuts he wrote a check back to the university."

Sweet would not comment on Proenza's choice, only saying that he would follow the trustees' decision.

With state budget cuts to higher education and consecutive tuition increases, one political science professor wondered if Sweet's salary increase was wise.

"During the summer, the university never declared they didn't have the money to increase our (faculty and staff) reasonable salaries," said David Porter, who also was a member of the YSU-Ohio Education Association's nego-

tiations team. "It is not a question of where the university is getting their money, it is a question of what they think is priority."

Nohra said trustees kept economics in mind and found Sweet's raise affordable.

"We have looked at the financial situation of the university and we have looked at the overall big picture, and we have concluded that the president's salary is well deserved and due," he said.

YSU Student Government President Jeff Parks serves as a nonvoting student trustee and defended his colleagues' vote.

"There is no one more informed than the Board of Trustees on the financial situation of the university," Parks said. "The board had reason for giving Sweet his salary raise."

But Parks said he did understand the outcry from faculty and staff.

"On part of the faculty and in light of this summer's negotiations, I understand where it would appear to be some discrepancy."

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Paul Mauch also contributed to this article

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have zero tolerance of [drug trafficking] at schools."

All four suspects were arraigned in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court Tuesday morning and plead not guilty to the charges. They are all currently out on bond, Allen said.

Allen said more charges are pending and there will be two to four additional arrests for drug trafficking in the YSU area as a result of the student complaints.

All of the cases, Allen said, are being conducted as separate investigations.

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"Discussions will be held among those people concerning today's events," Ulbricht said. "Concern for Gary as an individual is also an issue."

"We will see what assistance he needs from the university."

YSU police arrested Fry in his DeBartolo Hall lab Sept. 10 on the vehicle charge. Almost one month before, Hubbard Township police arrested Fry

for the weapon's charge at his home.

Also, in September 2001, Fry was arrested and convicted for marijuana drug abuse. He was ordered to pay fines to the court for that charge.

Fry has been teaching at YSU since 1970 and makes \$83,600 a year.

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and Vice President Emily Eckman have said reconnecting is SG's top priority.

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"I appreciate the fans that come out to see the BAND," she says. "Those are the ones that make it worth it. Sure they appreciate the outfits and the antics, it's all part of the fun, but it comes down to what we play as a band — people that dig that, are the ones that are our true fans."

One-hundred twenty miles down the turnpike in Pittsburgh, fans filter into the 31st Street Pub — a small rock 'n' roll bar on the steel city's south side. The Pabst Blue Ribbons are going down extra smooth on this crisp evening, and "femme-fronted" rockers, the Motorpsychos are supplying the tunes.

Singer Rachel Cassidy looks and sounds like the female incarnation of Glen Danzig, decked out in studded leather pants, tight black shirt, and long black gloves. She turns toward bassist Amy Bianco for a moment, then sneers at the crowd who doesn't seem to know whether or not she wants their approval or for them to cower at her feet.

All the while, guitarist Pam Simmons hammers away on her Les Paul. As she turns toward drummer Dennis Brown, eyes get very wide at the bar, as her six-string had been concealing her skirt, which couldn't possibly be any shorter or tighter, without an indecent exposure incident.

Do the Motorpsychos feel hampered by their good looks? Hardly.

"I'd say I use it to my advantage," says Simmons. "I let the attention attract people to us and then we hit them with a show that's just as quality as any great guy band out there."

"Were so focused on our musical product that it's hard to ignore its power. In my mind we're one package consisting of sight and sound."

"I feel asexual onstage," says vocalist Cassidy, who also says that fans can't look past the bands musical talents. "They can't ignore our musical aspect."

"I don't try to be sexy onstage," says bassist Bianco. "I rock out to what I'm playing."

Of the female members of the band, Bianco is probably the most low key in terms of stage attire. On this night she wears a cutoff T-shirt and black jeans, as her mop top flails while she head bangs away and thumps on her four-string.

"Acting like Lita Ford in her 'Kiss me Deadly' video will get you attention, but it's also supporting the stereotype that it's all women know how to do," says Bianco. "Anybody can roll around with their guitar, I want to see you play it."

Unlike Lords of the Highway, the Motorpsychos are almost an entirely female band. As a lady rocker, guitarist Simmons says there are pros and cons to using her sexuality as

a tool to sell the band.

"It can get you to the front of the line, but whether or not your taken seriously when you get there varies from situation to situation," she says.

"The scenario I see most often is that people don't come out and say it, but you can tell that before they see us, they expect us to suck because we're women and we're dressed up — and when we don't suck they're a little over the top with their accolades."

Simmons admits that flirtatious drunks get on her nerves after a while, but what seems to aggravate her most isn't pesky alcoholics, but female performers in the national spotlight.

"People like Sheryl Crow and Jewel carry around acoustic guitars, steal chord progressions that have been done a million times by other people, whine away and write the same song over and over again with different titles," she says.

"Sheryl Crow is acceptable [to the mainstream] because she's safe," Simmons says. "She doesn't challenge any of the men at their game; she makes sure to show her cleavage."

"[Crow] will never cross the line, she'll never push the envelope," she continues. "She's no artist — she's the poster child of mediocrity and the everlasting double standard."

"For every girl band or musician who really rocks out, there are four or five others that use their appearance to get attention," Bianco agrees. "Sexuality sells."

Is there room for a band like the Motorpsychos in the music world?

Simmons says her gender is being misrepresented with festivals like Lillith Fair and the continued mainstream success of artists like Crow, Alanis Morissette, and Tori Amos.

"In the past powerful women like Grace Slick, Janis Joplin, and Joan Jett had a shot at the radio," she says. "Any woman with balls today will never get mainstream airplay because we've got Stepford rock stars like Ms. Crow representing us and leaving no room for any one else with an edgier way."

Still, despite watered down femme performers and stereotypes put on "edgier" lady performers like the Motorpsychos, the band shows no signs of stopping anytime soon.

Lillith girls of the world beware, the ladies of the Motorpsychos and Lord's of the Highway four-stringer, Sugar, are out to put an end to the debate over whether or not you need a c*ck, to rock.

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YSU should be a leader in diversity

There are two types of honesty: tactful and brutal. University President David Sweet chose the latter Monday in his third State of the University address. Heavily focused on past accomplishments, Sweet's speech offered up few goals — most of them vague — for the future.

Sweet did, however, make his administration's stance on diversity clear.

"YSU will provide a climate of respect for all people, its students, faculty and staff," Sweet said. "It does not necessarily mean that YSU will always be out front on cutting-edge social issues, but it does and will always mean there will be a fair hearing and a concerned consideration of such matters."

Mixed in between Sweet-isms like climate of respect and cutting-edge is the underlying message: We don't want to be a leader on this issue.

It's embarrassing.

But YSU still tries to increase minority enrollment and has been successful. Sweet, in his speech, touted a 13.7 percent increase in minority enrollment this fall.

Diversity is no longer just about black and white.

Sweet's speech struck at a theme of faculty contract negotiations: domestic partner benefits. Faculty encouraged the administration to be a leader in diversity and equality by providing health care benefits for same-sex partners.

But as we saw in the final agreement and again on Monday, Sweet is not interested in making YSU a leader.

Complacency is the evil that corrupts this Valley. Complacency — more than organized crime and more than economic disparity — has made Youngstown a prime example of what not to do in northeast Ohio.

Forget about being second and not the leader. Youngstown is last in many things. YSU is one of the few beacons of hope in the Mahoning Valley — one of the few outlets that can make Youngstown a leader.

But with his commitment to complacency, David Sweet is dimming the light.

While Sweet may think such diversity is now unpopular, he need look no further than the office of Marketing and Communications — the department that must sell YSU's image.

Jean Engle, assistant director of that office, expressed disappointment following Sweet's speech. Engle, who is gay, said the president's comments on diversity were unnecessarily negative.

Sweet cannot even sell his plan to the office that is supposed to help him sell it to the community.

And what's worse? Trustees gave him a raise the next day!

We hope David Sweet feels a twinge of embarrassment, too. YSU can be a leader. He knows it. We know it.

Sweet just doesn't want it.

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YSU SUCCESS STORIES: BE ONE ... IF YOU HAVE THE CASH.

GIVE IT BACK

BY HENRY GOMEZ
The Jambar

If University President David Sweet has any class he will turn down his latest raise.

Time and again, Sweet has pled poverty to the students and faculty at this university. If he accepts this raise, students should protest vehemently.

He has told us the sob stories of a mean Republican governor who has continually cut higher education funding. He blamed legislators for the consecutive tuition increases and vowed to find alternatives to future ones.

But Sweet continued to hire more administrators. Put his Cabinet next to President Bush's and it would be hard telling who has more assistants and secretaries.

And Tuesday, YSU trustees decided to reward David Sweet to the tune of \$25,000.

I was outraged Wednesday morning when I learned of Sweet's raise. Jambar reporters had contacted university officials before and after Tuesday's board meeting asking if there was any major news besides

that on the agenda.

No one mentioned Sweet would be a little richer.

Here is the breakdown. Sweet now

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makes \$203,520 a year and receives an additional \$50,000 for housing. This totals to about a \$25,000 increase.

Not bad — for him.

Forget about the thousands — I believe the number Sweet is so proud to

say is 12,698 — of students who have trouble making tuition payments. Forget about trying to help boost enrollment — trust me, the numbers are not that spectacular — in a blue-collar town when you are living a white-collar life.

Students even pay for Sweet's country club membership.

I hoped I would cool down after learning of Sweet's fortune, but the more I think, the angrier I am.

For the many students who work on or off campus, raises are a luxury they rarely know. If Sweet says yes to his, it will be a slap in the face to everyone.

This includes the teachers, with whom administrators fought so hard with over salary. Simply, Sweet cannot in good conscience accept this raise.

I like Dr. Sweet. I think he is a nice guy and I think he has worked hard for YSU.

But a good leader leads by example. I hope Sweet sets a good one.

Call Henry Gomez at (330) 941-1991.

Letter to the Editor

Students must stop complaining and get involved

Editor:

I am writing to bring into the view the lethargic student population. I have attempted to establish a Student Union for the purpose of improving peoples' lives in the Youngstown area including all of the students.

I know some of the finest people on this campus, from staff to students, including Alyssa Lenhoff, Henry Gomez, Jami Boninsegna, Angela Olin, B.J. Lisko, Dean Chance and Emily Eckman.

Unfortunately, the majority of the student population does not use their talents to fix the many problems in this area or on this campus. Maybe if they took after some of the people mentioned many items that students complain about would be fixed.

I have been to places such as Athens, Ohio, Estes Park, Colo., Cody, Wyo., and the list goes on from southern Ohio to northern California.

From these places, there are hundreds of examples where communities were fed up with poverty, unfair wages, and safety

concerns etc. and they joined together and did something about it. But for some reason in this area when people see problems they complain and ignore. YSU students and people in this community will continue a downward spiral financially and morally if people do not try to make a difference.

I will continue to do every day what I set out to do both for this community and those I meet; it is too bad that more people do not have the same ambition and dedication as those mentioned in this letter.

And for those students that complain about everything from parking to poverty, remember there are two kinds of people in this world, those that see problems and try to fix them and those who just complain.

Pete Philips
Senior
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Campus Calendar

Wednesday: The Center for Student Progress is sponsoring a workshop: Asperger's Syndrome Demystified featuring William Stillman an Autism Consultant. It will be held in the Chestnut Room, Kilcawley Center from 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Chris Khumprakob at 330-941-3098.

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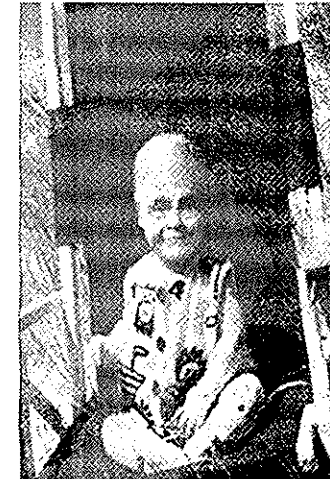
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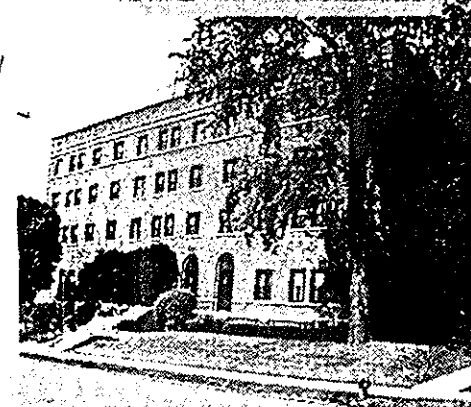
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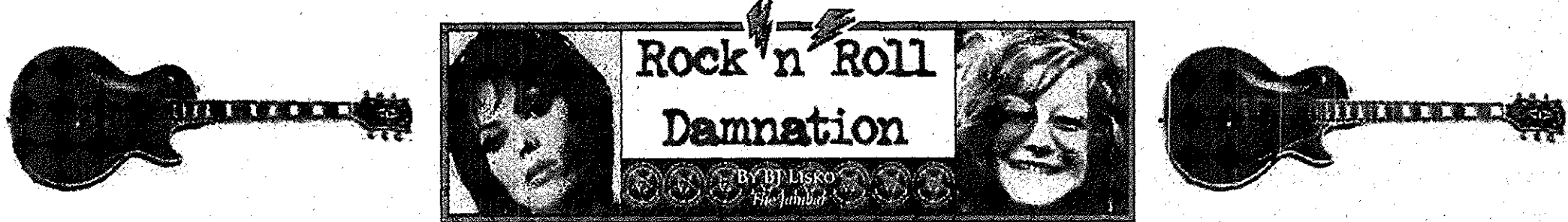
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Entertainment



The debate: Women in rock 'n' roll

Cleveland rockabilly band, Lords of the Highway, take the stage to a packed house at the Beachland Tavern in Cleveland. Their honky tonk brand of rock 'n' roll, alongside their energetic stage show, seems to instantly draw the crowd's approval.

Female bassist, Sugar, decked out in a cowboy hat, tank top, mini skirt, and fishnet stockings, smiles from ear to ear as she thumps, and literally humps away on her 1942 Kay stand up bass. As their 40-minute set comes to a roaring close, one bar patron turns casually to a friend and says, "wonder if she's a player?"

And on this winter night in Cleveland, the women in rock 'n' roll debate begins:

Can women ever be deemed only talented musicians, and not judged first on their appearance?

This debate is one that rages on in backrooms across the region with female rockers dishing up stories of making it in a world that has been ruled by testosterone and bad bangers.

Four different female rockers told stories of being gawkers, press stereotypes, and surviving in a male-dominated genre.

For Sugar the answer to the question of whether women can be judged for their musical ability certainly seems to be yes.

"Everybody likes to have something nice to look at; myself included," she says. "But when it comes down to it, I think people remember if you rock or not."

For Lords of the Highway people appear to remember — as the Lords have played numerous gigs far and wide to the delight of many greasers, punks, hillbilly's and the like. But the question still remains: Is sex selling the Lords of the Highway?

Dennis Bell, Lords of the Highway guitarist, agrees with his four-stringer, saying at first people might overlook the bands musical ability. "Once they see her play, the cliché about women not being able to rock all falls to the side," he says.

"I think the press tends to focus on the sexuality of a woman in a band, versus the musicianship," Sugar says.

"Some people would say that any press is good press though, so I don't know if you can truly call it a disadvantage," she says. "All I know is that I want to talk about my rig, my style, my influences, the antics, my bass; all the stuff about playing the music."

But the press typically isn't too interested in that angle — probably doesn't sell.

"Who really wants to know what kind of strings I use? They want to know what kind of panties I wear," Sugar says.

With that sort of angle, many women trying to gain credibility in a largely male dominated profession might put their instruments away for good. Sugar even admits, "I think there are people out there that just come to see the outfits, and the bass humping, that aren't really interested in the music."

"But to be honest they don't really stick around too long. Once they catch on that they're not going to pick me up, they stop coming."

But what about that guy back at the bar? With the image many women project in a male dominated genre of music, where alcohol is almost a necessity, the slobbering drunk babble would seem to almost certainly get on the nerves of some female rockers.

"What bothers me the most is when people are so drunk that they spit on you when they're trying to talk," Sugar says. "That bums me out. If a drunk is being flirty to the point of annoying I'll just walk away."

Most people would agree, alcohol and scantily clad women usually isn't the best mix for the neighborhood drunk. With sexual discrimination, sexual abuse, and rape cases nearly always prominent in the news, it's a distinct possibility fans may get a little too close to female performers.

"Drunks are: Sugar is happy to meet and chat with them, but she's not so sweet she won't do what she must do to defend herself."

"The only threatening situation I've been in was actually directed towards 'Big Candy' my 42 Kay stand up bass," she said. "I was letting this guy play it after the show, because I always like to encourage people to try the upright if they show an interest."

"This dude was so drunk and swaying, it looked like he was going to take a dive with 'Big Candy,'" she continued. "So I tried taking it away from him and he wouldn't let go, and he also kept trying to take my cowboy hat, which is the thing that really pisses me off."

"I ended up karate chop kicking him in the stomach. I kind of feel sorry for the fool that would try to mess with me, cause I don't think they'd come out on top."

The bass humping antic, which Sugar says she doesn't think of as a sexual move, is a stage gimmick that certainly might bring some protest from feminists and women's groups. According to Sugar, the female response to the Lords of the Highway show, however, has been overwhelmingly positive.

"Women are my biggest fans," she says. "I get so many women that come up to me after a show and tell me that they love the power that I bring to the stage; that it is empowering them. You don't see too many women do what I do on stage, and they really respond."

The issue can obviously be debated, and is one that really can't be resolved. Despite drunks, and stereotypes, Sugar still stays very upbeat about her role in the rock 'n' roll world.



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GRRR POWER: Motorspsychos guitarist, Pam Simmons (above), and bassist Amy Bianco (right) rock 'n' roll at a recent performance, while Lords of the Highway bassist Sugar (left) plucks away on stage. For more info visit www.motorspsychosrock.com, or www.lordssofthehighway.com



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How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they failed to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.1	0.3
Oral contraceptives (pills)	0.2*	0.4
Female sterilization	0.1	0.15
Male sterilization (vasectomy)	0.1	0.1
Condom (male)	0.1	0.2
Condom (female)	0.1	0.2
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	0.1	0.2
Spermicide (with diaphragm)	0.1	0.2
Vaginal sponge	0.1	0.2
Withdrawal	0.1	0.2
Abstinence	0.1	0.2
Other	0.1	0.2
None	15.0	15.0

*Source: Trussardi et al. *Contraception*, 1990;76:558-567.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
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- If you are taking any medicine for asthma
- If you are taking any medicine for depression
- If you are taking any medicine for Parkinson's disease
- If you are taking any medicine for rheumatoid arthritis
- If you are taking any medicine for lupus
- If you are taking any medicine for multiple sclerosis
- If you are taking any medicine for HIV/AIDS
- If you are taking any medicine for hepatitis B or C
- If you are taking any medicine for syphilis

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Your doctor should perform a physical examination before you start using DEPO-PROVERA. It is important that you tell your doctor if you have any of the following:
• A family history of breast cancer
• A personal history of breast cancer
• Abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or other breast problems
• Regular or scanty menstrual periods
• High blood pressure
• High cholesterol
• Migraine headaches
• Diabetes
• Epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
• A history of a family history of diabetes
• A history of depression

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What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for it to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, about half of those who became pregnant will do so in about 13 months after their last injection. About two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding or spotting; an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding; or bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or continuous bleeding, however, is not a usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 55% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 69% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is that DEPO-PROVERA causes a resting state in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not occur and therefore the bleeding that comes with your menstrual period will usually, in time, return to its normal cycle.

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Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may stop a period or your periods may stop completely. If you have never received your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think DEPO-PROVERA may not be preventing pregnancy, see your health care provider.

Laboratory Test Interactions
DEPO-PROVERA may affect the results of certain laboratory tests. Tell your health care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as progesterone.

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How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA MUST be given within 3 days after childbirth if you are not breastfeeding or 6 weeks after childbirth if you are exclusively breast-feeding. If you wait longer than 3 months (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

See only the full prescribing information for DEPO-PROVERA for complete information on risks, precautions, and drug interactions.

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