O'Grady endorses Christensen

Pilot shot down over Bosnia says to look at candidates' character

By Erin Gibson Staff Reporter

BELLEVUE - Capt. Scott O'Grady, a U.S. Air Force pilot shot down over Bosnia in 1994, urged participants at an election rally in Bellevue Sunday to support family values and reelect U.S. Rep. Jon Christensen.

"When you're looking for a candidate, look for issues, but also look for character and accountability," O'Grady

Character makes a hero, he said, and Americans are looking for a hero.

call him a hero, he defines a hero as in Bosnia," O'Grady said. anyone who helps somebody else, incued him from enemy territory in into enemy territory in Bosnia.

kid to be a hero," O'Grady said. "We have heroes right here."

Doctors, teachers and parents who know he was still alive. instill correct morals in children are Christensen.

O'Grady met Christensen last May,

in Washington D.C. O'Grady said he was happy Christensen asked him to travel to Nebraska and speak on his behalf.

He's been fighting battles in Washington D.C., and I think that's more of a dangerous battle than the one I fought in Bosnia."

> CAPT. SCOTT O'GRADY U.S. Air Force pilot

ington D.C., and I think that's more of "flaming coffin in the sky." O'Grady said that although people a dangerous battle than the one I fought

But O'Grady's battle dropped him cluding the young Marines who res- 500 feet from a flaming cockpit deep he said. "My thought processes were

He eluded capture for six days un-"But it doesn't take a 19-year-old der the cover of sticks and leaves, he wilderness for six days while he tried said, and was eating twigs, berries and to make radio contact with American insects, while praying someone would forces.

heroes, he said, and so is Jon Bosnia during a peacekeeping mission thing I wanted to come home to was in 1994, he said.

His mission was to enforce a "nowhen they both received one of the 10 fly" zone, and to "prevent airplanes him, praying with him that he would Outstanding Young Americans Awards from flying overhead and dropping survive, he said. bombs on innocent people," he said.

his plane into a fireball, and he fell into privileges than any place else in the the Bosnian woods after ejecting from world.

"He's been fighting battles in Wash- the cockpit, which O'Grady called a

It took 25 minutes for the young pilot to hit the ground.

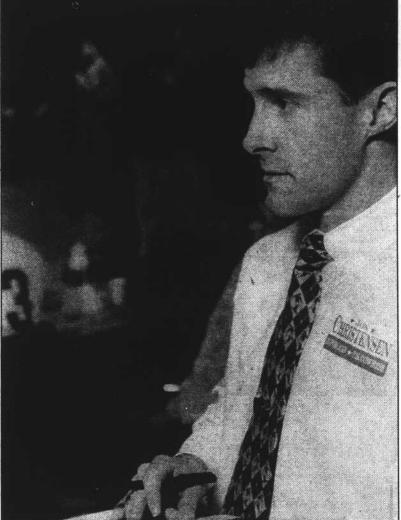
"I did a lot of thinking in that time," going 1,000 miles-per-minute.

O'Grady then hid in the Bosnian

ow he was still alive. "I prayed that someone would His battle began while flying over know I was alive," he said. "The one my family.'

But he knew America was behind

But an unexpected missile turned said. "We have more freedoms and



"We live in a beautiful country," he SCOTT O'GRADY spoke Sunday evening at a rally for Jon Christensen, the Republican nominee for Nebraska's 2nd District seat in the U.S. House of Representatives.

ACLU criticizes police for York High drug raid

YORK (AP) — The Nebraska acceptable and they won't be tolerated chapter of the American Civil Liber- in school." ties Union is criticizing state and local day at York High School.

Police used drug-sniffing dogs to that they have no personal rights. search lockers and vehicles for 45 minutes Wednesday morning as school dents lose their rights as soon as they officials kept students inside class- enter the doors at school."

The search turned up a few mariconcealed weapon that school officials said was neither a gun nor a knife.

"We are not in the business of hassling kids," principal Scott Koch said. and that students had been told that "The message we want to send is first lockers and their vehicles on school of all drugs are illegal, they are not property are subject to search.

But Executive Director of the Nepolice for a surprise drug raid Wednes- braska chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, Matt LeMieux, said The Nebraska State Patrol and York the message being sent to students is

"This is a classic case of where stu-

The courts say that before police and school officials can search a locker juana seeds, ashes and empty drug-re-or vehicle they need reasonable suspilated containers, as well as one small cion that there is evidence of a crime or violation of school policy.

Koch insisted the search was legal

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