

# Vice-presidential candidates avoid personal criticism

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be considered the top early prospect for the next Republican nomination.

But Wednesday's issue was the 1996 election, and the two vice presidential candidates were determined to keep the focus on their bosses, Clinton and Dole.

"This economy is overtaxed, over-regulated," Kemp said in making the case for Dole's plan to cut taxes 15 percent across the board. Kemp said the economy was growing a feeble 2.5 percent a year under Clinton. "Bob Dole and I believe we can do a lot better."

Gore, in turn, said repeatedly that Dole and Kemp were offering a "risky \$550 billion tax scheme" that would "blow a hole in the deficit and cause much deeper cuts in Medicare, Medicaid, education and the environment."

For the most part, the policy fights tracked the positions staked out by Clinton and Dole in their first debate Sunday night.

Kemp, for example, said Clinton and Gore were practicing "demagoguery" in trying to

frighten older Americans by claiming that Dole's budget plan would require devastating Medicare cuts.

But Gore did not budge. "The word scary has been used," he said of the Republican position.

Dole was criticized by some Republicans after the first debate for not attacking Clinton on administration ethical lapses. Moderator Jim Lehrer of PBS opened the 90-minute debate by asking Kemp if he agreed with the critics.

"In my opinion, it is beneath Bob Dole to go after anyone personally," Kemp said.

Gore thanked Kemp for that answer, and from there the debate proceeded politely, at times studiously, even though the two men differed sharply over many issues.

Early on, Gore tried his hand at humor, offering Kemp this deal: "If you won't use any football stories, I won't tell any of my warm and humorous stories about chlorofluorocarbon abatement."

"It's a deal," Kemp said.

## Law & Order

A look at crime on campus and in the community



### SEXUAL ASSAULT

A 33-year-old woman was attacked early Wednesday morning while jogging near 13th and Peach Streets.

The woman told police she was running at 5:30 when she thought she saw a man masturbating on the south side of a duplex, Lincoln Police Sgt. Ann Heermann said.

She kept running and noticed he was chasing her, Heermann said. He caught up with her at the intersection of 13th and Plum Streets. He grabbed her from behind, ripping her clothes, Heermann said.

He then tackled her and sexually assaulted her with his hand, Heermann said. The woman screamed and the man fled east.

He was described as black, about 6 feet tall, weighing 230 pounds. The man was wearing tan jeans and a button-up shirt. He was fairly muscular and had short hair.

### LARCENY

Three cars were broken into Tuesday at a University of Nebraska-Lincoln parking lot, and police think a vehicle may have been stolen.

Windows were broken to gain access to three cars in the lot at 14th and New Hampshire streets, Sgt. Mylo Bushing said.

From one car, a pair of sunglasses was stolen. A cellular phone and cash were missing from another, Bushing said. Nothing was stolen from the third.

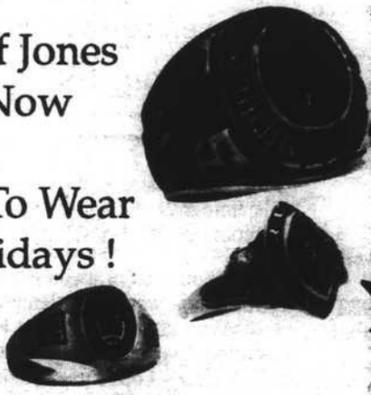
In the same lot, police also found a 1984 blue Nissan Sentra that was reported stolen off-campus Saturday, Bushing said.

Bushing said he thought the thieves dumped the Sentra, broke into the three students' cars, then stole another one from the lot to escape.

Bushing said Harper-Schramm-Smith residents who park in that lot should be sure to check that their cars are still there.

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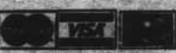
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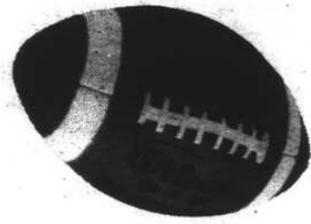
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