

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,