

Veteran encourages votes

By Brandon Loomis
Staff Reporter

Gary Parrott says he has been apolitical all his life, but he's making up for it now.

Parrott, a commercial oil field diver from Washington state who fought side by side in Vietnam with U.S. Senate candidate Bob Kerrey, has spent the past three weeks in Nebraska communities trying to get people fired up about politics.

Parrott and four more of Kerrey's wartime friends have been traveling around Nebraska for the past three

weeks, talking about how important the voice of the individual can be, he said.

"The primary message is to get out to vote," he said.

Parrott said he has been working toward that goal at Kerrey's campaign headquarters making phone calls, sending out mailings and making sure everyone who needs a ride to the polls has one.

Last week, Parrott spoke to a Lincoln East High School social studies class and a University of Nebraska-Lincoln foreign relations class about America's political system and about his experiences in Vietnam.

He said although he thinks voting is one of the greatest powers an American has, he also told students

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Duane Hickenbottom, a junior electrical engineering major, helps build a playground at the Cedars Home Project, 6601 Pioneers Blvd.

Students begin playground construction

By Kari Mott
Staff Reporter

Some University of Nebraska-Lincoln students are getting a chance to take what they have learned in their engineering classes one step further.

About 50 to 75 UNL students have started construction on a playground they designed, called the Cedars Home Playground Project. The stu-

dents began digging up an old swing set Oct. 22 to begin construction of phase one of the project.

The project began last year when a local child care and counseling center needed to expand its playground facilities. The Cedars Home for Children, 6601 Pioneers Blvd., needed a larger playground to provide for the growing number of children, according to Karen Anderson, project direc-

tor.

Cedars Home asked the UNL chapter of Tau Beta Pi, a national engineering society, to help with the project because the group had worked with Cedars Home previously, Anderson said.

The total cost of the project is \$40,000 and will take three to four years to complete, she said.

The money will provide playground equipment; a nature hike, bicycle and tricycle paths; trees and bushes; sand and gravel; and storage sheds.

LR 390 opponent calls it dangerous

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who can't attend any school without it," Hill said. "Because we have limited resources, our priority has to be to assist those who have no other means."

Joe Bird, assistant vice president for the Nebraska Student Loan program, said Friday that he is concerned about providing students with a choice of colleges to attend.

"I think it's fairly obvious that there is a substantial unmet need in Nebraska," Bird said.

The purpose for financial aid, he said, is to provide accessibility and choice, and "choices are being limited."

"We need to recognize there's always going to be a segment of our population that's disadvantaged," he said. "We need to challenge ourselves to be innovative."

Bird is concerned about rising costs for all colleges and parental expectations about paying for college.

In an information brief presented at the hearing, education committee chairman Sen. Ron Withem of Papillion presented four approaches for encouraging parents to save for their children's college education.

The first approach was to create a state trust that would try to forecast future tuition costs and merge payments in a centralized pool which would be invested to meet tuition costs.

An educational savings account which would work like an Individual Retirement Account was another plan, along with an approach that allows parents to buy tuition certificates which would be equal to a certain fraction of current tuition.

The last approach uses savings bonds or zero coupon bonds.

Hill said he is looking at all of these approaches, but has not yet decided which to support.

The brief also provided information on current unmet financial aid need and state assistance at a majority of Nebraska private and public colleges.

UNL had the most unmet need at more than \$7 million.

The education committee will get further input on LR390 Dec. 2 at a public hearing in Kearney. Hill said he hopes to testify at the meeting.

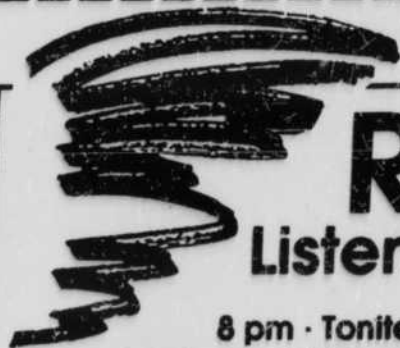
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