

After needlepoint and football, Grier found faith

By Laure Perlinger

Rosey Grier sat in the Lincoln Hilton coffee shop Tuesday morning and admitted his once famed needlepoint was not all it was cracked up to be. In fact, he doesn't even find the time to stitch anymore.

"I wasn't as good as they said," the modest 6-5, 300-pound former NFL defensive lineman said.

"Then were you as good in football as they said?" "No . . . I was better," the ex-New York Giants and Los Angeles Rams player joked.

Grier's message about his own life was made clear: if ever there was a right track, this is it.

Grier spoke of the need to influence people to think positively about life and live in faith. He arrived in Lincoln Sunday and talked in the Nebraska Union on Sunday and Monday evenings as part of a program sponsored by Maranatha Christian Ministries.

Originally baptized in the Baptist faith, Grier said he was baptized again three years ago "just to make sure."

Filled with love

"I'm filled with love and have a tremendous desire to

Forensics team places fourth

The UNL forensics team finished fourth overall at UNO Nov. 13 and 14.

Kate Joeckel, Lincoln, took first place in extemporaneous speaking, impromptu speaking, oratory, communication analysis and pentathlon. She was also a finalist in after dinner speaking. Deb Renter, Valley, was second in interpretation of poetry, a finalist in communication analysis and a semi-finalist in interpretation of prose. Pat Rhoads, Omaha, placed second in extemporaneous speaking.

see people filled with it, and to hear it in the sounds around me."

Grier has talked to students on campuses in Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Illinois, Arizona and now Nebraska. Although this was not his first trip to the Cornhusker state, he could not remember why he was in Omaha a number of years ago.

Grier's friendship with Robert F. Kennedy eventually involved him in politics. He was an aide and body guard to Kennedy when the senator was assassinated in 1968.

Monday night he told of the assassination. He was at the scene and took the gun from Sirhan Sirhan.

Grier said that he learned from Bobby Kennedy to at least try to say things that you feel, the things that you know in your heart are right.

"Anyone of us can make changes in this nation," Grier said. "People think they are just a student, or just a housewife or old man, and everybody waits for someone else to do the job."

Others are committed

Grier said he would like to see others take a stand and speak out. He said committed individuals like Walter

Payton, running back for the Chicago Bears; Julius Erving, forward for the Philadelphia 76ers; and Dusty Baker, left fielder for the Los Angeles Dodgers, speak to youth about life.

Grier said being known as a football player has probably helped him in his Christian work. He gained a reputation as one of the "fearsome foursome" (defensive line) while at LA.

But the real reason he is doing this type of work is because nobody else was doing it, he said.

As an actor, he enjoyed the *White Shadow* and also *Aloha Paradise*, which he said gave him a lot of growth in acting.

In his spare time, Grier plays tennis with friends basketball player Elgin Baylor and boxer Carlos Palamino. His wife, Margie, and son Roosevelt Kennedy, Jr., who will be 10 on Thursday, are in California where the family resides.

Grier said he would leave Lincoln feeling satisfied with his visit. He said the response from UNL students was good.

He will speak at the University of Kansas at Lawrence yet this week and then he's off to San Francisco to present some youth awards.

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