

# Arts & Entertainment



Photo by Dave Bentz

Danny O'Kane fronts the Ripcords as they deliver their rhythmic directive to a huge, rug-cutting throng at the Drumstick Saturday night. O'Kane's departure Sunday morning for France spells the temporary end of one of the area's most popular bands.

## Ripcords deliver grand finale

By Bob Crisler

In recent years, the Drumstick has become a name synonymous with good, clean fun and the American Way of rock 'n' roll.

Its truck-stop decor has yielded time and again to some of the best rock/dance bands in the area and the nation.

The 48th Street tavern has hosted the likes of Joe "King" Carrasco and Joan Jett, but had never held a crowd as large as the mass of humanity assembled at the altar of the Ripcords Saturday night.

The event was the popular Lincoln band's farewell (for now) performance, necessitated by bandleader and spiritual godfather Danny O'Kane's exit from the flatlands to hang out and write songs in the vineyards of France.

The remaining three band members have no immediate plans, although Wade Maurer and Jim Robson on bass and drums are proof that "the beat" is not an exclusive franchise of the Go-Go's. Dave Fee on guitar has shown that simplicity and subtlety needn't be detriments. Maurer has proven to be an able frontman in his nightly Eddie Cochran alterego. The remaining Ripcords have all the ingredients for a hot dance trio.

The Fretz warmed up Saturday night's throng with a hit list of mid-'60s British rock.

After the Ripcords had boiled through a characteristically swinging final set, with the distinction between dance floor and stage becoming lost in the continuum of huddled masses, the consensus in the dressing room was "That was just the Fretz crowd."

The Ripcords have in past weeks been in the studio recording "Eddie Munster," a novelty dance song, and "Building," an adrenalinated, irrepressibly optimistic rocker.

Dave Snider, a graduate of the Institute of Audio Research in New York City, read a March 19 Daily Nebraskan article which quoted O'Kane as saying the Ripcords wanted to find a record producer. That morning, Snider called O'Kane, and the ball began rolling.

The tapes were sent to the record presser last week, and the single should be on sale in four to five weeks, according to Snider.

Clean-sounding, original dance bands are hardly a dime a dozen. O'Kane's absence will leave a noticeable vacuum in the local entertainment scene.

## 'Bring the heroin?'

Duncan Drumm's politics are cosmetic at best. He treats the superstructure like it is found art. His front yard currently is a display of every political lawn advertisement available for the upcoming primary.

Black-and-white photos, turning gray and yellow in the spring weather, of smiling hopefuls for city, county and state offices are skated out in simple



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rows. An uncanny sense of memorialized death is achieved through the minimalist mortuary effect.

It is especially artistic and eerie when Drumm erects a candidate's sign for a headstone and lies down before it to sun, Nash Rambler thought as he crossed the street toward the house.

"Would you look at that, Gladys," Rambler said to his shoulder. "The poor lad must've fallen out of a plane without a parachute. Ripped the shirt and pants right off him. Oh, don't look, Gladys. But I guess we're lucky he didn't impale himself on one of those signs. This lawn's a godawful hazard to people in freefall. I swear people have no decency anymore."

Drumm rolled over and sat. The imprints the grass left made him look like he was built from a ball of red string.

"Eat lead, lackey," he barked, but noticing Rambler's bandaged arm, changed his tone. "Bring the heroin?"

Rambler looked at the arm. The iodine the phlebotomist had swabbed on looked like spreading hepatitis.

"Damn if I'm not on the hit list at Plasma. I did good today to get out of there with just a hematoma the size of an egg. They were trying to make me the sacrifice in the initiation rite of new nurses. Three of them crocheted at my arm for an hour. Beer?"

"Air?" Drumm said by way of yes. "Drink this beer, for it is my blood, and remember him who was nailed for it and is cross."

"Oh, the supreme unction. Cheers." Cheers.

"Plasma drives me to drink. Swilling bucks drives me to Plasma. I might as

well be a lifer. When Armageddon comes, I might get a pay raise for my blood. I'll probably be drafted as a ranking officer in the Plasma Corps, on the front line with a tube in my arm."

"I plan to write fantasies for widows while the world ends."

"Plasma's not enough. I've got a black hole in my checking account that obliterates deposits on contact. The shock waves spread forever, echoing. Checkrite's probably hired a special secretary to handle my account. I'm probably a celebrity on the bulletin board at the County Attorney's office. Wanted. Devastate on site."

"Listen, youngster, you're jawing at an expert in the economics of bad-check writing. I was a regular tyro in my heyday. Debt's sound business in inflationary times. The art is in cashing the humongous check. There's the smart money." Drumm's eyes listed leftward and up.

"Discounting for 10 percent annual inflation," he went on, "a bad check for \$85, left outstanding for a year, is good as a self-approved loan at an effective 10 percent per annum. Above \$170, we're talking interest-free, straight-profit, here-now. That's figuring two bounces at \$7.50 and letting the thing slide through Checkrite to the County Attorney, who has a \$2 penalty charge instead of \$8."

Unwilling to follow Drumm's track, Rambler's thoughts loitered elsewhere. He paraded old memories, which is a proper way to perceive things that are no more.

"It was so easy before I started banking. I used to work my savings out of the back of a dictionary. When I had enough stashed there to buy a bill with a higher denomination, I did. When those accumulated, so that I could protect against rash withdrawals, I stapled them together 20 or 30 times. If I wanted any, I had plenty of time to think it over while extracting the staples. It was a faultless system. Why did I enter a bank?"

"So you could get new loans to pay off old and become eligible for bigger ones and then bigger ones to pay those with. Life is good, Nash."

They popped fresh beers in unison.

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