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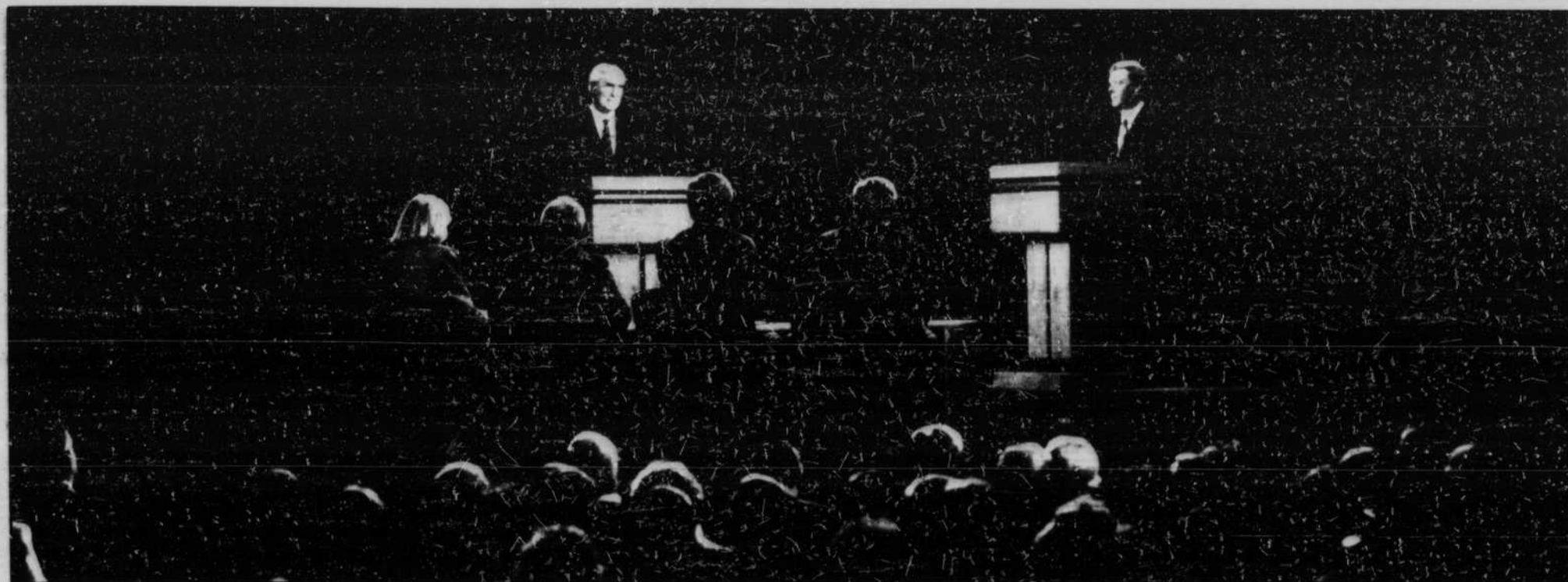
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WEATHER: Thursday, mostly cloudy, high 50-55 with SE winds at 10-20 mph. Thursday night, mostly cloudy, low around 40. Friday, considerable cloudiness, high around 60.

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Democrat Lloyd Bentsen and Republican Dan Quayle square off in Wednesday night's vice-presidential debate in Omaha.

Sparks fly during Bentsen-Quayle debate

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OMAHA — Vice-presidential candidates Dan Quayle and Lloyd Bentsen touched off a heated confrontation from the moment they shook hands at the vice-presidential debate Wednesday night at the Omaha Civic Auditorium.



The two senators faced questions on defense spending, campaign reform, environmental issues and taxes from a four-person panel consisting of NBC anchor Tom Brokaw, ABC reporter Brit Hume, Judy Woodruff of the MacNeil/Lehrer News Hour and John Margolis of The Chicago Tribune.

The panelists questioned Quayle, the Republican candidate, as to what he would do as vice president if he were faced with the presidency.

"I have more experience than others who have sought the office,"

Quayle said.

Bentsen, the Democratic candidate, said the debate is not about qualifications for the vice presidency.

"We have to step in there without any margin for error... the stakes are too high," Bentsen said.

Quayle said if something tragic happened to the president, as vice president he would first say a prayer for himself and the country and then he would assemble the president's advisory staff to decide what to do next.

The transition would be an easy one, Quayle said, because he would be familiar with the advisers after working with them on several issues.

"Age alone is not the only qualification," Quayle said. "You've got to look at experience and accomplishments."

When the question was asked again later in the debate, Quayle compared his youth and experience in seeking the office to the late John F. Kennedy.

Bentsen said he had worked with Kennedy and that the former president was a personal friend.

"Senator, you're no Jack Kennedy," he said.

Quayle responded, Senator, that was really uncalled for.

Bentsen took some heat from the panel and from Quayle for what the Indiana senator called his "\$10,000 breakfast club."

Quayle was referring to Bentsen's organized breakfasts with lobbyists and special interest groups in Washington D.C. Tickets for the breakfasts were \$10,000.

"I'm sure they weren't paying to have Cornflakes," Quayle said of the money donated to campaigns by politically active groups.

Bentsen said he doesn't make many mistakes, but that the breakfast club was a "doozy."

Bentsen said he ended the breakfasts soon after he started them because "the perception was

bad."

Quayle said later, "He shut down the club but he still got the money."

The candidates then traded barbs on environment, defense and the budget deficit.

Quayle said he has "a very strong record on environment," citing support for the environmental Superfund and override of the clean water act.

Quayle said Michael Dukakis did virtually nothing to clean up the environment, even Boston Harbor in his own backyard.

Bentsen disagreed with Quayle's perception of his record.

"This late conversion is interesting to me," Bentsen said. "Their administration cut out money to clean up water, including Boston Harbor."

On the budget deficit, Bentsen said he would like to reduce the trade deficit by opening up free-trade with countries like Japan.

Quayle said he wanted to stick to the Gramm/Rudman/Holling budget cuts, which he said were responsible for cutting out \$70 million of the federal deficit.

Bentsen said he supports Contra aid, but thought peace plans and diplomatic pressure should be given a chance.

Debate affects students' views

By David Holloway
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Staff Reporter

Students' opinions differed across the University of Nebraska-Lincoln campus after watching the televised vice-presidential debate in Omaha Wednesday night.

David Wupper, an undeclared sophomore, watched the debate

with about 100 people at the Nebraska Union. Wupper said the debate had strengthened his opinion for Democratic vice-presidential nominee Sen. Lloyd Bentsen.

"I think Quayle is side-stepping the issues," Wupper said. "He is trying to knock Bentsen instead of answering the questions."

Sara Deterding, a junior elementary education major, said Republican Dan Quayle defeated Bentsen despite "unfair questions

from a bias panel."

"It's obvious that the liberals on the panel are trying to nail (Quayle) on his character," said Deterding. "They're asking Bentsen policy questions. They're asking Quayle character questions because they think that's his weakness. It's not."

Students differed on how effective the debate would be in deter-

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Homecoming game an issue on, off campus

By David G. Young
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If Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney has his way, an Omaha-based sports network will not televise the Nebraska-Oklahoma State homecoming football game Oct. 15.

Devaney said Wednesday that he based his decision not to allow Sports Video Productions to televise the game on financial reasons. He said that if the Oklahoma State game were televised, UNL would lose money and possibly another broadcast by ESPN.

Sports Video Productions, which produces the Tom Osborne and Danny Nee shows, would broadcast the Oct. 15 game live at 1:30 p.m. under a proposal by producer Dan Livingston.

"We have, in my contract, the rights to that and any other ballgame not televised by the big four net-

works," Livingston said.

The "big four" networks are ABC, NBC, CBS and ESPN.

Since UNL administrators decided not to let ESPN televise the game, Sports Video Productions has television rights according to the contract, Livingston said.

However, "it is still under the discretion of the university (officials) if they want it shown," Livingston said.

Livingston said his network is under contract to pay UNL \$25,000 for every football game broadcast. Although the network has never televised a regular-season Husker game, it tapes the games and rebroadcasts them for shows such as "Tom Osborne's Playbook," which Livingston hosts on Tuesday nights on KMTV (Lincoln channel 3).

Livingston said the broadcast would generate statewide interest. The production company has contracts with four television stations across Nebraska, which would pro-

vide coverage for nearly the entire state.

Devaney said if the Oklahoma State game is televised, the university would break an agreement with KFAB Radio, which has exclusive rights to radio broadcasts of Nebraska games. UNL has an agreement with KFAB not to televise more than five games per season, Devaney said.

Two games have been televised so far this season, and the Nebraska-Oklahoma game is scheduled to be broadcast by CBS.

In addition, there is a possibility that the Missouri or Colorado games could be broadcast by ESPN, he said. ESPN pays \$115,000 to participating teams in a broadcast, he said.

"We're not against this game (being televised)," Devaney said. "We've just got to make sure we don't lose a big chunk of money."

Devaney said it's still possible that the UNL administration will override his decision not to televise the game.

