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# Band success takes work

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"I'd think you'd have a guilty conscience if you didn't give it all you've got. You could think, 'If only I'd put more into it, it would have worked out.' I can't see letting down the other band members that way."

#### Straight success

But, Elgert said, Straight will succeed.

"We have too many people working for us that really believe in the band," he said. "They're not going to take failure. They've said if the record doesn't sell on the market, then they're going to buy the records themselves."

"Besides, you can't fail when you're having fun and doing something that you love doing."

#### III. Glamour boy,

Get your costume on, you've got 'em lined up waiting for you

Glamour boy, you got 'em standin' in the aisle, so don't hang 'em up

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—Burton Cummings

Things hadn't been going well for lead singer Rich Snyder (not his real name). After the band returned from recording the album in Los Angeles, Stearns, Buchholz and McCann wrote several songs, but Tim Quance, not Rich Snyder, was singing them.

Snyder said he "sensed a squeeze play underway." He said people were trying to kick him out of the group.

"All I've ever wanted to do in my life is to cut a record," Snyder said, "and now I've done that."

The other band members, he said, looked down on his musical ability because he had come up through the hard rock school of singing, which relied on a belt-it-out, steamroller kind of delivery. In this business, he said, finesse was often not all that important. His function was also to excite and arouse his audience, he said.

"In Broken Bow, all these girls were screaming and going crazy," he said, "and it wasn't because they were looking at someone else's body."

#### Three idols

Snyder had banked his future into this lead singer venture. He worked toward a singing style that incorporated the strengths of Mick Jagger, Rod Stewart and Paul McCartney—his three idols.

But he was not Mick Jagger or Rod Stewart—he was Rich Snyder, with whom producer Sy Mitchell and some of the band members apparently were not satisfied.

"Quance has improved a lot lately, but Rich hasn't," Elgert said. "He hasn't improved that much from when he first joined the group six months ago."

So one Saturday morning, an envoy of band members visited Snyder in Omaha to shake him from his ivory tower. The band had decided to open tryouts for a new lead singer, they said.

#### 'Hinky Dinky High'

Snyder didn't hear the band again until December. Straight was playing for Bellevue College's Christmas formal, which Nygaard called

"Hinky Dinky High" because Bellevue College is smaller than Bellevue High and is located across the street from a Hinky Dinky grocery store.

"I'm really looking forward to hearing these guys," Synder said before the dance. "I haven't heard them for a long time."

But he was visibly shaken, as if he had heard for the first time, "No, Virginia, there is not and never has been a Santa Claus."

Sound man Don Robertson was not sympathetic.

"He knew what he was coming to hear," he said.

IV. Welcome one and all down to show, show business. . .

Despite all the uncertainties, all the doubts in a music career, Elgert said he could never do anything else.

"Music is just such an important part of my life," he said. "Even if I wanted, I couldn't put my axe down and walk away. In two weeks I'd be going crazy, I'd have to play."

"Right now, we're all in this so far that there's no way we could say 'I quit' and just forget it."

"Because music is like a disease, a good kind of disease, that fills your body and infects your entire life."

. . . wouldn't want it any other way.

Burton Cummings



Dennis Stearns, guitarist for Straight

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