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**Weather:** Partly cloudy, cool and windy today with a high of about 48 (9C). Tonight, partly cloudy and cold with a low of about 27 (3 below zero C). Tuesday, warmer with partly sunny skies and a high in the mid-50s (13C).

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## Reagan, Mondale camps claim debate victory

By Jeff Browne and Mona Z. Koppelman  
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KANSAS CITY — Kansas City's Great Debate is over, but a larger debate may be brewing among America's two major



parties: Who won?

Walter Mondale and President Reagan grappled in the second of their celebrated debates Sunday night at the music hall in Municipal Auditorium. The winner still is a matter of perspective.

Mondale campaign manager Tom Beckel said there was no doubt in his mind.

"You heard it here first," Beckel said. "We're two and 0. He beat Reagan everywhere. I think Mondale walked away with it."

Lee Atwater, an assistant press secretary for the Reagan campaign, saw the



debate with different eyes.

"I think Mondale got rode hard and put up wet," Atwater said.

Atwater said by Mondale's own omission that the challenger had to win and that he had to win big. He doesn't think Mondale won at all.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, in town to lead an anti-Central America interven-

tion demonstration, said Mondale was the better man. Jackson said Mondale obviously was more prepared and had massed more information for the debate.

No matter who the winner was, Atwater said Mondale has little chance to win the election. He said Mondale has no base and that the Democrat will not even carry the Midwest.

Atwater challenged the press with a \$1,000 bet that Reagan will carry the Midwest.

Beckel, obviously, had a different view of the coming two weeks.

"Hubert Humphrey was about the same percentage points behind Nixon in '68," Beckel said. "The people of America didn't have a chance then to see a very sure-footed president. Tonight they saw it. Mr. Mondale made a very favorable impression."

Beckel also said that the race is never over. He said the media had buried Mondale twice before, once after Mondale's defeat in the New Hampshire primary, and at the beginning of the campaign.

Questioned members of the media said they thought the debate was a draw—that will help Reagan's cam-



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paign. The general consensus among them gave Reagan the victory because he may not lose any more points in the polls.

Reagan made only one gaffe during the entire debate. In his closing state-

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### Students support president

## Bush rallies Iowa backers

By Judi Nygren  
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Whether Vice President George Bush praised the president's leadership or denounced the Mondale-Ferraro pessimism, the Council Bluffs crowd of some 2,000 cheered—their miniature American flags



waving more fervently with each round of applause.

Bush told the crowd gathered inside a Council Bluffs high school Friday that Reagan's leadership is the key to prosperity. In the last year, he said, the U.S. economy has grown faster than it has in 35 years, resulting in 6 million new jobs, increased productivity and larger take-home paychecks.

"The only thing that is down," Bush said, "is inflation and the Mondale-Ferraro ticket."

If the country was under Mondale's leadership, he said, this kind of prosperity would be impossible.

"Mondale has a fear of success," Bush said. "America has a 'can-do' attitude and Mondale has a 'can't do' attitude."

Surrounded by cheering students, ranging from deaf students to boisterous pom-pom girls wearing Bush hats

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## Dissatisfaction drives educators from state

By Kevin Dugan  
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**Editor's note:** This is the first article in a five-part series examining various current issues on the quality of education in Nebraska.

Where have all the teachers gone?

Nebraska schools often are unable to retain their best teachers, at the expense of quality educa-

tion, and many educators who do remain often become dissatisfied with the system.

Max Larsen, who boasts a history of professional and volunteer involvement in education in Nebraska, said the quality of education in the state in grades kindergarten through 12 is good, but could be improved.

"Unquestionably, the most important ingredient in education is good teachers, but we are losing quality teachers out of the profession to other businesses," Larsen said.

Leonard Skov, dean of the School of Education at Kearney State College, spent about six years tracking teacher mobility. He said teachers between the ages of 30 to 35 tend to disappear, either leaving the state or leaving the profession. Unfortunately, this often is the point in teachers' careers when they are ready to make their most important contributions to education, Skov said.

"We don't know if they have

gone to selling insurance, or gone to teach in Wyoming," Skov said.

Allen Reese, who is the information systems manager with the state Department of Education, said there are no figures representing the "migration of teachers out of education."

However, George Dudley, who has taught in the Omaha Public School System for 14 years, said he thinks about one-third of all teachers leave the profession for some other career.

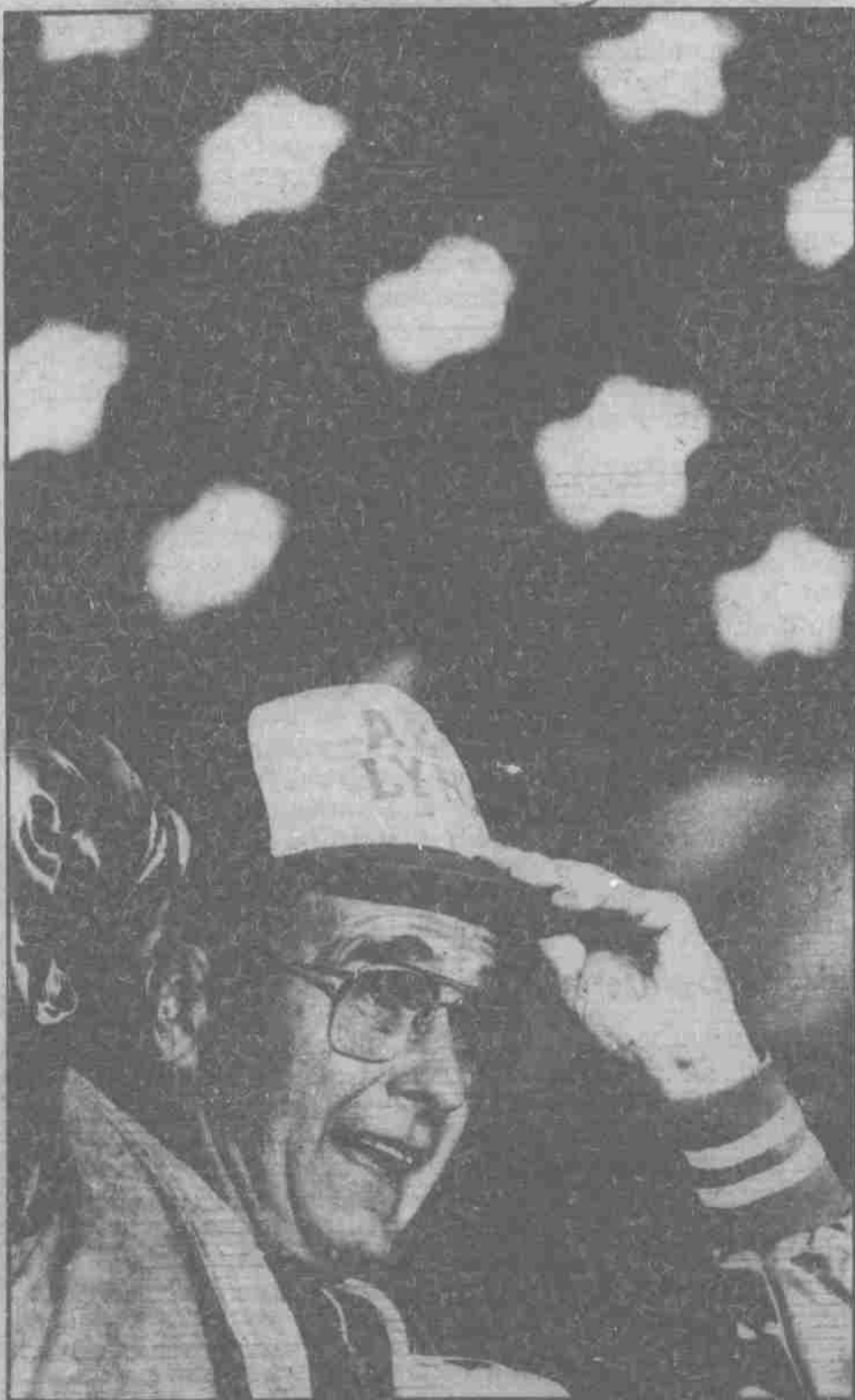
Dudley agreed with Skov that many teachers quit when they are on the verge of making their best contributions. He said it takes about five years for a teacher to learn how to handle situations and be most productive, to develop a style and classroom rapport. But, Dudley said, it is here that teachers begin looking toward the future and they start "weighing alternatives."

Mark Lee, a computer science major at UNL, last year taught math, computers and physics in Davenport. He said money had a lot to do with his returning to college. His salary covered student loans, rent, bills and groceries and left only \$100 a month for savings, he said.

Dudley teaches at Norris Junior High in Omaha, works as a meat cutter on Saturdays and attends night school at UNO. While money may be a major reason for the large percentage of teacher fall-out, he said, "the biggest problem today is dissatisfaction with the educational system itself."

Dudley said after 25 or 30 years in the profession, educators may actually be worse off than when they started because they are

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Vice President George Bush tries on an "Abe Lynx" hat while speaking in Council Bluffs Friday.