

College Men's Lacrosse teams won NCAA titles in Baltimore, MD.

Though Central New York is known as a breeding ground for the nation's finest lacrosse players, never before has Syracuse been the home of two reigning NCAA National Champions in the sport. I am extremely proud of both teams and applaud the determination and skill they showed throughout the 2004 season.

Syracuse University has been a dominant force in NCAA Division I lacrosse for decades under the leadership of Roy Simmons, Roy Simmons, Jr. and current skipper John Desko. The program has built a tradition of excellence and produced the finest individual players in the history of collegiate lacrosse.

The current team is a proud extension of the SU lacrosse legacy and under the leadership of Coaches John Desko, Kevin Donahue, Roy Simmons III and Ryan Powell; they have proven their dominance once again.

Mike Powell, the undisputed leader of the SU Lacrosse team, along with his teammates carried on throughout the 2004 season in the spirit of the Gait Brothers, Tom Marachek, Charlie Lockwood and the other great teammates and talents who gave rise to the formidable SU Lacrosse.

The Orangemen came into the NCAA tournament with a number 4 seed. Some considered that lower ranking to be an affront to the depth and talent the program had demonstrated during the course of the season. It became obvious as the tournament progressed, however, that any weaknesses perceived in the 2004 team were gone.

With Mike Powell, the leading scorer in the history of SU lacrosse on the crease, a strong group of senior leaders including Dan DiPietro, Nick Donatelli, Kevin Dougherty, Sean Lindsay, Brian Nee, Michael Powell, Andy Shin, Steve Vallone and Alex Zink, underclassmen John Bone, Andrew Boyle, Evan Brady, Danny Brennan, Steven Brooks, Brett Bucktooth, Crian Crockett, Chris DiMarco, Scott Ditzell, Zack Fields, John Gallagher, Kevin Gowin, Ryan Hogan, James Hsiao, Jon Jerome, Geoff Keough, Steve Lykudis, Mike MacDonald, Kieran Murphy, Brooks Neal, Dustin Palmer, Steven Panarelli, Jarrett Park, Jay Pfeifer, Jake Plunkett, Timmy Raschdorf, Greg Rommel, Andrew Sullivan, Thomas Theodorakis, Donn Vidosh, Hank Vohrer, Scott Wallace, Zack Wallace, John Wright and supporting staff Troy Gerlt, Katherine Hatch, Gary Audet and Judy Quattrone the Orangemen beat very strong Georgetown and Johns Hopkins Division I title game.

With their stunning 14–13 victory over the Midshipmen of the U.S. Naval Academy, the Syracuse University Men's Lacrosse Team won their 9th national championship and the third NCAA Division I title in the 5 year tenure of Coach Desko.

The consistency and talent of the Syracuse University Men's lacrosse program deserves the recognition of this House and the nation at large. Very rarely has collegiate sport seen such a shining legacy and I am extremely proud to represent Syracuse University in the House of Representatives.

Chancellor Kenneth "Buzz" Shaw, the students, faculty, alumni and fans of Syracuse University deserve praise for their continued dedication to the Orangemen lacrosse legacy. I would like to extend my thanks for the great

work they do and the honor and dignity they bring to Central New York.

Lemoyne College, the only Jesuit institution of higher learning in Syracuse has emerged on the national scene in recent years as a NCAA Division II powerhouse. The small, yet distinguished college has maintained a tradition of athletic success, though since being chartered in 1946 had never won a national championship in any sport.

That all changed May 30th, 2004 when the Lemoyne Dolphins defeated Limestone College 11–10 in double overtime, before nearly 20,000 fans at M&T Bank Stadium. The stunning win, led by Junior Brandon Spillett's amazing performance on attack, gave Lemoyne and Head Coach Dan Sheehan the first NCAA National Championship in the history of the school. This achievement has brought a great measure of pride to the friends, faculty and alumni of Lemoyne College, all of whom had watched the men's lacrosse program develop from obscurity to national prominence in only a few years.

The NCAA Division II National Championship title for the Dolphins Men's Lacrosse team means a great deal to Central New York, home to most members of the Dolphin Lacrosse team, but also to the Lemoyne College family as well. All of the students, faculty and staff of Lemoyne endured a difficult year that saw the College bond together in support of senior midfielder Adam Carne, who nearly died last summer after a brutal and senseless attack by a stranger. Adam's remarkable recovery and presence on the sidelines during the 2004 season inspired the Dolphin Lacrosse team to achieve a level of success unimaginable just a few years ago.

I am immensely proud of Coach Dan Sheehan, his assistants Brian Datellas, Kevin Michaud and Bradley Carr, as well as the members of the Lemoyne Dolphins Men's Lacrosse team including seniors Travis Morgia, Corey Sullivan, Adam Carne, Rob Trowbridge, Pat Hooks, Chris Geng, Joel Dorchester and Justin Wnuk; underclassmen Brannan Karg, Travis Tarr, Ryan Fennell, Brandon Spillett, Travis Ames, Chris Doran, Collin Knowles, Nate Evans, Chris Moore, Matt Juriga, Kyle Reichel, Jared Corcoran, Ben Lanman, Ted Rund, Ed Street, Jordan Witt, Matt Emerson, Eric Roberts, Ryan Lewis, Kevin Kohl, Brendan Flynn, Joe Maslak, Joe Weaver, Matt Holdridge, Craig Rosecrans, Jeff Norton, Russ Oechsle, Mike Lindstrom and support staff Mike Wilson, Rachel Russell, Carissa Barallaro and Shannon Holliday.

Lacrosse is a way of life in Central New York and has been since the Iroquois Federation created the game centuries ago. I feel privileged to represent such outstanding college athletic programs in my Congressional District and once again express my sincere congratulations to the Syracuse University and Lemoyne College Men's Lacrosse teams for their great efforts this season and NCAA National Championship titles.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF RICHARD W. SANDY OF NEW PHILADELPHIA

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Richard W. Sandy of New Philadelphia; and

Whereas, Richard W. Sandy was a caring and loving individual. Sandy was active in his church, the Special Olympics program as a state champion bowler and as a client of Starlight Enterprises, Inc.; and

Whereas, Richard W. Sandy will certainly be remembered by all those who knew him; and
Whereas, Richard W. Sandy touched many lives and his memory will stand as a monument to a truly fine person; and

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Richard W. Sandy.

FAREWELL SPEECH FOR TAI- WANESE AMBASSADOR C.J. CHEN

HON. ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, we are honored to be here today to bid farewell to a great statesman and friend, Ambassador C. J. (Chinn-Jen) Chen. The Taiwanese government has much to be proud of from the Ambassador's long career of selfless service to his country. He is a distinguished diplomat who has served Taiwan's foreign service for thirty-seven years, and in many ways served all of us, and the world. Ambassador Chen has spent much of his career strengthening the close and friendly ties between Taiwan and the United States.

He first came to Washington, D.C. in 1971 as a Third Secretary assigned to the Republic of China Embassy in the United States where he served through 1979. By then, he had been promoted to First Secretary, and from that position, he was able to play an important role in the formulation of a new framework for improved relations between the people's of Taiwan and the United States.

During the 1980's and 1990's, as the Ambassador earned a series of promotions to posts of greater and greater responsibility—both in Taipei and in Washington—he continued to serve as an effective bridge from bringing Taiwan and the United States closer together. As Taiwan's Deputy Foreign Minister and then Foreign Minister, he insured that his country's foreign policy reflected that tremendous economic progress and democratic development taking place on Taiwan. And, by emphasizing the common values and joint interests that the United States and Taiwan share, Ambassador Chen has fostered mutual trust and cooperation between successive administrations: from Ronald Reagan to George W. Bush in the United States; and from Chiang Ching-kou to Chen Shui-bian in Taiwan.

Over the last four years, the Ambassador has, in his capacity as Taiwan's chief representative in the United States, endeavored to further enhance the military, political, cultural and economic aspects of our bilateral relationship. Apart from his personal friendships with a number of high-ranking administration officials, he has built quite a following in Congress. He strongly encouraged and supported the establishment of the House Taiwan Caucus and the Senate Taiwan Caucus. Working

closely with us, he has earned our respect and affection.

Most importantly, thanks to diplomats like Ambassador Chen, Taiwan and the United States are truly friends and our relationship is stronger now than at any other time. Having visited Taiwan myself, I have seen how much the Ambassador's country has been able to benefit from better relations, and I'm sure that his work has made Taiwan a better place.

Mr. Speaker, as Ambassador Chen concludes his tour of duty in Washington and his returning to Taipei, I bid him a fond farewell and wish him all the best. He has been a true friend, a man of principle and integrity, and we will surely miss him.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. FRANK R. WOLF

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure today to recognize those heroes who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation. There is no tribute too great that we can offer these courageous men and women.

These men and women join a lengthy list of heroes from the 10th District of Virginia who have fought and died so that others might be free. Starting with the French and Indian War before our nation was formed to those serving today in hostile environments in the War on Terrorism, our district has proudly served the Armed Forces of the United States.

I take this opportunity today not only to honor those who made the ultimate sacrifice but to honor the loved ones they left behind and let them know that this nation has not forgotten the pain they must endure.

The fallen lived and died with a nobility of purpose which those of us left behind have a sacred duty to carry on. Each one of us must fight to keep this nation free and worthy of sacrifice. There is no greater love for humanity than to give one's life for the freedom we all cherish.

I ask that everyone pray for the men and women in uniform who are in harm's way in Iraq, in Afghanistan and other parts of the world where we have a military presence. They need and deserve our support.

FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

HON. DEBORAH PRYCE

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 20, 2004

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, there are no words that can lessen the intensity of families' grief and profound loss after learning that a son, daughter, or relative serving in the Armed Forces has fallen in the line of duty. I have recently written to five central Ohio families who have suffered such a loss as Part of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom, and each time it weighs heavily on my heart.

Army Pfc. Kevin Ott, Army Pfc. Branden Oberleitner, Pfc. Nicholas Zimmer, Army

Staff Sgt. Aaron Reese, and Army Master Sgt. George Fernandez were the truest of all patriots. These soldiers will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved them, and their families are in my thoughts and prayers.

The unique sacrifice that fallen soldiers share, giving their lives for the development and protection of freedom, place them among those in our history who will be remembered for dedicating themselves to the greatest of all ideals that we as Americans hold dear.

America is eternally grateful to these and all of our soldiers for their courageous and dedicated service to our great nation and their valor in bringing freedom to the Iraqi and Afghani people. They have not only worked to bring liberation and justice to these oppressed people, but have also made America safer from the threat of terrorism by rooting out evil where it is hiding around the globe. I am extremely impressed by the poise and sense of duty and purpose with which all our young men and women in the armed forces conduct themselves. Their resolve to finish the job, because it means doing the right thing for the world even in the face of making the ultimate sacrifice, is truly inspiring.

This Memorial Day, I will reflect on the sacrifices made by these soldiers and the long list of men and women who viewed their lives as subject to the preservation of liberty. May God bless our troops, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION IN MEMORY OF RAMA MAE GROVES STEEN

HON. ROBERT W. NEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker:

Whereas, I hereby offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Rama Mae Groves Steen; and

Whereas, Rama Mae Groves Steen was a loving sister, daughter, aunt, and wife to the members of her family. Rama Mae was a member of the Alpha Rho Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International of Guernsey and Noble County, a National Teachers Honorary, life member of the Ohio retired Teachers Association, Caldwell Woman's Literary Club, Order of the Eastern Star, Order of the White Shrine of Jerusalem, Rosa Shrine 8 of Zanesville; and

Whereas, Rama Mae Groves Steen served in the past as chairman of the Central and Executive Committees of Noble County Republican Party, Noble County Republican Woman's Club; and

Whereas, Rama Mae Groves Steen will certainly be remembered by all those who knew her because of her loving nature towards her family, friends, and community; and

Whereas, the understanding and caring to which she gave to others will stand as a monument to a truly fine person. Her life and love gave joy to all who knew her; and

Therefore, while I understand how words cannot express our grief at this most trying of times, I offer this token of profound sympathy to the family and friends of Rama Mae Groves Steen.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today still afraid for our Nation's security. Not because of terror alerts, but because our borders remain porous. The enforcement of our immigration policy is impotent, resulting in a continued flood of illegal immigrants across our borders.

It is time for the federal government to stop letting unchecked mass immigration undermine the wages, safety, and benefits in one occupation after another. It is time for the federal government to moderate immigration and to treat American workers, citizen and immigrant, with the respect they deserve.

Our constituents did not elect us to help cheapen the quality of their lives by importing foreign workers at six to eight times the historical average. There is no getting around the fact that when we cheapen labor with unchecked illegal immigration, we cheapen our neighbors, both citizens and immigrants alike.

If we moderate immigration in the context of an historical average, we will remain the most open society in the world, and begin to halt America's slide from a middle class, to a poverty class, society.

I call on my colleagues to join me in working to reform our immigration policies and to halt the cheapening of America's citizen and immigrant workers. Without real immigration reform, our borders will not be safe and our citizens will be at risk.

RECOGNIZING MARO EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ASSOCIATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 8, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize MARO Employment and Training Association. This organization will be celebrating thirty years of community service in June 2004. MARO Employment and Training Association represents 60 not-for-profit community organizations, providing vocational training, employment and support services for people with disabilities and other barriers to employment and community access.

MARO Employment and Training Association assists members by sharing information with community organizations regarding how to serve people with a number of varying disabilities. The group works on both the state and federal level to increase opportunities for people with barriers to employment. Members are offered affordable Workers' Compensation Insurance and prescription drug coverage through self-insured programs as well as an array of networking opportunities.

MARO Employment and Training Association works together with the Michigan Community Mental Health agencies, the Department of Labor and Economic Growth, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, Michigan Works! agencies, the Michigan Department of Corrections, the Michigan Commission for the Blind, and with local schools.