

have had an effect. She recently asked her grandfather how old he would be in 2030, when she will be 35 and old enough to run for governor in Kentucky. Dave Disponett now says he has a compelling reason to live to be 94.

Charlie Brotman, the Inaugural Parade announcer, says that despite the security and exclusivity now associated with inaugurations, the event remains a moment of national ceremony that touches even the most cynical Americans. "Fathers and mothers tell me they want to take their children, so their kids can tell their kids that they were there. It's all about the memories."

For the Disponetts, it certainly is. Their job now is to try to keep Anna-Marie from becoming too nonchalant about going to the inaugurations. When her mother told her recently that this year, she'll actually get to dance at a ball, Anna-Marie answered, "Well, what else would you do?"

TRIBUTE TO SAMANTHA LOUISE

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, as I was sitting at the West Front of the Capitol on this Inauguration Day listening to the speech of the President and the hopes of all the speakers for a fresh beginning, I kept thinking of another fresh beginning that occurred yesterday when our daughter Kate presented her husband Howard with a second daughter and her daughter Bess with a sister, Samantha Louise.

While the hopes for a new beginning of an administration are always tempered by time and reality, the hopes which spring from a new baby are boundless.

And so, at the inaugural lunch today in Statuary Hall, Senator WARNER and his wife Jeanne and General Myers and Mrs. Myers, as well as our other lunch partners, raised our glasses in congratulations and best wishes to the President and Vice President, but also graciously and gleefully raised their glasses with my wife Barb and me in salute to the birth of our granddaughter Samantha Louise.

I know my colleagues will forgive this burst of a grandfather's pride as we undertake the serious business before us.

TRIBUTE TO JAN SOELTER

Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, it is my privilege to honor a very special woman for her nearly 25 years of service with the Social Security Administration. Jan Soelter was raised in Billings, MT, and was a Billings Senior High School graduate. Jan furthered her education at Eastern Montana College, now MSU-Billings, and graduated with honors, obtaining a combination of degrees with a major in psychology and a minor in art.

Ms. Soelter was hired as a Service Representative at the Billings Social Security Administration in January of 1980. She was rapidly promoted to data review technician in 1981, claims representative in Bozeman, MT, in 1982, and transferred back to Billings as a field representative in 1985. Jan found her true calling when she was pro-

moted, in 2002, to her present position as public affairs specialist.

Ms. Soelter served on the Board of Directors: in the early 1970's for the Billings Multiple Sclerosis Society, Helping Hands from 1991 through 1993, and from 1994 to 2000 for the Billings Community Center.

Jan has participated in local, regional and national workshops and conferences. She has also received many local, regional, and national awards and recognition for her employment with the Social Security Administration.

When Jan Soelter retired on December 31, 2004, we lost a very dedicated and caring public servant. She is an inspiration to us all, and a tireless worker for the cause of Senior Citizens. I have personal knowledge of Jan's dedication, drive and commitment, not only to her profession, but more importantly to the people she worked with, and the citizens she worked for. Thank you, Jan, for your service to our country.

THE COLLEGE OF ST. CATHERINE

Mr. DAYTON. Mr. president, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to the College of St. Catherine, in St. Paul, MN, on the celebration of its centennial year. St. Catherine is our country's largest Catholic college for women. Its numerous academic achievements would be impressive for a college of any size, but for an institution with fewer than 5,000 students, such accomplishments are downright spectacular.

Since its founding 100 years ago, the College of St. Catherine has expanded its student body from high school and lower division college students to include associate, bachelor's and graduate degree candidates in more than 60 fields. In 1937, St. Catherine became the first Catholic college to be awarded a chapter of the national honor society, Phi Beta Kappa.

Today, the College of St. Catherine continues to distinguish itself as a leading institution for women's education. Its Women of Substance series features lectures and performances of theater, music, and dance by female speakers and artists from around the world. In the classroom, the college's new Centers for Excellence focus on the role of women in such diverse fields as public policy, spirituality, and health.

Annually, the College of St. Catherine graduates more nurses than any other college or university in Minnesota. It is second only to the much larger University of Minnesota in the number of public school teachers it has educated and placed in the State's capital city of St. Paul.

Along with all of the Minnesotans whose lives have benefited from the talents, professionalism, and leadership of St. Catherine's outstanding graduates, I would like to say thank you. The College of St. Catherine's commitment to the highest standards

of academic excellence and social responsibility have enriched the lives of its students and its state's citizens for a century. I congratulate the faculty, staff, alumnae, and students of the College of St. Catherine on their 100 years of excellence. I know that they will continue their great tradition for the next 100 years.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

IN RECOGNITION OF GEOFFREY "ROCKY" MYERS, RECIPIENT OF THE 2004 GAGLIARDI TROPHY

• Mr. CARPER. Mr. President. I rise today to recognize and congratulate Geoffrey "Rocky" Myers, the senior strong safety at Wesley College in Dover, DE, who has been named the recipient of the 12th annual Gagliardi Trophy. This award is given annually to the outstanding football player in the NCAA Division III and is the Division III equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. His recognition demonstrates the success that comes from hard work, perseverance, and the experience of a remarkable team as well as a dedicated coach, and the support of an outstanding college.

The Gagliardi Trophy was presented to Rocky on December 16, 2004, in Salem, VA, in the presence of his proud parents, Gilbert and Cheryl. Unlike the Heisman, this trophy, sponsored by Jostens, Inc. and administered by the SJU J-Club, recognizes excellence in academics and community service, as well as athletics.

A native of Bowers Beach, DE, Rocky attended W.T. Chipman Middle School and Lake Forest High School through his sophomore year and finished his high school career, graduating second in his class, at Caesar Rodney High School in Camden, DE. At Wesley, Rocky played in all 10 games of the 2004 season for the 8-2 Wesley College Wolverines and totaled 124 tackles, 62 of which were solo tackles, along with 62 assists. Rocky also had 6.5 tackles for a loss of 20 yards and five interceptions for 84 yards. A "Football Gazette" National Player of the Week, ECAC Co-Defensive Player of the Week and three-time ACFC Defensive Player of the Week, Rocky ranks 11th nationally with 12.4 total tackles per game, 13th with 1.7 passes defended per game and 30th with 6.1 solo tackles per game this season.

Rocky was named to the All-ACFC and All-ACFC Academic Team for all four years of his college career. One of only three Division III players and 15 total scholar-athletes, Rocky was named to the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's 2004 National Scholar-Athlete Class. He is the only wolverine to be named a team captain three consecutive years.

In addition to his expertise and agility on the football field, Rocky is a 4.0 academic record student who is majoring in biology with a minor in chemistry. He was selected for his academic

achievements and leadership on campus and in the neighboring communities. Rocky has done volunteer work with the youth reading program at North Dover Elementary and in the Guidance Office of the Dover Central Middle School. He has also spent time helping the senior citizens of Frederica, DE, relocate to their new senior facility and was a camp counselor at the St. Thomas More Middle School Youth Basketball Camp.

At Wesley, Rocky was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee for the past three years, as well as a Wesley College tutor for four years. Rocky's academic achievements include a nomination to the "USA Today" Academic All-American, National Dean's List and U.S. Achievement Academy College All-American Scholar.

The Gagliardi Trophy is named for John Gagliardi, legendary head coach at St. John's University (SJU) in Collegeville, Minnesota, where he became the most successful coach in college football history with 409 wins on November 8, 2003. Gagliardi currently has 421 career victories in his 56 years of coaching, 52 of those being at SJU. College Presidents nominate their top student-athletes for this award. The J-Club Board of Directors narrows the field to 10 finalists and a national selection committee selects the winner. Dr. Scott Miller, President of Wesley College, nominated Rocky. In the words of Dr. Miller, "Rocky is a student-leader of significant note. Students like him emerge only once in a generation. The fact that he is an athlete makes his accomplishments even more noteworthy."

Today, I rise to extend congratulations and best wishes to Rocky Myers and his family and all of the fine students, athletes, coaches and faculty at Wesley College that helped to make this award possible. We wish him fun times relaxing in the California sun this summer and the best of luck as he pursues graduate school in the fall.●

RETIREMENT OF JESSE L. POOR

● Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to Jesse L. Poor, Deputy to the Commander, Anniston Army Depot, United States Army Tank-Automotive and Armaments Command upon his retirement from Anniston Army Depot and a life of service to the Nation. Born in Crestview, FL, Mr. Poor earned an associate of applied science degree in personnel management and supervision from Gadsden State College, a bachelor of arts degree in history and human resource management from the University of Alabama, and he is also a graduate of the Harvard University Program for Senior Executive Fellows.

The work that Jesse Poor did during his tenure at the Anniston Army Depot has been exemplary. His dedication is evidenced by the number of awards he has received in recognition of his out-

standing work and service to the men and women of the U.S. Army. Under Jesse's leadership, the Anniston Army Depot's revenue more than tripled and the direct labor hour execution more than doubled, all in a recent 3-year span.

Jesse has been a catalyst in business development and partnering efforts that have established Anniston Army Depot as a leader within DOD in such efforts. In November 2000, he was instrumental in partnering efforts between Anniston Army Depot and General Dynamics for the production of the Army's Stryker vehicle to support brigade combat teams. As a result of his efforts, the partnership developed production capabilities and began actual production within a few months at Anniston with the first Stryker produced in March 2002. The result was fielding the vehicle on time in spite of a nearly 1-year delay to the contract award due to protests from other bidders. As of November 2004, 625 Strykers have been produced.

Jesse L. Poor is to be commended for his exemplary achievements and service to the Nation. Jesse's steady, calm, and visionary presence has fostered the successful melding of the 5,600 civilians, military and contractor members of Anniston Army Depot into a cohesive force supporting the Army's readiness. His vast expertise in depot maintenance, focus on production and efficiency, coupled with high quality standards, set the stage for an improved financial posture. Jesse's commitment to the goals and ideals of the Army is without equal and reflects great credit upon himself, the U.S. Army Materiel Command and the U.S. Army.

I wish Jesse and his family the best now and into the future.●

RETIREMENT OF LLOYD H. ROSS

● Mr. CARPER. Mr. President, I rise today in recognition of Lloyd H. Ross upon his retirement from Newark High School in Newark, DE, after more than 34 years of dedicated service. He is a man with a kind heart, diverse interests and great abilities. Lloyd embodies the best of Delaware.

Lloyd was born on August 25, 1948 in Nicholson, PA. He graduated from Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Music Education in 1970. He then went on to complete his Master's in Music Education at West Chester University in 1974. Lloyd has also done postgraduate work at Peabody Conservatory, Berklee College of Music, University of Delaware, Ithaca University and Villanova University.

During the last year of his Master's program at West Chester University, Lloyd received a job offer from Newark High School. He commuted from West Chester to Newark for the year, and then moved to Newark. The rest, as they say, is history. Lloyd has been a fixture at Newark High School ever since and became an institution there over time.

Lloyd met his wife Joan while in college at Susquehanna University. They married on June 14, 1970 and now have two children, Sharon and Jeff, and one grandchild, Ashley.

Over the past 3 decades, Lloyd has taken the jazz ensemble at Newark High School to national competitions including the Mobile Jazz Festival in Alabama, the Berklee Jazz Festival in Boston, and the All-American Jazz Festival in Orlando, as well as numerous jazz festivals in the tri-state area.

Lloyd and the Newark High School band have performed in 105 field show festivals, 107 parades, 385 football games, 148 concerts, 193 jazz festivals, 158 pep assemblies, 144 special performances and 34 graduations. The music department has won over 925 trophies. From 1978 to 1988, Lloyd directed the First State Symphonic Band in over 110 concerts and 500 rehearsals.●

Lloyd's memberships have included: Delaware Music Educations Association, National Band Association, International Association of Jazz Educations and the Music Education National Conference.

Described by his friend of over 30 years, Jonathan Wittman, Lloyd is a jovial, friendly kind-hearted man. He always looks for the humor in life, and finds a way to use humor positively and as a way to get his point across when teaching. He is personable and easy-going man who enjoys life to the fullest.

Lloyd plans to work part-time after his retirement with students and teachers at the University of Delaware. He also plans to spend time on his hobbies, which include travel, photography, and woodworking.

Through his tireless efforts, Lloyd has made a profound difference in the lives of thousands of students, while enriching and enhancing countless lives in the first State. Upon his retirement, he will leave behind a legacy of commitment to public service for both his children and grandchildren and for the generations that will follow. It is my privilege to congratulate Lloyd on a truly remarkable and distinguished career. I wish him and his family only the very best in all that lies ahead for each of them.●

TRIBUTE TO ORLAND BERGENE

● Mr. BURNS. Mr. President, it is my privilege to honor a very special man for his 43½ years of service with the Social Security Administration. Mr. Orland Bergene was raised in Circle, MT, graduating from Circle High School in 1955. He graduated in 1960, with a degree in Business Administration, from Rocky Mountain College in Billings, MT. Mr. Bergene and his wife, Judy, were married in 1965 and have two children, Steven and Jana.

Mr. Bergene has helped citizens obtain disability benefits and information through the Social Security Administration, by beginning his career as a Claims Representative in Billings,