

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 formidability of 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, Jarett 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 squads to advance once again to the NCAA 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 TAIWANESE 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