

# Rick, Rockets bombard Electoral Commission

Rick and the Rockets, known for their rock music of the 1950's have played before many University audiences. But now the Rockets have formed the Rocket Grease and Freedom Party for the ASUN elections and are turning their energies to student government politics in some interesting ways.

Last Friday members of the Rockets played before a new audience—the ASUN Electoral Commission.

The Rockets, who some say are running a joke campaign, asked the Electoral Commission to disqualify all ASUN presidential candidates, except the group's candidate Kent "Rick" Apthorpe, on the grounds the candidates violated election rules by starting their campaigns too soon.

**THE ROCKETS** contended that the four presidential candidates by being interviewed in the March 14 "Courier" violated election

rules that state informal campaigning cannot start until March 21.

To further buttress their argument, the Rockets' complaint noted the election rules state: "Each candidate is responsible for actions taken in his behalf."

Apthorpe was the only ASUN presidential candidate not interviewed by the "Courier", which is published by the Committee for Undisrupted Education. The publication said Apthorpe was unavailable for comment.

However, the Electoral Commission refused the Rockets' request. The Commission's statement concerning the complaint read:

**"AFTER LENGTHY** deliberation and the better interests of the student body taken into consideration, the Electoral Commission voted to retain the candidates as they were previously filed."

Electoral Commissioner Dave Bingham noted the question of freedom of the press was involved in the Rockets' complaint. He said newspaper articles (except ads) do not fall under the Commission's control "unless it is proven the press is owned and operated by candidates... for campaign purposes."

Noting that Apthorpe was the only candidate not interviewed, some members of the Commission charged that the Rockets complaint was motivated because of political reasons.

**APTHORPE RESPONDED** to the Electoral Commission's decision by saying his group would take their complaint to the Student Court.

Two other presidential candidates appeared before the

Commission Friday to air grievances.

Tim Kincaid complained that the election rule allowing executive candidates of the same party to pool their money discriminates against candidates, like himself, who are running alone. Under current ASUN election rules Kincaid can only spend \$50 while executive candidates of the same party can spend their money collectively as long as the total expenditure does not exceed \$50 per candidate.

**KINCAID ASKED** the

Commission to establish a more equitable system concerning campaign spending.

However, the Electoral Commission refused to change the rules on campaigning spending. The Commission noted that no ASUN senators, including Kincaid, had raised any objections to the rules on campaign spending when the Senate approved the election rules three weeks ago.

Gary Schleiger, presidential candidate of the United University Party, asked the Commission to prohibit the

**Daily Nebraskan** from endorsing ASUN candidates because of the newspaper's use of student fees.

"I don't like paying money for a paper that will endorse another candidate than myself," he said.

However, the Commission told Schleiger that it had no control over the **Daily Nebraskan** and that he should take his complaint to the Publications Board, which does control the newspaper. Schleiger said he would follow the Commission's advice.

## ASUN candidates

Five parties have been organized for the April 7 ASUN elections.

The five parties are Candidates for the Advancement of Individual Rights (CAIR), Moderate Party, (MOD), Rocket Grease and Freedom Party, (Grease), University Coalition (UC) and United University Party (UUP).

Here is the most up-to-date list of candidates with party affiliations as provided by the ASUN Electoral Commission.

**PRESIDENT:** Kent "Rick" Apthorpe (Grease), Steve Fowler (UC), Timothy J. Kincaid, Gary Schleiger (UUP), Doug Voegler.

**FIRST VICE PRESIDENT:** Jackie Barret (UUP), Michele Coyle (UC), Tim "Sticks" Hartin (Grease).

**SECOND VICE PRESIDENT:** Rod Hernandez (UC), Tim "Kid" Sindelar (Grease).

**ARTS & SCIENCES SENATORS** (9 will be elected): Ed Anson (UUP), Roy Baldwin (UC), Patty Banker (UUP), Bruce Blazek (CAIR), Doug Beckwith (UC), Matt Bosley, Ralph Bradley (UC), Bob Brehm (CAIR), Mary

Cannon (MOD), Randall Carlson, Steve Christensen, Kent Davy (GREASE) (UUP), Jim Eckles, Jim Gray, Lynne Grimes, Jay Hall, Frank Halpine (UUP), Kirk D. Hemphill, Douglas C. Hintz (GREASE) (UUP), Patti Humbeck (UC), Patti Kaminski (UC), Sandy Lowder, Ann Pedersen (UC), Barry Pilger (UC), Richard Pille (UC), Gary Schleiger (UUP), Gary Shafer, Tim Sindelar (UUP), Shelley Stahl (UC), Linda Vesco (UUP), Cindy Vondrak.

**AGRICULTURE SENATORS** (3 will be elected): Van Bonnesen (UC), James Devel, Phil Lamb (UC), John Miyoshi, Don G. Timm.

**HOME ECONOMIC SENATORS** (2 will be elected): Kristin Eveland, Cindy Follis.

**TEACHERS COLLEGE SENATORS** (8 will be elected): Sara Ashby (UC), Judy Bader (UC), Jacki Barret (UUP), Randy Brown (UUP), Sylvia Russell Cardwell (MOD), Bill Grundman, John Haskins (UC), Steven H. Heldt, Nola Kinneman (UUP), Tom Krepel (UC), Joe L. Olson (UUP) (GREASE), Paula Peter (UC), Donnie Rohr, Joann Tansey (UC), Doris Todd.

**ENGINEERING & ARCHITECTURE SENATORS** (4 will be elected): Ray R. Bamdad (UUP), Bill Behmer (C) Michael Berns (UC), John T. Brice, Kyle U. Davy (UUP), (GREASE), Michael J. Hays (UC), Jim Schriener, Bill Schwartzkopf, Ken Wiseman (UUP).

**GRADUATE AND PROFESSIONAL SENATORS** (5 will be elected): Bill Hoppner, Steve Hutchins, Marty Liggett, Louis Robinson (UUP).

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION SENATORS** (4 will be elected): Jonette Beaver (UC)

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**ARTS & SCIENCES ADVISORY BOARD:** (1 will be elected from each group): English: Sandy Lowder; Languages: Bob Russell (UC); Natural Sciences and Math: Matt Bosley, Greg Brass, Karl Knight, Social Sciences and Philosophy: Rita, Becker, Todd Houffk, Susie Stuart (UC); School of Fine Arts: Leslie Marchello (UC), Pam Whitted; School of Journalism: Jim Gray, Laura Willers (UC).

**TEACHERS COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD** (2 will be elected from each group): Elementary Education: Nancy O'Conner, Bill Lock (UC); Secondary Education: Kay Giles (UC), Terry Kubicek (UC); Special Education: Karen Hutt (UC).

**AGRICULTURE COLLEGE ADVISORY BOARD** (1 will be elected from each group): Agriculture Economics: Stan Walker; Agriculture Education & Ag Journalism: Ag Honors, General Ag. & Undeclared: George Sund Jr., Dave Rasmussen; Animal Science & Pre Vet: Gary Kubicek; Bio Chem, Entomology, Horticulture, Plant Pathology; Crop Science, General Agronomy, Soil Science: Roy Rogers; Dairy Production, Dairy Products, Food Technology, Poultry Science: Clyde Ahlschwede, Dean Batie; Mechanized Agriculture.

**HOME ECONOMICS ADVISORY BOARD:** (1 will be elected from each group): Family Economics and Management: Suzanne Geis, Joan Tinley; Food and Nutrition: Moysa Brugman, Sally Houser, Lynn Jay, Kathi Stefani (UC); Home Economics Education: Linda Ficken, Holly Jacobsen, Kay Mumm, Ann Paulson, Shari Sadle, Charlotte Veigel, Mary Lynn Walkington; Human Development & Family: Sharon McNally, Cheri Orr, Kay Palmer (UC); Textiles, Clothing & Design: Linda Debuse, Suzanne Von Seggren, Cathy Smith, Joan Wehrbein; Home Economics & Journalism: Jane Cummins (UC).

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