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Officials abandon protocol, give job to Habat

By JAMI BONINSEGNA
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Sweet
University officials last week bypassed their own protocol by failing to conduct a national search for the position of administrative vice president. Instead, they put John Habat, a long-time associate of YSU President David Sweet, in the job.

Habat joined YSU in July 2000, the same time that Sweet took over as President. Habat and Sweet met over 22 years ago, when Sweet worked in the urban program at Cleveland State and Habat worked for George Voinovich, who was then Mayor of Cleveland.

When Sweet took the position as president of YSU, he called Habat to join him. Habat has been serving as special assistant to the YSU president earning \$120,134 per year. Habat's new salary won't be set until July 1.

Sweet said he was the one who recommended waiving the national search. "Habat is a known commodity. His responsibilities warrant him for vice president. There was no search because Habat has demonstrated the capabilities to do the position," said Sweet.

Six of the university's trustees agreed with Sweet's recommendation to put Habat in the job without a national search. One trustee, Dr. Hai-Shuih Wang, voted against the recommendation, saying he

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NYSP offers activities, care

By ASHLEE OWENS
Jambar Reporter

From June 11 to July 19, the YSU track will be covered with basketballs, footballs, hula-hoops and a sea of children playing various games.

During those weeks, the National Youth Sports Program will be taking place on campus. The federally funded program, which is in its eighth year at YSU, is open to children between the ages of 10 and 16 from low-income families. Participants are recruited from Youngstown City Schools and area parochial schools.

NYSP public relations representative, Natalie Scott, said the program offers children the opportunity to get involved in a wide variety of sports, such as golf, rollerblading, soccer and swimming.

Participants also receive classroom instruction in math, science, nutrition, drug and alcohol awareness and building self-esteem. Many of the instructors are certified teachers coming from various schools around the district.

Additionally, children participating receive two hot meals each day and a medical examination.

"Everything is free," Scott said. "If you were to pay for this, it would be in the thousands of dollars."

Scott said that "need" brought NYSP to YSU. When NYSP project administrator and YSU Human Performance and Exercise Science professor, Dr. Marsha Matanin, was a middle school teacher, she often saw children hanging out at school during the summer.

"We don't have anything to do!" Scott said the kids would tell Matanin and it was then that Matanin decided something had to be done.

After coming to YSU, Matanin applied for a grant to bring NYSP to campus. "Today, NYSP has over 350 kids participating in the program," Scott said.

"I think one of the great-

est benefits of the program is that kids will have a great summer — it's like summer camp," Scott commented. "Here they are exposed to role models, like teachers and university students. Some children never have the chance to even walk on a campus, but these kids do and hopefully it will inspire them to further their hopes and dreams."

In harmony with these hopes for excellence, children participating in NYSP are required to memorize and recite every day the NYSP creed: "I am a good sport at all times. I conduct myself with decency and honesty. I do my best to get along with others and have pride in myself. I put forth my best effort in all competition and always compete fairly. Walk tall, talk tall, stand tall."

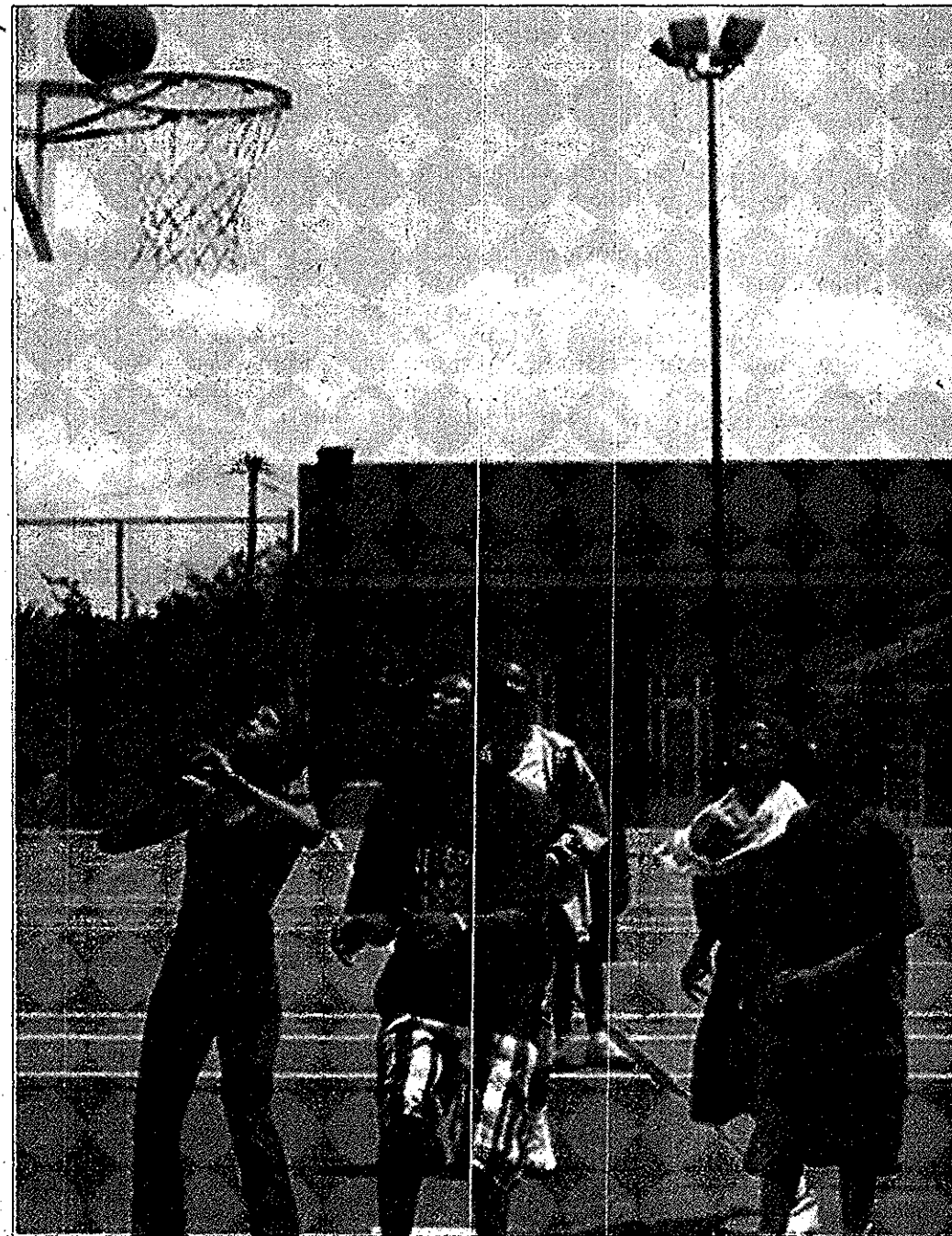
When asked about his favorite aspect of the program, 10-year-old NYSP participant Shane McKinney paused for only a few seconds before answering, "I like all of it! Even the learning is fun because they make science like a mystery. It's exciting."

However, McKinney also said that the sports hold a special appeal for him. "If I were at home, I'd just be watching TV," McKinney continued.

Ten-year-old participant Germaine Hudson, whose grandma signed him up for the program, said that the best part of NYSP is the swimming. "I really like this program because it's fun; you enjoy it. And you can't be mean to people. When somebody makes fun of others, they (the instructor aides) tell you not to laugh," said Hudson.

Family First Day, a new addition to NYSP this year, will be held June 21 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the YSU track. Parents are invited to learn about various health and well-being programs and services available to families. The event is free and open to the public.

Major sponsors of the event are Cellular One and Weed and Seed.



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HOOP IT UP: Kids participating in the National Youth Sports Program play basketball outside of Fedor Hall on Tuesday. Kids who participate receive two hot meals each day, along with medical examinations, as well as being able to participate in a variety of athletic events. According to NYSP public relations representative Natalie Scott, everything is free and the program is open to kids ages 10-16 from low-income families.



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Mostly cloudy today. High in the lower 80s. Low near 60. Partly cloudy on Friday. High in the lower 80s. Low near 60.

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According to stats, Youngstown bad for businesses

By KRISTEN SERROKA
Jambar Reporter

YSU political science professor Dr. Paul Sracic, said Congressman James A. Traficant Jr. shoulders some blame for why Forbes magazine recently labeled Youngstown 199 out of 200 for metropolitan areas to do business or start a career.

For many years, statistics have shown Youngstown to be declining in economic standing, but the recent finding of Forbes magazine has left a few voices of YSU discouraged.

Stephanie Ehlenbach, junior, said she is concerned about the declining economy and the Youngstown school system. She said the ranking is depressing and that the area needs some kind of assistance due to the high level of poverty.

Statistics from Dismal Science on Economy.com state Youngstown has a 6.7 percent unemployment rate as of April and a total personal income for the city of \$14,356,100.

These numbers are far from Forbes' number one ranking, San Diego, CA, which has an unemployment rate of four percent and total personal income of \$91,850,000.

Ehlenbach said Youngstown used to have a lot to offer, but many people including herself are looking to get out of the area.

Adam Guerrieri, senior, political science, disagrees with the ominous ranking by Forbes, which placed Youngstown only ahead of Gary, IN.

"Forbes doesn't exactly have an unbiased view of what business growth is [in Youngstown]. They focus on large cities like New York and Los Angeles that can't compare to Youngstown," Guerrieri said.

He said he believes there is potential for growth in industry and business in Youngstown and its surrounding areas. He said he believes the area has done a lot of

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Student from Kuwait enjoys time at YSU

By LEIGH ANN KAISER
Jambar Reporter

A woman covered head to toe in long, draped, black cloth walks into the first floor student lounge of Beeghly Hall with a huge smile on her face.

Fatimah Alhashem, middle school education with emphasis on math and science, is excited because she just taught a lesson on angles in one of her education classes "I think it went very well," she said, her smile growing larger.

Alhashem, who is from Kuwait, is spending her college years living in America and studying at YSU in the College of Education on a scholarship from her home country.

One of Alhashem's friends, Jan Ross, said, "She is a wealth of information about subjects we know little about in this country."

Ross also said that Alhashem knows a lot about the situation in Pakistan and is very distressed about it.

Alhashem said she plans on returning to Kuwait after she earns her degree so she can be back with her family. "I love America," she said, "(but) I love my country and my community too."

The Ministry of Higher Education in Kuwait grants full scholarships to students maintaining 3.6 or higher GPA throughout high

school. Alhashem said students who qualify are given a choice of nations and schools they wish to attend from a list and the Ministry also grants money so that students do not have to work while they attend school.

Alhashem, 22, is married and has a two-year old daughter. Her husband also attends YSU for Engineering.

Covering all but her face in public, Alhashem said she does not mind dressing herself in this manner because her husband is the only one who should see her. "Women are (like) diamonds. We are only seen by the man we choose," she said.

Alhashem is also a member of the Muslim religion and says that her people believe in Jesus and caring for all other people. "Osama is no Muslim, he is out-cast," she said. "We never treat people like (he does)."

Remembering the terror attacks, she said she has felt the effects of post-September 11 prejudice against people of Middle-Eastern descent.

She said when she went to a Pizza Hut soon after the attacks and "everyone put down their forks when I walked in and just stared."

Alhashem said that many people find her people "aggressive" since September 11 and that is very untrue.

Alhashem said that she loves her classes

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President helping club

BY LARISA PIWTORAK
Jambar Reporter

The president of YSU's Spanish Club said that she thinks she has found a way to fight apathy among the student population.

Ana Belen Harris, senior, spanish and social work, attributes a new, heightened interest to the club's president, Stephanie Persin, junior, spanish and criminal justice.

"She's doing a lot for the club," said Harris about Persin. Harris added, "She's really open minded."

Persin, who is credited with increasing membership in the Spanish Club from five or six paid members last year to about 30 this year, said that the secret to the heightened interest is networking.

The Spanish Club is planning an outing to Six Flags with the Italian and Russian clubs in August.

Persin said she sends out e-mails before a meeting to both paid members and those students who have expressed an interest in the club. "There's about a 100 people on the e-

mail list," said Persin.

Persin took over as president of the Spanish Club, whose official name is Los Buenos Vecinos (the good neighbors), for the spring 2002 semester.

She has been reelected for the 2002-2003 academic year.

Persin said the Spanish Club raises money for scholarships and awards by holding bake sales, selling t-shirts, and holding other activities.

One of the events held last year was a dance called a baile, at the DeBartolo Club.

A live band, Sabor Latino (Latin flavor), played at the baile. Some of the band members were students at the Dana School of Music.

Members are given the option of attending one of two days each time there is a meeting. Persin said this allows for variations in personal schedules and, thus, more members are able to attend.

When asked why the Spanish Club has not been as active in the past, Persin responded by saying that last year's president was not as interested in the club.

"It's all or nothing," said Persin.

She said that the last year's president held only one meeting during the year and seemed as if he only cared about holding the title of president.

Dr. Allen Viehmeyer, chair and professor of foreign languages and literatures said membership in other foreign language clubs does not compare with Spanish.

Dr. Viehmeyer said that the Russian and Italian clubs have between five and ten members each and the French club is not active this year because there are zero active members.

Harris and Persin agreed that this is probably due to lack of interest.

Dr. Viehmeyer said that a possible explanation is that YSU does not offer a major in Russian or Latin.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Spanish Club can contact Persin in the foreign language lab located on the fifth floor of DeBartolo Hall or they can call the lab at (330) 742-3465.

Police Report

Candy wrappers found after break-in

Six Tootsie Roll wrappers and scattered files were found after a break-in took place last Friday in Beeghly School of Education according to a YSU police report.

YSU Police Officer Ray Lemke was sent to Beeghly Hall after the Director of Teaching Learning Technician, Thomas Pugh, made a complaint.

Pugh stated in the report that around 8 p.m. he entered his locked office to find the on/off

switch to his computer monitor had been damaged and six Tootsie Roll wrappers were on the floor along with several files near the computer.

Pugh stated that the room was last seen in order and the monitor was working when he had left and locked the room.

According to the police report no signs of forced entry could be found and the no one has been charged with the crime.

Janitor's car stolen from lot near Meshel

Last Thursday Raymond Bonner, a YSU janitor, went to the V-4 lot next to Meshel Hall to find that his car had been stolen.

Bonner's 1983 beige Oldsmobile delta was stolen and then recovered by the Ohio State Highway Patrol after a chase that ended on Hilton Avenue and Southern Avenue Friday. According to a YSU police report, four black males were seen fleeing from the scene in multiple direc-

tions.

Bonner's Oldsmobile had a broken lock so he was unable to secure his car. However, YSU police chief, John Gocala, said, "If a lock is broken you should fix it. To protect your vehicle people should have an auto club, car alarm or out switch."

Gocala said people who have expensive car radios or stereos should protect their cars.

"Even if you have an old

car that still runs good, you should always protect your investment."

Gocala said that this is the only the second stolen car report at YSU this year and last year there were no reports of stolen cars.

Though Bonner said YSU police did an excellent job responding and helping to recover his car, he said, "I do think it may be helpful to have security cameras installed."

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"housecleaning" in terms of corrupt government officials.

Sratic said Traficant has created the image of Youngstown residents with an "us against the world" philosophy and as victims of an unfair national government, which has become the "retold Youngstown monologue."

Sratic said that the new congressional district lines in Ohio, which have broken up the area, help Youngstown greatly by linking the Valley to prosperous areas such as Akron.

He also said Valley government officials need to focus on what makes a strong economic area so that Youngstown might grow in the next 10 years.

Guerrieri does not blame the economic slump on Traficant.

He said that no one could deny that he has reached out to the Valley through many efforts to bring jobs and expand economic growth.

However, Sratic said that throughout all of Traficant's past and current legal issues, he has made the entire Youngstown area look corrupt.

Traficant's Chief of Staff Charles Straub was unavailable for comment.

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and professors at YSU, giving another large grin. She said that she is grateful to be here and appreciates the experience America has to offer.

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he wanted a national search.

Habat replaces Dr. G.L. Mears, who has served as an executive vice president and recently retired after 22 years with the university. Sweet said he has reassigned duties for the university's five vice presidents as part of his ongoing effort to establish the university's top administration.

Thomas Maraffa, professor and chair of geography, will take over Habat's former position as special assistant to the President, a position Sweet said does not require a national search. Sweet said he has the right to appoint the person for the position.

Maraffa will also maintain his current position as director of faculty relations.

"The (director of faculty relations) position is defined in the contract as someone who will participate in the grievance process and make judgment about the validity of a grievance in the pre-grievance stage."

Dr. Gabriel Palmer-Fernandez, a member of the YSU-OEA faculty negotiating team, said he has some concerns about the recent changes.

Palmer-Fernandez said Maraffa would not be able to maintain a neutral position as director of faculty relations while holding the position as special assistant to the president.

"Maraffa's position as director of faculty relations is a position of neutrality in conflict. The fact that he is going to hold both positions undermines any possibility of impartiality in resolving conflict between faculty and administration."

Sweet said he believes Maraffa's relationship with the

faculty will help. "Maraffa has an excellent look which will be an important, strong link with the faculty. Maraffa will serve as 'good communication,'" Sweet said.

Palmer-Fernandez said he also questions why a national search was not completed and why minorities weren't considered.

"They're all white guys. What happened to diversity?" Palmer-Fernandez asked. "I'm extremely disappointed that the Sweet administration didn't do a national search for any minority candidates. It makes me question their public commitment to diversity. I have no objections to the persons themselves who were appointed, but to the procedures and lack of minorities in these positions."

Sweet said Habat has previously been trained as a lawyer, held responsibilities in the Cleveland City government, and held management positions in the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce.

Habat said he is "absolutely excited about the job and hopes to keep things running as smoothly as in the past."

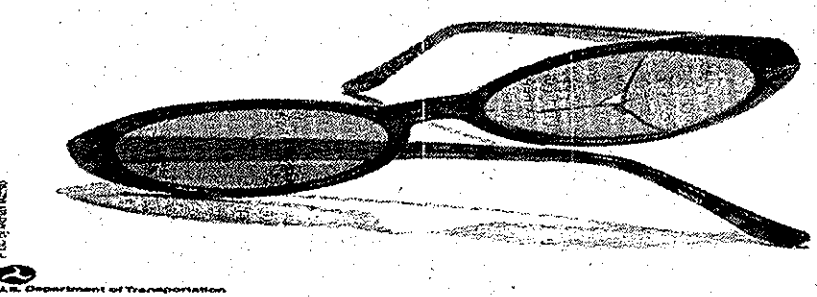
Sweet said it has not been determined yet whether raises would accompany the new positions for Maraffa and Habat. "When a person takes on additional responsibilities, they should be compensated."

Palmer-Fernandez commented that, "given these new promotions, it does not appear that the administration is short on money."

The board of trustees must approve Habat as a university vice president. The next board of trustees meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. June 28.

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Editorial & Opinion

What We Think

Sweet abusing power with hire

Avoiding protocol and putting John Habat into the position of administrative vice president shows a blatant abuse of power by Dr. David Sweet and university administration. Choosing to bypass a national search for the position was a display of favoritism on behalf of the administration.

In addition, bypassing the search sets a bad example for students. The administration is supposed to set an example as professionals. The students are professionals in training. When the administration breaks the rules students begin to doubt the worthiness of their education and the ethical codes of conduct that they expected to follow in their future professional careers.

The administration seems to be setting a "who you know, gets you where you want to be" example at an institution where what you learn and the effort you put forth is supposed to put you where you want to be.

If officials were to conduct a national search, it would have opened the position to all qualified candidates. This search helps to ensure that YSU hires and retains the best employees. The search provides the administration with several candidates that offer extensive and diverse experience in other geographic areas and universities.

It is also no coincidence that Habat is a long-time associate of Sweet, the person who recommended waiving the national search. If Habat were the most qualified person for the position then it would have been proven despite a national search.

Other qualified candidates deserve a chance to apply for the position but they were denied even this much. This appointment is biased and gives the impression that YSU is closed-minded to bringing in outsiders who are not "known commodities."

Furthermore, only one of the seven voting trustees on the university Board of Trustees voted against the recommendation. Dr. Hai-Shuih Wang said he wanted a national search before filling the position. The other six trustees obviously think it is permissible to bypass protocol whenever they feel like it.

Wang should not be viewed as the odd ball of the group but as the only fair trustee. Wang wanted to follow the rules of conducting the national search and not dissent from protocol because one person has "demonstrated the capabilities to do the position."

Institutions have rules about hiring to ensure fairness, to follow codes of ethics, and preserve order. Simply being the first in power does not automatically grant one the permission to make decisions regarding the best interest of the institution based on personal preference.

Since Sweet has arrived on campus he has made an on-going effort to put the people he wants in the positions he wants. Waiving this national search is just another one of Sweet's stunts to get one more comrade in his corner.

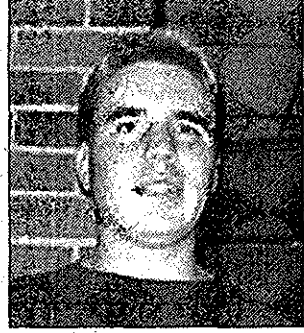
What You Think

Where do you see Youngstown in the next 10 years?



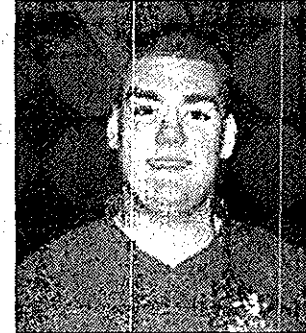
Greg Gulas
Asst. Dir. Student Activities

"I would like to think we are headed in the right direction with the incentives the city is giving businesses to start up."



Bill Lucarell
junior, computer science

"I think Youngstown business will come back, it's a peaceful setting. I will be outside of the area, in California, but I will be back to visit."



Dave Kagel
sophomore, business mgmt.

"I don't see Youngstown doing a whole lot. Downtown is suffering and needs more life."



Corey Dyer
sophomore, health education

"Youngstown will be the same way."



Krissy Marinelli,
freshman, BSMD

"With the reforms in the political system of Youngstown and the cracking down of corruption, things are getting better."



Danielle Dobozi,
freshman, journalism

"I see Youngstown developing and doing better in the next 10 years. With Traficant gone, it will be more prosperous."



Salma, Rajeh
freshmen, business

Youngstown has a lot of potential for business to pick up and bloom."



Terrance Harris
junior, mechanical engineer

"It depends on the leadership, whether they care about the growth of the city. Other wise we will remain stationary."

Sports Commentary

Mickelson already a major champion

By DAVE DEVEREUX
Jambar Reporter

Golf's major championships continue to be more and more predictable.

Tiger Woods sinks a putt on 18, pumps his fist, then either tries on another green jacket or hoists a trophy to the Heavens. Woods then stands in front of reporters, recapping what golf fans should already know: that he is the world's best and nearly unbeatable on Sunday afternoon at a major.

And then there is poor old Phil Mickelson, surrounded by critics, graciously accepting another "close but not quite" defeat at a major. This happened yet again, at last weekend's U.S. Open.

After starting slow on the challenging Bethpage Black golf course, Mickelson made a move on Saturday with a 67, placing him in striking distance of Woods heading into the final round.

Despite providing a brief touch of intrigue to a rather dull 102nd U.S. Open, Mickelson's weekend charge was to no avail. Woods won his 2nd major of the year and eighth of his career, while Mickelson was forced once again to show the same class and composure we've come to expect from him even through so many near misses.

During this particular final round it became apparent by the roaring galleries that there are two fan favorites in golf today. Woods, who is the most recognizable figure for his freakish talent and uncanny ability to win every major championship and Mickelson whose own gifted golf skills happen to fail miserably in comparison to Woods.

Mickelson, however, has become America's humbled hero;

he receives immeasurable support at every event for his professionalism and honest candor in the public spectrum.

Mickelson, unlike many of today's athletes, has no problem with being a role model. He's often seen with his wife and daughters around the course, his family remains just as important as his profession. Instead of treating the patrons like unworthy peons, he politely strolls through the course, greeting his fans, as if he were passing through a park.

Instead of pretending to be unphased by disappointment, he steps to the podium in the agony of defeat and praises the victor, while acknowledging his own mistakes.

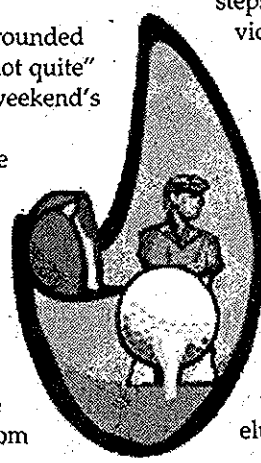
Mickelson, who is a three-time college national champion and former U.S. amateur champion, is an undeniable talent. His smooth left-handed swing and incredible creativity around the green have led him to 20 career victories on the PGA Tour. He is one of the games elite players as well as someone other than Woods that fans can tune into see.

Mickelson has 16 top ten finishes, he's finished in the top 11 in seven of the last eight majors and he's finished second or third in four of the last five.

However, his inconsistent putting and the aforementioned Woods have prevented him from capturing that elusive first major.

Mickelson remains the best golfer to never win a big one, his list of close finishes is well documented, yet it's through these same defeats he displays a human side rarely seen in the modern era of sports.

Mickelson remains a fan favorite because he acknowledges his fans, he excels at being a role model and he carries the same respect for the game in victory or defeat. Mickelson reminds us all that even in our competitive sports culture, close can still count.



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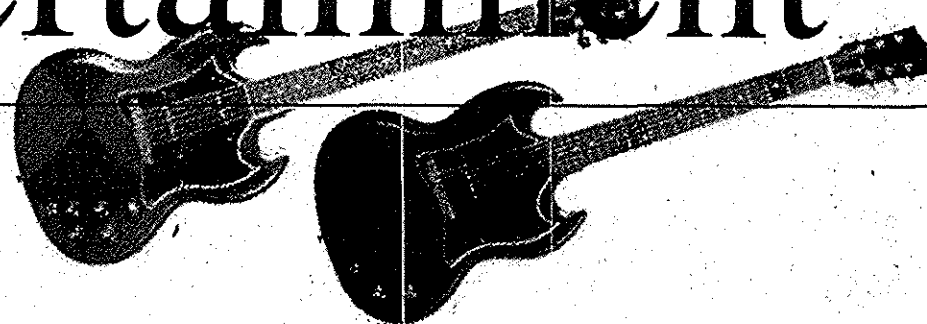
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Nashville Pussy's latest CD brings back 70's style, high voltage rock 'n' roll

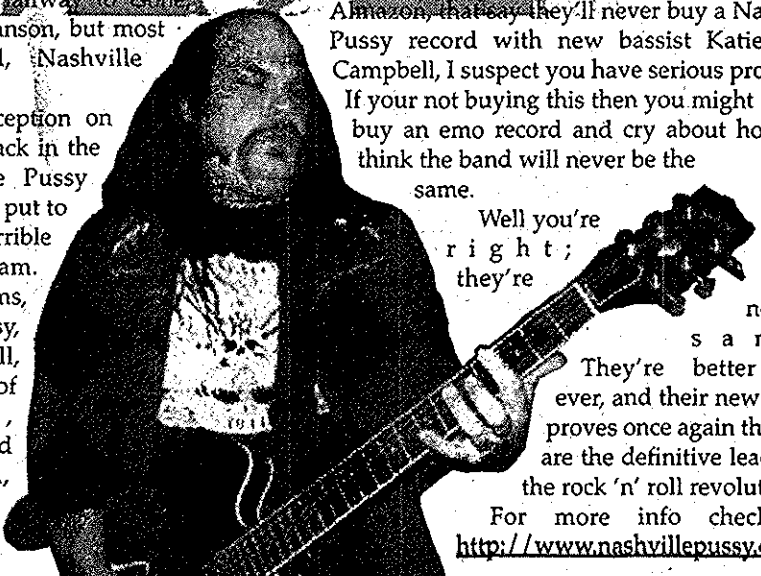
By BJ LISKO
Jambar Editor

Whatever happened to rock 'n' roll? I'm talking about a Gibson or Les Paul guitar plugged straight into a Marshall stack with the volume cranked to the max. Not talking about Chuck Berry guitar solos. The swagger and style of a Mick Jagger or Ice Cube or even a beer while listening to your favorite tunes and forgetting your troubles.

Well, that alternative seems to be lost in a sea of depression. Defined guitars, whiny millionaires, and worst of all, emo have flooded music scenes everywhere. Instead of forgetting your troubles we're now reminded of them on a daily basis by rich radio stars for suburban teenagers who can't get a date to the prom.

However a glimmer of hope still exists. The Bon Scotts and Jimi Hendrix no longer have to roll in their graves. Rock plunged from a good time, to a bad whine. Rock still carries on in bands like Electric Frankenstein, Gluehead, Backyard Babies, Highway to Gonzales, and Five Horse Johnson, but most important of all, Nashville Pussy.

Since their inception on the music world back in the mid-90s Nashville Pussy has done its part to put to death all things terrible in the mainstream. Two superb albums, Let them Eat Pussy, and High as Hell, recalled the styles of Motorhead, AC/DC, and Lynyrd Skynyrd, and their latest release, Say Something Nasty,



is more of the same. No surprises here, just good old-fashioned balls to the wall rock 'n' roll. After a humorous little intro outlining what music is all about, Nashville Pussy kicks into high gear with the album's title track. Guitarists Blaine Cartwright, and Ruyter Suys kick out guitar riffs that are sure to make Angus Young proud. While keeping with the AC/DC theme, new bassist Katie Lynn Campbell and drummer Jeremy Thompson kick off track two much the same way Phil Rudd and Cliff Williams do on the thunder from down under's "Safe in New York City."

"Gonna highkicks down to Cincinnati to kick the shit out of your drunk buddy," keeps up the album's pace, and might prove Nashville Pussy have a better one-two punch to kick off their records than any other band in the business.

The album continues with more of the same, offering wit and wisdom along the way, like "Keep on—ing," and not to give drugs a worse name than they already have. Life's tales are outlined in "The Bus just kicked me out, and Jack Shack."

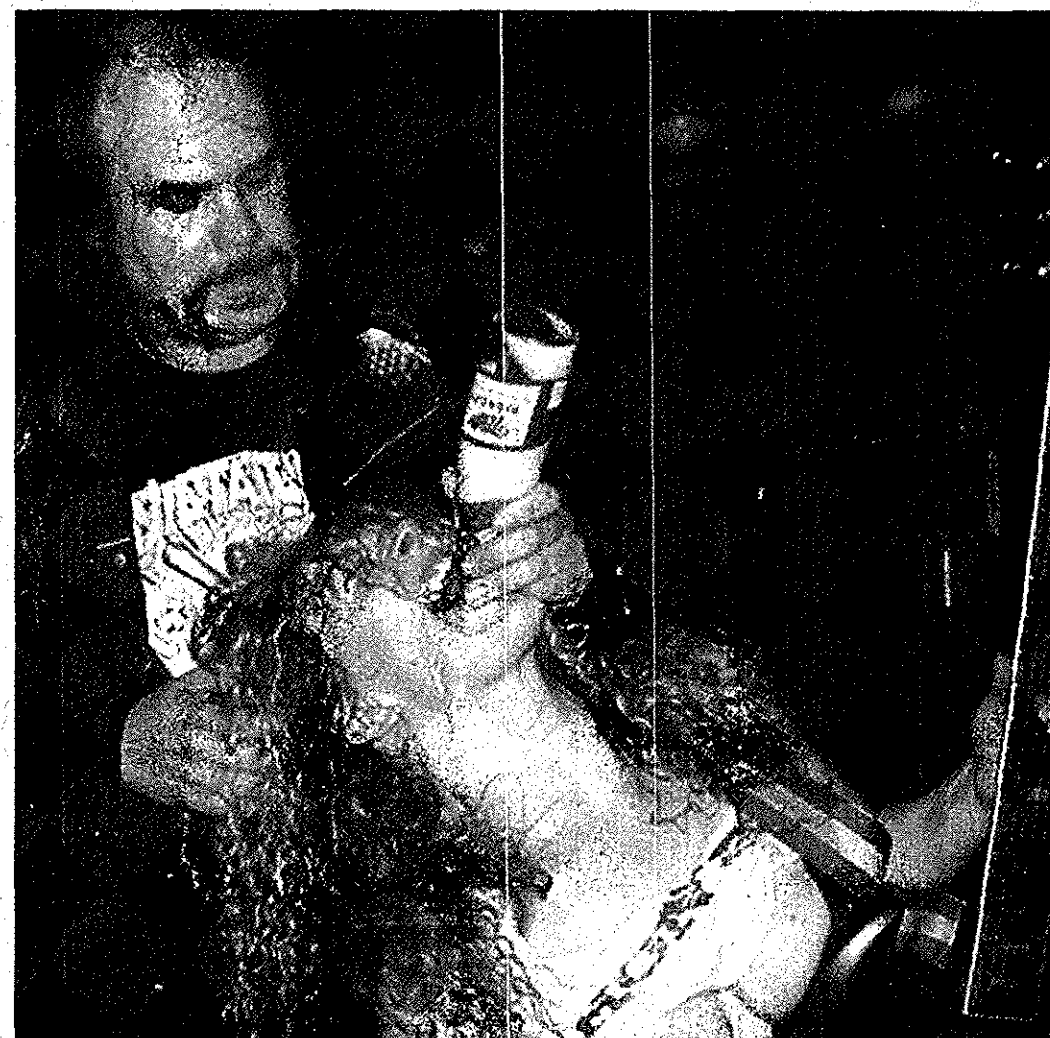
Tie all that together with a hand full of other tunes in the same vein, and a cover of Rick Derringer's "Rock and roll hoochie coo," and you've got one hell of an album.

For all the diehard fans of original bassist Corey Parks, or second four-stringer Tracy Amazon, that say they'll never buy a Nashville Pussy record with new bassist Katie Lynn Campbell, I suspect you have serious problems. If your not buying this then you might as well buy an emo record and cry about how you think the band will never be the same.

Well you're right; they're not the same.

They're better than ever, and their new album proves once again that they are the definitive leaders in the rock 'n' roll revolution.

For more info check out <http://www.nashvillepussy.com>.



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DOWN AND DIRTY: Nashville Pussy singer/guitarist Blaine Cartwright, gives guitarist Ruyter Suys a little mid-show refreshment at their show Sunday night at the Nyabinghi on Salt Springs road, while bassist Katie Lynn Campbell gets acquainted with the stage. The band's latest album, "Say Something Nasty," is their third full length release, and much like their previous records, offers plenty of loud, aggressive, rock 'n' roll.



Weekend Calendar

- Nyabinghi, Saturday - My Sister the Sun, Alias Queef.
- Sunday - My Revenge, Dead Wrong, Bones Brigade, Why I Oughta, 6pm. Antiseen, Stepsister, 11pm.
- The Cellar, Thursday - Champions of All Time, Johnie 3.
- Friday - Coinmonster, Booginz.
- Saturday - Ivet, Leo.
- Cedars, Friday - Reclining Nude, Rudderhead Lounge.
- Saturday - Disown.
- Plaza Cafe, Friday - Doc Brown.
- Saturday - Via Sahara, Everafter.

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Fashion school helps student

By HEATHER PINTEA
Jambar Reporter

Former YSU fashion merchandising student, Candice Konya, says working at New York's high-status fashion school, FIT, has given her the experience necessary to have a career in the fashion industry.

Sue Moore, YSU fashion professor, said that Candice is very determined. She did a lot of self-teaching before she went to FIT. She got books on drawing and taught herself the skills she needed.

Konya, 20, left YSU last year to complete a one year accelerated associate degree in design at FIT. She just completed an internship with designer, Nannette Lapore, who is also a former YSU student. Lapore's boutique is in Soho.

New York gave her experience in trimmings, dying, sewing samples, unpacking and running numerous errands in the city, said Konya.

Konya said that the city was hard to get adjusted to, but she immediately met friends in her classes and is very settled now. After she completes her associate in design, she will be returning to YSU to complete her merchandising degree.

Konya said that it's a good idea for students who are serious about a career in fashion to attend FIT because

it will help them get adjusted to life in a big city. FIT offers many options for fashion students, such as education in accessories, home development and interior design.

YSU fashion student, Nicki Berasi, said she thinks what Konya is doing is a great learning experience because some really great people have come out of FIT and students will get a better chance to learn more about New York and get fashion experience.

Konya said the best part of FIT is that all her professors have experience in the industry.

Moore said that once you learn the basics, if you have enough determination and pizzazz, you will shine wherever you go and you will be able to compete in the big cities.

When she leaves FIT, Konya said she will be qualified for several different jobs in the fashion industry, including assistant designer, seamstress, pattern maker, and boutique owner.

Konya said her she plans to move back to New York City and work for a designer and open her own boutique.

Moore said, "Candice is incredible and she will definitely be successful."

Konya is back in Youngstown for the summer and is working at Chloe Kate, a boutique in Boardman.

Sports

Robic, Burns reunite

YSU head basketball coach John Robic announced the hiring of new assistant Ross Burns on Friday.

By DAVE DEVEREUX
Jambar Reporter

Ross Burns' playing career took a turn for the better when he walked on to the 1995-96 UMass basketball team. Burns displayed qualities as a player that impressed Head Coach John Calipari and his assistant coaches.

YSU Head Coach John Robic, who happened to be one of those assistant coaches, announced Friday that Burns has joined the Penguins staff as an assistant.

"Ross is a very good up-and-coming coach," said Robic. "He possessed many qualities as a player and I see those same qualities in him as a coach."

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Freshman Emily

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YSU head basketball coach on his new assistant Ross Burns

since the end of the season. He joins Dolph Carroll, who was hired from Yavapai Junior College last month and Eric Skeeters as the Penguins' assistant coaches.

Burns said, "I have a good relationship with John and this is an exciting opportunity for me to work with him and learn from him in my coaching career."

Robic says despite the Penguins 5-23 record last season, he wasn't looking to make changes in the staff.

The moves were necessitated after former assistants Andrew Johnston and Gary Grzesk were offered positions at Long Island University and Wisconsin-Green Bay, respectively.

After adding Carroll and Burns, Robic said he feels good about the staff.

"This is a fresh start for them and good for me to explain some things and get my mind focused on basketball again."

Robic added, "This is an exciting time for us heading into the July recruiting period."

Schnitkey will represent YSU at the U.S.A. Track and Field Championships in the women's 5000-meter run, Friday, June 21 at Stanford University.

If she finishes the event in the top two, she will be eligible to compete in the women's 5000-meter run for Team USA in the Junior World Championships.