

The NCAA recognizes Albion College as the 1994 Division III National Football Champions. But, by attending classes, volunteering in the community and graduating from school, the team was and will remain champions in the hearts and minds of the fans and alumni of Albion College. Congratulations to Coach Pete Schmidt, the players, and administrative staff for a tremendous season and a job well done.

PHILADELPHIA TREASURE HEADS  
FOR COOPERSTOWN

**HON. CURT WELDON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, January 13, 1995*

Mr. WELDON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to a Philadelphia legend who is headed for a new home.

For 18 glorious seasons, Mike Schmidt patrolled third base for the Philadelphia Phillies. He was a leader on the field and off. His achievements spoke volumes about a man who worked hard, never quit, and gave generously of his time to the people of the Delaware Valley.

On Monday, Mike Schmidt was elected to the Hall of Fame. It comes as no surprise to anyone who sat in the stands, watching his mastery of glove and bat. Schmidt's accomplishments were recognized by Hall of Fame voters, as he showed up on 96.5 percent of the ballots. That is the fourth highest percentage in the history of Cooperstown.

Mike Schmidt's career was filled with tremendous achievements. At the plate, he was a hitter who could hit for power and for an average. He finished his career with 548 home runs, placing him seventh on the all-time list. He hit the most home runs of any third baseman in the history of baseball. His lifetime batting average of .267 included his 1981 season in which he hit .316, pounded out 31 home runs, and knocked in 91 runs. And that year, he only played 102 games. Following the season, he was selected for this second consecutive Most Valuable Player Award. In 1980, he was also the World Series MVP, leading the Phillies to the championship by batting .381 and hitting two home runs.

But Mike Schmidt could do more than hit the ball. He was an outstanding fielder. His reflexes were quick, his glove soft and sure, and his throw to first came with plenty of pace. During his career, he won 10 Gold Gloves for defensive excellence, more than any other National League third baseman.

Mr. Speaker, perhaps the most revealing fact about Mike Schmidt is not his home run total, or the number of doubles he hit. Mike Schmidt is loved by the people of Philadelphia. In fan balloting in 1983, Mike Schmidt was selected as the greatest Phillie ever.

Now, 12 years later, the Hall of Fame voters confirmed what we in Philadelphia have always known. Mike Schmidt was a great baseball player who brought joy to millions of people. I know that the people of the Seventh Congressional District and throughout the Delaware Valley join me in saluting his accomplishments and congratulating him on his selection to the Hall of Fame.

SALUTE TO THE 1994 MAN, WOMAN,  
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**HON. WILLIAM J. COYNE**

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*Friday, January 13, 1995*

Mr. COYNE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased today to pay tribute to outstanding individuals and organizations in the city of Pittsburgh that have recognized by The Observer, a local newspaper, for volunteer service to our community.

On Saturday, January 14, 1995, The Observer will hold its annual ceremony to honor the 1994 Man, Woman, and Youth of the Year. In addition, five Pittsburgh residents and three local organizations will receive Awards for Outstanding Community Service. It is fitting that the House should have this opportunity to consider the contributions of these individuals and organizations to the quality of life in the city of Pittsburgh.

The 1994 Man of the Year is James Foley, a native of the Lawrenceville community in Pittsburgh. This committed local citizen is known for his widespread involvement in the civic life of Lawrenceville. James Foley worked to address the real world needs of his fellow Lawrenceville residents in the early 1980's when local steel mills were closing, and up to one-third of Lawrenceville's residents moved away to look for new employment. Mr. Foley founded the Lawrenceville Business Association in order to respond to changing economic considerations in the Butler Street business district where once prosperous businesses were closing and the number of vacant buildings grew steadily. James Foley has served with this association for 12 years and has served as its president since 1994.

During this period, Mr. Foley has helped to develop a long-term business district rejuvenation plan that has seen 42 new businesses open on Butler Street since 1990 and 55 storefronts and building facades either restored or renovated in a manner that complements the area's historic architecture. One special project to note has been the successful effort in 1992 by James Foley and the Lawrenceville Business Association to return Christmas holiday lighting to the neighborhood business district for the first time in 25 years.

The 1994 Woman of the year is Joedda Sampson, who is a 20-year resident of the Mexican War Streets/Allegheny West area of Pittsburgh. Joedda Sampson has worked with Allegheny City Restorations to restore seven single-family homes, three multi-family structures and two commercial buildings on the north side over the past 4 years. All of these buildings are more than 100 years old and were in conditions ranging from being burnt-out and abandoned to deteriorating and under code.

Joedda Sampson has provided an outstanding example to our community of what a public minded entrepreneur can accomplish when working with local residents and government. In 1993, Joedda Sampson played a vital role in resolving a 2-year-old dispute between Bloomfield and Friendship residents and local social service agencies over the future use of 2.2 acres on South Winebiddle Street which

was occupied by an over 125-year-old Victorian mansion. In response to local resident's opposition to public housing plans to tear down a historic building to make room for a 200-resident housing project, Ms. Sampson purchased this property and began a major, multi-million restoration of the Victorian mansion and the surrounding property. Today, this property is the home of the Victoria Hall Celebration Center which attracts hundreds of visitors each month to the Bloomfield and Friendship neighborhoods and provides many local residents with jobs.

Joedda Sampson serves on the board of the Calvary United Methodist Church, as well as the North Side Civic Development, the Community Design Center, National Victorian Society, Allegheny West Civic Council and is president of the Allegheny West Merchants Association. She is married to Ben Sampson and has one daughter and eight stepchildren.

The 1994 Youth of the Year is Amy Rectenwald, an 18-year-old resident of Bloomfield. Ms. Rectenwald has shown that hard work and personal commitment can be more important than family income or an inner city address. Ms. Rectenwald grew up in a large family where she received a privately funded scholarship to Oakland Catholic High School. While in high school, she maintained an "A" average even while helping to care for several younger nieces and nephews. She also found time to work as a volunteer at West Penn Hospital throughout her high school years without sacrificing her grades or her responsibilities at home.

Amy Rectenwald received a Simpson Foundation Scholarship to the University of Pittsburgh where she is now a full-time first year student with a marketing major. While carrying a full class load, she works part-time at the University's Hillman Library and at St. Joseph-Immaculate Conception Parish rectory. She also continues her volunteer service at West Penn Hospital, tutors elementary school students and helps out at her church bingo. Ms. Rectenwald's hard work, volunteer spirit and dedication to learning provides ample reason why she would be selected the 1994 Youth of the Year.

In addition to the Man, Woman and Youth of the Year, The Observer made Awards for Outstanding Community Service to several individuals and organizations. Katherine T. Barchetti was honored for her continuing efforts to promote Pittsburgh's Downtown business district in her role as both a downtown retailer, her service as chair of the Urban Redevelopment Authority's Downtown Retail Promotions Committee, and her many other efforts to serve the Pittsburgh community. The Highland Park Community Club and Shadyside Action Coalition were recognized for their efforts to educate public officials and local residents about the effect of continued concentration of group homes and special population residential facilities in Pittsburgh's East End neighborhoods and these groups were commended for the advocacy of a more equitable distribution of such facilities throughout the city and the county. Greg Kuban and Steve Novak were saluted for their work to establish the Lawrenceville Youth Football Club which provides an opportunity for over 150 boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 11 years old to learn positive life lessons through