



THE BIG FIVE . . . (from left) Kincaid, Voegler, Apthorpe, Fowler, and Schleiger.

Candidates haggle at Hyde Park

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The five ASUN presidential hopefuls met at Thursday afternoon's Hyde Park for 90 minutes of discussion, honest debate, some sarcastic mud slinging from the audience, and serious examination of ASUN's role mixed with comic relief from the Rocket Grease and Freedom Party.

Independent candidate and ASUN Speaker Pro-Tem Tim Kincaid said in his opening remarks that student government has to become more responsive to its constituents.

Noting ASUN's \$31,000 annual budget, Kincaid said it was a mistake to call student senate "a Mickey Mouse organization." "ASUN is not following the students' will," he continued. "I want to involve a greater segment of the University in the decision-making process."

Kincaid recommended continued use of referendums, more random sampling polls, and increased use of ASUN's speaker's bureau in order to bring student government more into line with student sentiment.

Independent candidate Doug Voegler said he would rely on his campaign slogan "Responsive, Reasonable, and Responsible" to describe the type of president he would try to be.

"Only 20 per cent of the students will probably vote in this election," he said. "There is something the matter with ASUN, because students are not interested in it."

He said since most students are interested in learning a trade rather than in student government, ASUN should "go out to the students," rather than waiting for them to come to it.

Voegler said in order for ASUN to be "an effective lobby" before the Regents, Governor and legislature, it has "to gain legitimacy."

Rocket Grease and Freedom candidate Kent Apthorpe explained his candidacy by reciting a short autobiography.

"As a young man entering college I typified American youth," he said. But "alas, with the flowing tide of time I became less idealistic, more realistic, and more committed."

Apthorpe said now that he is back in college, however, he has "achieved new pinnacles" of oratorical brilliance, and now "I have it all together."

Six or seven Grease supporters cheered loudly after almost every sentence Apthorpe spoke during the debate.

University Coalition candidate and ASUN Sen. Steve Fowler concentrated in his opening remarks on the growth of ASUN over the last ten years and its future potential.

He said ten years ago the student council would argue over "and not really resolve" controversies like changing the Cornhusker mascot.

But since then ASUN has grown in power, Fowler continued, and has accomplished things like elimination of physical education and ROTC requirements, expansion of the pass/fail credit system, and an increased number of ethnic study programs.

"These changes came not because the Regents or Administration wanted them but because students put pressure on them," Fowler said.

United University Party candidate Gary Schleiger asked the nearly 300 students listening to the debate "how has ASUN affected you this last year?"

"It is the function of ASUN to help students as individuals and groups to be part of the decision-making process," he said.

Schleiger said "it's time we started to recognize that as students on campus we have to have a voice in ASUN."

Schleiger said his campaign would be based on bringing

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Unicameral may fund field house

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A new field-house for the University of Nebraska, which looked so dubious when Gov. J. J. Exon announced his budget, was given new life by the Legislature Thursday.

The Government and Military Affairs Committee sent to the floor by a vote of 5-0 with two abstentions a bill creating an additional five cents excise tax on cigarettes, half of which is to go for the building of a field-house and half for a state office building.

Sen. Roland Luedtke's original bill called only for a three cent increase for the purpose of constructing the state office building. Luedtke amended the bill on the suggestion of Sen. Terry Carpenter who had consulted Athletic Director Bob Devaney.

The added excise is expected to raise about \$7,250,000 per year. The state offices building is expected to cost around \$15 million, but Devaney would not estimate the cost of a new field-house until he could talk with architects currently studying the problem.

Carpenter had earlier proposed that the recently built Educational Television Building would be used for state office space. The new excise tax would apparently free that building for ETV. The Scottsbluff senator, however, proposed Thursday that the ETV building be used for a new College of Law for the University.

No formal action has been taken on Carpenter's latest proposal.

In testimony before the committee, Devaney said the "quicker the field-house is built, the less it will cost." He estimated the cost will increase at about \$1 million a year.

Devaney said the existing field-house would continue to be used for football dressing rooms. The new field-house would

be used for sports other than football, while the existing Coliseum would be turned over to the intramural committee for intramural athletics.

Devaney assured the committee that the money would be put to the best use, that the new field-house would be of use to all the state, and that the students desperately needed facilities for intramural athletics.

Although Devaney's first idea had been to lease land from the State Fair Board for a site for the building, Carpenter suggested the University acquire the land permanently for three reasons:

—The money to be paid the State Fair Board could be used to improve the fair grounds.

—Parking could be provided for the field-house and the stadium.

—In case of any expansion in the future, the University would own the land.

Devaney told the committee he had talked with the fair board and reached an understanding that the fair board would use the field-house around State Fair time or when they needed it and it could be worked out.

The bill's only opponent was Ed Zarinski, representing the Nebraska Tobacco Association.

Zarinski pointed out that the tobacco industry is already one of the most heavily taxed industries in the state. He admitted however that Iowa has a 13 cent tax, the amount Nebraska wholesalers would be taxed under the bill's provisions, South Dakota a 12 cent tax and Missouri a nine cent tax.

"I came here originally to oppose a three cent increase," Zarinski said. "Now it appears as if I am opposing motherhood."

Before the hearing was closed, Zarinski asked Devaney if "No Smoking" signs would be posted in the new field-house if it is built.

Regent Hansen wants open speaking rule

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During a March meeting of the Board of Regents an Omaha woman and an untenured faculty member, who was not being reappointed, asked to address the Board. However, they were denied permission to speak because they had not placed their names on the agenda in advance as required by the Regents.

The same fate befell Stephen L. Rozman in February after the Regents voted not to rehire him because of his actions during last May's anti-war protests.

HOWEVER, IF Regent Kermit Hansen of Omaha has his way the Board will soon become more accessible to students, faculty and the public. Hansen

said he plans to propose at Saturday's Regents' meeting that a regular open period be established to allow anyone to address the Board.

Hansen said Thursday he will propose that a 60-minute discussion period take place before the Regents' public meetings. However, he noted that if the discussion period is not carefully controlled "the other work of the Regents will go begging."

Noting that he believes his proposal will be adopted by the Board, Hansen said the open discussion period would produce "better communication and more opportunity to exchange ideas."

ROBERT RAUN of Minden, Board president, said the Regents "will consider any means that will improve communication with students, faculty and

the public."

Hansen also said he plans to propose that the Regents change their rule that requires 10 days advanced notice for a person to appear during the Regents public meetings. He said he would like to see the rule liberalized so that a person could place his name on the agenda up to 9 a.m. on the day of the meeting.

The Regents have selectively enforced their rule concerning speaking at their public meetings this school year. Citizens, students, faculty and on one occasion a state senator have been allowed to address the Board without a prior request or a vote to suspend the rules.

Saturday's Regents' meeting will be held in room 202 of the Nebraska Union beginning at 11 a.m.