

to do before the big meet this weekend," I replied.

Being responsible isn't always easy, but anything that's worth while rarely is. However, I know from experience that responsibility pays off.

Responsibility is an active character trait—it is something that must be demonstrated rather than just an attribute that a person possesses. Being responsible means putting impulsive actions on hold and making good decisions based on sound judgment while keeping one's long term goals in mind and acting accordingly. Following this approach to responsibility has helped me maintain outstanding grades and become an emerging leader to my team and classmates. Everyone can and should be responsible to a certain degree and accountable for their actions. A responsible person is dependable, reliable, and trustworthy. Living with these traits has opened up numerous possibilities for me and helped me to further mature and become even more responsible.

As a captain of my cross country team, I am responsible for my teammates to a certain extent although they are still responsible for themselves and we are all held accountable by our coach. For example, I am responsible for locking up the locker room and making sure that everyone knows about all practice times. I must be dependable and reliable to fulfill these duties and trustworthy so as not to abuse my authority. These actions, in turn, allow me to set a good example and be looked up to by my teammates as a positive role model. I have become confident in myself as a result of being responsible and have become able to handle additional responsibilities.

I have increased my responsibility in my community resulting from my experiences in a team setting. I am often asked by my neighbors to take care of their houses and pets while they are on vacation. I have done this for time periods of up to five weeks! Doing this task takes discipline and self control in making sure that the necessary duties are completed without fail and whether or not I am in the mood for the job.

Successful instances of responsibility within my community have led me to seek responsibility to my country. Having recently turned eighteen years old, I upheld my national responsibility to register with the Selective Service System and was eager in becoming a registered voter. I have learned that the significance of responsibility is that it grows proportionally in that small responsibilities soon lead to larger responsibilities, which is an essential part of growing up. The circumstances in life are always changing, by responsibility is always a good choice and responsibility has continually changed my life for the better.●

#### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 73. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to any State or local educational agency that denies or prevents participation in constitutional prayer in schools; read the first time.

S. 74. A bill to prohibit the provision of Federal funds to any State or local educational agency that distributes or provides morning-after pills to schoolchildren; read the first time.

S. 75. A bill to protect the lives of unborn human beings; read the first time.

S. 76. A bill to make it a violation of a right secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States to perform an abortion

with the knowledge that the abortion is being performed solely because of the gender of the fetus; read the first time.

S. 78. A bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to make preferential treatment an unlawful employment practice, and for other purposes; read the first time.

S. 79. A bill to encourage drug-free and safe schools; read the first time.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-298. A communication from the Under Secretary of Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report related to the Taiwan Relations Act and PRC-Taiwan military balance; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-299. A communication from the Under Secretary of Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report related to outsourcing and privatization initiatives; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-300. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report for the year 2001; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-301. A communication from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Law, Office of Procurement and Assistance Policy, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Department of Energy Acquisition Regulation; Rewrite of Regulations Governing Management and Operating Contracts" (RIN1991-AB46)(1991-AB49) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-302. A communication from the Acting Director, Office of Surface Mining, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "New Mexico Regulatory Program" (NM-041-FOR) received on January 12, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-303. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Federal Subsistence Board, Fish and Wildlife Services, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Subsistence Management Regulations for Public Lands in Alaska, Subpart C and D—2001 Subsistence Taking of Fish and Wildlife Regulations" (RIN1018-AF91) received on January 17, 2001; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-304. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Administration, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedule II Control of Dihydroetorphine Under the Controlled Substances Act (CSA)" received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-305. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to cost estimate for pay-as-you-go calculations dated January 8, 2001; to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-306. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, Presidential Determination 2001-06 regarding a six-month suspension of limitations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-307. A communication from the Administrator of the Agency for International Development, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report for the period July 1 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-308. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relating to contributions to international organizations for fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-309. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-310. A communication from the Public Printer, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Semiannual Report of the Office of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-311. A communication from the Director of the Office of Transition Administration, Panama Canal Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to accounting systems and administrative controls for calander year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-312. A communication from the Chairman of the Securities and Exchange Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report relating to internal accounting and administrative systems for the fiscal year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-313. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Office of Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-314. A communication from the Federal Co-Chairman of the Appalachian Regional Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the semiannual report of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-315. A communication from the Chair and Chief Executive Officer of the Armed Forces Retirement Home Board, transmitting, a report on commercial activities inventory for the year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-316. A communication from the President of the Institute of Peace, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relating to financial statements and additional information for the fiscal years 1998 and 1999; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-317. A communication from the Chairman of the African Development Foundation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the internal controls and accounting system for the calander year 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-318. A communication from the Director of Investigations Service, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Suitability" (RIN3206-AC19) received on January 10, 2001; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-319. A communication from the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to the Inspector General Act Amendments of 1988, the report of the Inspector General for the period April 1 through September 30, 2000; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs.

EC-320. A communication from the President's Pay Agent, Office of Personnel Management, transmitting, pursuant to law, a