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Weather: Friday, considerable cloudiness, high in the upper 50s, winds from the S at 5-10 mph. Friday night, mostly cloudy, low around 40. Saturday, partly sunny and warmer, high in the mid 60s.

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Six professors say Bentsen won debate

By Bryan Thomas
Staff Reporter

Some University of Nebraska-Lincoln professors said Thursday that Democratic Sen. Lloyd Bentsen topped Republican Sen. Dan Quayle in Wednesday's vice-presidential debate in Omaha.

"Bentsen did come out on top," said John Comer, a political science

professor. "His deliveries were smoother and his policies were more substantive."

Comer said Quayle talked in general terms about the "good life," while Bentsen was more specific about the campaign issues.

Susan Welch, also a political science professor, said she, too, felt that Bentsen won the debate because he talked more specifically about the

issues.

Quayle's behavior made him appear immature at times when calling Democratic presidential candidate Michael Dukakis names, Welch said, even when those names had no relevance to questions asked.

No new issues were brought up in the debate, Welch said, but both candidates gave attention to different themes than usual.

Bentsen talked about the budget deficit, trade policy and the environment, Welch said, while Quayle touched on more liberal, human issues.

John Hibbing, an associate professor of political science, said he thinks Bentsen's experience showed during the debate and that he was "very smooth."

He said he also thinks Quayle did

better than he expected.

But in Hibbing's opinion, neither candidate was specific about the issues.

"Quayle was completely evasive and Bentsen was not much better," Hibbing said.

Robert Sittig, political science professor, said that according to the

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Boy dies, mother and two brothers injured in fire

By David Holloway
Senior Reporter

A University of Nebraska-Lincoln police officer saved the life of one of three children when he pulled the child from a burning apartment Thursday morning.

One of the children died as a result of injuries from the fire at 3272 Starr St. The other two children and their mother are at St. Elizabeth Community Health Center.

UNL Corp. Douglas Petersen said UNL police officer Bryan Kratochvil was driving by the apartment complex near UNL East Campus when he saw smoke coming from a basement apartment around 11 a.m. and entered the building.

Petersen said Kratochvil went in and out of the building several times because at first he could not see through the smoke. Eventually, Kratochvil pulled five-year-old Ryan Smillie out of the building, Petersen said.

Deputy Fire Chief Bob King said that when the fire trucks arrived, Kratochvil was laying on the front lawn suffering from smoke inhalation. A passer-by performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Ryan until firefighters arrived.

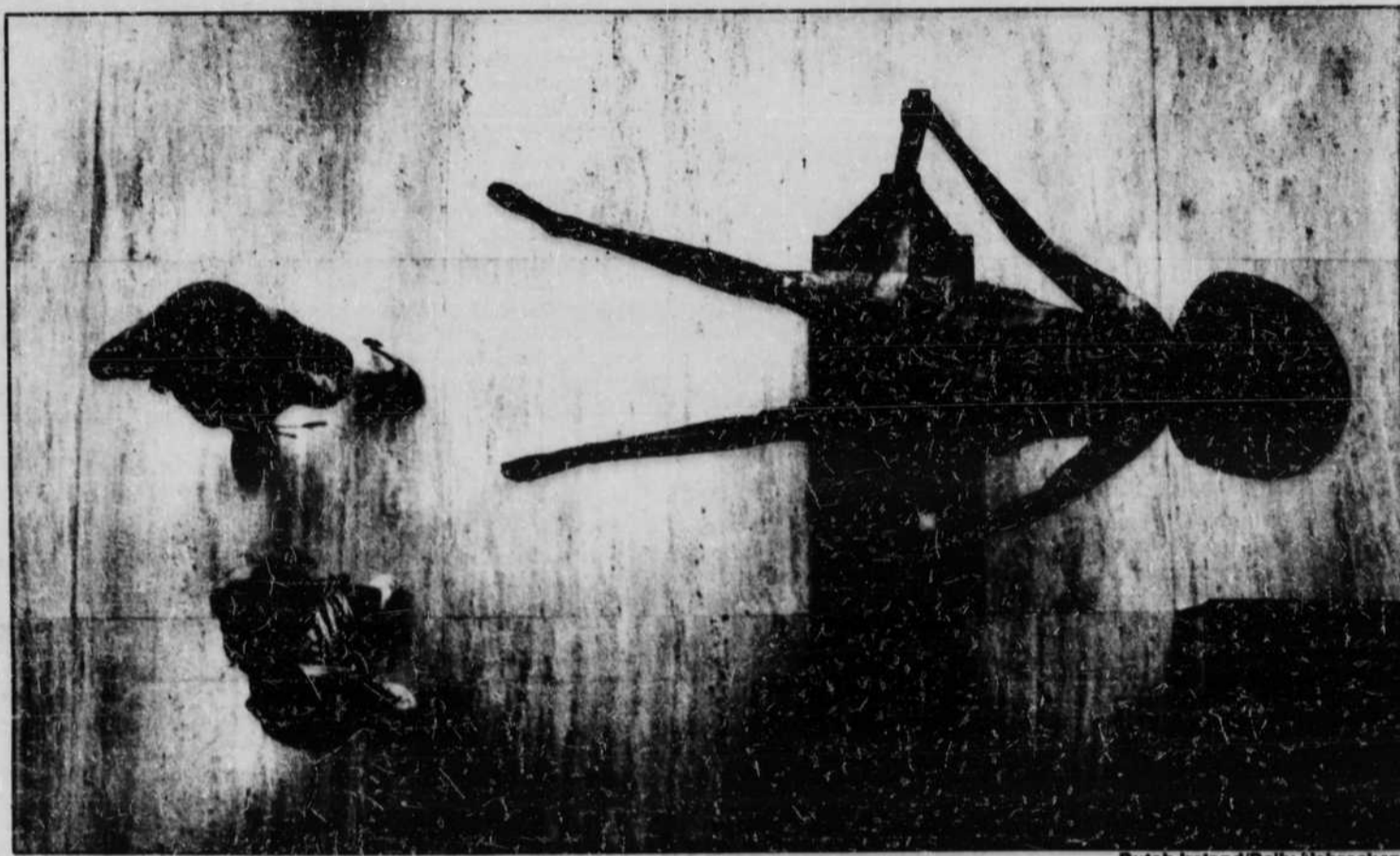
King said firefighters pulled Ryan's mother, Elizabeth Smillie, and brothers, Christopher, 1, and Nick, 2, from a bedroom at the rear of the apartment.

According to the Associated Press, Fire Chief Mike Merwick said the fire was reported shortly before 11 a.m. by students who live in the building. Merwick said the students saw smoke coming from the apartment and heard a baby screaming.

King said all three needed CPR, as far as he knew, and were revived before they were taken to the St. Elizabeth Community Health Center and Bryan Memorial hospital. Later, all were transferred to St. Elizabeth.

Rod Smillie, Elizabeth Smillie's husband, was notified at work and was sent to the hospital, King said.

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Sheldon swinger

Two 1st graders from Riley Elementary School look at the sculpture "Swinging Woman" by Robert Cremean Thursday afternoon at Sheldon Art Gallery. The students were part of a class touring Sheldon.

Congress passes climate center funding

By Jerry Guenther
Staff Reporter

The High Plains Regional Climate Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln is expected to receive \$320,000 in federal funding as the result of legislation passed in the Senate and House of Representatives last week.

Mark Bowen, press secretary for U.S. Sen. James Exon, D-Neb., said he expects President

Reagan to sign the 1989 Appropriations Bill for the State, Commerce and Justice departments, which includes funding for the UNL center.

"(Reagan) may have already signed it," he said.

Although getting the bill through Congress wasn't "automatic," Bowen said it was expected because all appropriations bills had to be acted upon by the House by September 30.

Bowen said Exon made the \$320,000 request for the federal funding because of the

climate center's importance to Nebraska and surrounding states in providing climate information to agricultural, industrial, commercial and government users.

Blaine Blad, director of the Center for Agricultural Meteorology and Climatology, said the money will be used for more than just Nebraska operations.

"In general terms, the funding is used to support research on soil moisture and the opera-

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October is awareness month

Center to sponsor programs

By Javette Bush
Staff Reporter

October is Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness month and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Women's Resource Center is one of many agencies sponsoring awareness programs.

Katherine Araujo, programming coordinator for the center, said Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Awareness Month is nationally recognized and programs have been held in Lincoln since 1987. Previously, the center has addressed assault during Women's Week each year, Araujo said.

Violence and sexual assault against women and children are

issues that have been "swept under the rug" for many years, Araujo said.

The issue hasn't received media attention in the past, she said. That's why awareness programs such as workshops, videos, films and discussions are necessary, Araujo said.

"Programs are needed to educate people and increase awareness about violence of women and children," Araujo said.

The students and community of Lincoln must understand that violence and assault happens here just as it does in larger cities, Araujo said.

"They are issues that are coming to the forefront of our society," she said.

Nea Hynes, program coordina-

tor for Rape/Spouse Abuse Center Program of Family Services in Lincoln, said the programs overlap when dealing with issues of violence and issues of sexual assault.

She said the activities will focus on both issues as much as possible.

Hynes said community awareness is important because people often take for granted that "... it happens to people that are not like us."

Statistics provided by the Rape/Spouse Abuse Crisis Center include:

- One in four relationships will experience physical violence.

- Domestic violence occurs in relationships of all classes, races, and ethnicities.

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