

TRIBUTE TO THE UND ICE HOCKEY TEAM

• Mr. DORGAN. Mr. President, my home State of North Dakota has been making the national news lately because of the record-breaking snowfalls and flooding we have been suffering. This will surely be a winter that North Dakotans will remember for a long time to come. However, we North Dakotans will also be able to look back on this winter with fond memories because of the two national championships captured by the University of North Dakota in women's basketball and men's hockey.

I want to pay special tribute to the 1997 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Division I national hockey champions, the University of North Dakota Fighting Sioux. This is the sixth national championship in the long and storied 50-year history of the UND hockey team. In fact, only one other college, Michigan, has more national hockey titles to its credit than UND.

But perhaps this championship is among the most meaningful because of its improbability. Consistently throughout this season, the hockey program has defied the odds-makers with win after win. This team was predicted to finish no better than fifth in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association at the beginning of the season, but I guess someone forgot to tell that to the team and its coaches for not only did they win the WCHA but also the national championship. They closed out the season with a 31-10-2 record, becoming just the sixth team in UND history to win at least 30 games.

To win the national championship, the Fighting Sioux fought back from a 2 to 0 deficit after the first period to score five goals in the second period against Boston University. In the third period, the Sioux's smothering defense took over and the Sioux won by a final score of 6 to 4.

The team's outstanding team accomplishments throughout the year were aided by some notable individual accomplishments. Junior wing player Matt Henderson was named the tournament's most outstanding player. He was joined on the all-tournament team by freshman goalie Aaron Schweitzer, junior defenseman Curtis Murphy, and the team's leading scorer, sophomore wing David Hoogsteen. Sophomore Jason Blake was 1 of 10 finalists for college hockey's top individual player award, the Hobey Baker Award.

But a team needs hard work and contributions from all of its players if it is to reach the pinnacle of a national championship. The Fighting Sioux certainly got that from seniors Kevin Hoogsteen, Toby Kvalevog, Dane Litke, and Mark Pivetz, junior Mitch Vig, sophomores Jesse Bull, Adam Calder, Ian Kallay, Jay Panzer, Tom Phillion, Tyler Rice, Jeff Ulmer, Aaron Vickar, and Brad Williamson, and freshmen Peter Armbrust, Joe Blake, Brad DeFauw, Tim O'Connell, and Jason Ulmer.

Finally, I want to honor the coaches who have led the Fighting Sioux to these levels. Head Coach Dean Blais was named "WCHA Coach of the Year." He is assisted by Scott Sandelin and Mark Osiecki.

Since 13 of the team's 20 members are freshmen or sophomores this year, I am sure we can all look forward to another excellent season. But for now it is more than enough for North Dakotans to bask in the glow of winning yet another national championship in a 10-day period. And hopefully some of the warm feelings will help to melt the snow and dry up the floods.●

ONE HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE YEARS OF COLORADO SPRINGS GAZETTE

• Mr. ALLARD. Mr. President, one of Colorado's most prominent newspapers, the Colorado Springs Gazette, celebrated 125 years of service to the Pikes Peak region on March 23, 1997.

Although known as the Colorado Springs Gazette-Telegraph since 1947, the newspaper used its 125th birthday as an opportunity to return to its earlier roots as the Colorado Springs Gazette.

Colorado Springs is one of Colorado's most vibrant communities having experienced tremendous growth in recent decades. It is home to some of our Nation's most important military facilities such as Fort Carson Army Base, Falcon Air Force Base, the U.S. Air Force Academy and NORAD, U.S. Space Command, and the Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base. Most recently, several prominent family values advocacy organizations have located in Colorado Springs.

The founder of the newspaper, Gen. William Jackson Palmer, also is regarded as the founder of Colorado Springs. In fact, as the 125th anniversary edition of the Gazette pointed out, the city and the newspaper literally grew up together.

The colorful history of Colorado Springs has been chronicled for 125 years in the pages of the Colorado Springs Gazette and I join the State of Colorado in wishing its publisher, N. Christian Anderson III and the entire Gazette staff, congratulations.●

TRIBUTE TO THE BARRE-MONTPELIER TIMES ARGUS

• Mr. JEFFORDS. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to the Barre-Montpelier Times Argus on its 100 years of service to its community. From its in-depth statewide political reporting, to its commitment to local news, to its independent editorial page, the "T. A." has played a significant role in central Vermont's history.

I salute the Times Argus for not only reaching this important milestone, but for inviting the entire central Vermont community to participate in its 100th anniversary celebration. The paper has scheduled an open house and guided

tour of its facility and is sponsoring numerous theatrical and sports events this summer. In addition, later this year the Times Argus will be printing a centennial edition and is soliciting contributions from its readers about the history and personal impact of the newspaper and the community it covers. I know that I plan to take part in that endeavor.

While much in the newspaper industry has changed since the Times Argus was formed on March 16, 1897, the one constant has been the newspaper's commitment to its readers and community. Again I congratulate the Times Argus on 100 wonderful years of service and wish another 100 years of continued success.●

THE DEATH OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICER SCOTT WILLIAMS

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, I rise today in real sadness to report to my colleagues about the senseless murder last Thursday of Scott Williams, a decorated correctional officer at the Lompoc Federal Penitentiary.

Scott was just 29 years old when he was attacked savagely by an inmate with a makeshift knife. The stabbing occurred during a time of day when inmates walk freely through Lompoc's corridors. He is the only officer killed in the line of duty in the prison's history. My heart goes out to the family Scott Williams leaves behind—to his wife, Kristy, and their two young daughters, Kaitlin and Kallie.

Scott was a model officer, much admired by his colleagues at Lompoc, where he had been employed for only 4 years. But in those 4 years this young man had been promoted once and had received six awards for outstanding service. Scott Williams was as admired for his professionalism and commitment to duty as he was for his kind manner.

Sadly, Scott's training and commitment were not enough to sustain him in the terrifying and deadly moments of the attack, for he was unarmed. Four other officers—Mark Stephenson, Marcos Marquez, Scott Ledham, and Scot Elliott—were injured as they rushed to his side and finally subdued the attacker.

This tragic episode highlights the very real dangers that confront correctional officers across the country. And such incidents are on the rise throughout the Federal prison system. Nowhere is the record for attacks on guards worse than at Lompoc.

Few of us can appreciate the perils faced daily by our correctional officers. The job is fraught with danger, and it takes a special person to come through each day with one's spirit and confidence intact. But Scott Williams was such a man, and now his family and friends must go on without him.

I grieve for the family that is no more: for the husband and wife who can no longer dream of growing old together, for the young daughters denied