

MOUNT CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA—SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGIONAL OCEAN SCIENCES BOWL

Team Coach: Harold W. Dorr teaches Introduction to Oceanography and Zoology. He also teaches college courses at Palomar College in San Marcos. Mr. Dorr has a BS in biological sciences from San Diego State University and a MS in marine science from the University of San Diego. Prior to teaching he enjoyed 5 years working as a biological technician (fisheries) for the National Marine Fisheries Service and 5 additional years working various diving activities including teaching SCUBA, working as a diver at an oceanarium, and collecting marine biological data on various research projects. Mr. Dorr shares his life with his lovely and patient wife and never gets his fill of sharing the ocean, mountains and deserts with his three children.

Team Members: Senior Julie Fero enjoys swimming on both the school swim team and PQ Aquatics. She is also involved in dance at school. She hopes to attend Humboldt State University and pursue a degree in marine biology, and eventually a graduate degree in oceanography. Senior Shawn Nesbitt enjoys motorcycle riding, fishing and diving. His favorite school subjects are oceanography, and a course called work experience. His extracurricular activities include participating in the Oceanography Club activities and playing hockey for his school. Shawn is also an Aquarist intern at the Birch Aquarium at Scripps. He would like to thank you for taking the time to read his biography and say hello to all his family in the audience. Senior Nathan Niemi moved from Minnesota to San Diego when he was seven and promptly fell in love with the beach. Physics is his favorite subject. He aspires to drive his parents bankrupt. He works as a waiter which allows him money to spend but no time to spend it. Body boarding and ice hockey are his first loves. Nathan's career goal is to do something that makes him happy. Senior Shadi Ghandchi is the youngest child in his family. About 3½ years ago he and moved to the US with his mother and sisters in search of a good education. Not speaking English made the first year difficult but the second year was better. Since sophomore year he has been an avid member of the Key Club, Math Club, California Scholarship Federation (CSF), and the Ecology Club. In his Junior year he became the President of the International Ski Club, and the Secretary of the Computer Club. Shadi's Senior year saw him awarded membership to the National Honor Society. He currently is the secretary of the Math Club. His favorite subject is science, especially biology, chemistry and physics. He hopes to become a Biological Engineer. Senior Keith Gretlein has marched in the award winning Mt. Carmel Band for four years and is currently in the nationally renowned Wind Ensemble. He has held a steady job for four years in the field of child development. His future education will be carried out through many prestigious schools and will probably focus on oceanography. Keith would like to thank his parents, teammates and coach, Mr. Dorr.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB LIVINGSTON

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I was unavoidably detained for rollcall vote 156 through 161. Had I been present, I would have

voted "no" on rollcall Nos. 156, 157, 158 and 159. I also would have voted "yea" on rollcall Nos. 160 and 161.

HONORING THE VOLUNTEERS OF THE CITY OF SAN BERNARDINO, CA

HON. GEORGE E. BROWN, JR.

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. BROWN of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the volunteers of the City of San Bernardino Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), who are celebrating more than twenty-three years of service to San Bernardino. This celebration also coincides with "Older Americans Month." The RSVP is a grant program funded through the Corporation for National and Community Service and the City of San Bernardino. RSVP provides my congressional district with volunteers over the age of fifty-five who are diverse in experience, interest, economic and educational backgrounds.

In our community, RSVP volunteers work assisting the frail and elderly, mentoring youth, assisting the homeless, and caring for developmentally disabled children and adults, as well as tutoring children and renovating homes. The program matches problems to be solved with people willing to help, and has a national membership participation of 450,000.

Programs such as RSVP provide an opportunity for people to give of their time and energy in a way that benefits the community by providing services to those in most need. I am proud to have an RSVP program in San Bernardino and, once again, I thank the volunteers for all of the time and hard work they commit to making our city a better place.

IN HONOR OF HOWARD METZENBAUM

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Howard Metzenbaum, former Senator from the State of Ohio. Serving nineteen years in the United States Senate, he represented his constituents with passion and guile, demonstrating both a fierce dedication to justice and a keen understanding of legislative procedure. It is these qualities that will be commemorated with the renaming of the U.S. Courthouse in Cleveland, Ohio as the Howard Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse.

Howard Metzenbaum's long career of public service began with his election to the Ohio House of Representatives in 1943. After serving two terms in the House and two terms in the State Senate, he sat on the Judicial Council of Ohio and the Ohio Bureau of Code Revision. In 1976, Howard Metzenbaum was elected to the U.S. Senate. Ohio voters would later return Senator Metzenbaum to Washington for two more terms.

During his nineteen year career, Senator Metzenbaum would establish himself as an outspoken leader for the principles and causes

in which he strongly believed. The Washington Post called him "an uncompromising, indefatigable and often irascible champion of liberal causes." Initially gaining notoriety for his skillful use of the filibuster in blocking legislation, Senator Metzenbaum became in later years an important coalition-builder and legislator. He authored or co-authored countless amendments and bills, including the Plant Closing Notification Act, the Nutrition and Food Labeling Act, the Brady Bill, the Alzheimer's Act, and the Civil Rights Act of 1991. Senator ROBERT BYRD of West Virginia once said of the Senator, "I have often felt that if we did not have a Howard Metzenbaum in the Senate we ought to make one."

My fellow colleagues, I can think of no more fitting a symbol of Howard Metzenbaum's legacy than his serving as namesake to the U.S. Courthouse. May the Senator's high standard of justice, fairness, and dignity for all men and women serve as an unyielding challenge to all those who enter the Howard M. Metzenbaum U.S. Courthouse.

IN HONOR OF ANTHONY GRAZIOSO'S FOUR DECADES OF PUBLIC SERVICE

HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a distinguished gentleman, Mr. Anthony Grazioso, who with more than twenty-five years of dedicated public service is retiring. He will be honored at Don Pepe's Restaurant in Newark, New Jersey on May 21, 1998.

Mr. Grazioso has served as the Director of Public Affairs for the New Jersey Transit Corporation for nearly 16 years, with the Transport of New Jersey for 10 years, and as a Community Relations Representative for The Port Authority of New York/New Jersey for six years. In 1964 he accepted a temporary position as Special Assistant to former Congressman Robert A. Roe, then Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Conservation and Economic Development. Mr. Grazioso also served as Deputy Director and Public Relations Assistant for the Jersey City Department of Public Works.

Mr. Grazioso graduated from Saint Peter's College in 1956 where he majored in Economics and minored in English Journalism. He has pursued studies in public relations, communications, urban affairs, community relations, public administration, political science, decision making, management effectiveness/organization, and finance/budget at the New School, New York University, the American Management Association, and the Public Relations Society of America.

Community involvement has been a consistent theme in Mr. Grazioso's life. Since 1956, he has been involved in volunteer work serving on the boards of civic, community, cultural, and church organizations in Hudson County. His accomplishments in the community and at work have been praised but he has also made time for his family.

It is an honor to have such an outstanding and dedicated individual in my home state of New Jersey. I am certain my colleagues will

join me in recognition of this well deserved honor.

A SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO ABIGAIL C. CHUDZINSKI ON HER APPOINTMENT TO ATTEND THE U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding young lady from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, Abigail C. Chudzinski. Abby has recently accepted her appointment to attend the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Abby, who is from Fremont, Ohio, will be graduating from St. Joseph Central Catholic High School, and will be preparing for one of the most challenging, rewarding, and educational opportunities of her life: her four-year commitment to the United States Naval Academy.

During her high school career at St. Joseph Central Catholic, Abby has distinguished herself as an exceptional student and a gifted student-athlete. She is currently carrying a 4.35 grade point average, which places her second in a class of eight-six students. She is a member of the National Honor Society, and it listed in the Who's Who Among American High School Students. Abby and her family can certainly be proud of her outstanding scholastic efforts.

Abby has also proven herself as a truly talented and gifted student-athlete. She was the Captain of the Varsity Track and Field Team, and has won numerous league, district, and regional awards in the sport. In addition, Abby has been active in the Key Club, Student Council, and is the President of the St. Joseph High School Band. And, last summer, she participated in the United States Air Force Academy Summer Scientific Seminar.

Mr. Speaker, each year, I have the opportunity to nominate young men and women for appointment to the nation's military academies. I am pleased that Abby has accepted her appointment, and will be joining the incoming Naval Academy Class of 2002. I am sure she will do very well. Mr. Speaker, I would urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to Abigail Chudzinski, and in wishing her well in her future endeavors.

VMI MAKES THE RIGHT MOVES

HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member highly commends this May 19, 1998, Omaha World-Herald editorial on the Virginia Military Institute to his colleagues. The Virginia Military Institute is to be complimented for the successful integration of female cadets into an institution that had been a traditional male bastion until the rending of a 1996 U.S. Supreme Court ruling. The Virginia Military Institute has been successful because of its sincere effort

to promote co-educational programs that would foster the positive acceptance and inclusion of women into the institution, and for these reasons are again to be commended.

VMI MAKES THE RIGHT MOVES

Virginia Military Institute, like The Citadel, had a long and proud tradition of educating men and providing military training and discipline. Both Virginia state colleges fought against federal rules requiring them to admit women if they wanted to continue getting public funding.

Both schools fought the order in court. The U.S. Supreme Court decided against VMI in 1996, as it had against The Citadel in 1995. The ruling was not popular. VMI alumni considered buying the college and making it into a private institution rather than go co-ed.

But when the ruling was issued and officials studied the situation, they decided to take the honorable path. They not only admitted women to the institute; they accommodated them.

The women who went to the college last fall were held to the same physical and mental standards as male students. They were yelled at, given push-ups and forced marches, shorn of their hair and sent through obstacle courses, all the while carrying a full college course load.

No quarter given. That is as it should be. Standards are standards.

But VMI was not grudging in its acceptance of co-education. It actively recruited qualified women, winding up with 30 in a class with 430 men. It held seminars on avoiding sexual harassment—required seminars for cadets, faculty and staff.

It hired a female assistant commandant and a female admissions officer. It asked the nation's military academies, which went co-ed 22 years ago, for advice. It brought in female upperclassmen from military programs in Vermont and Texas to act as big sisters for female freshmen.

Seven of the women who enrolled in September quit before finishing. But none cited sexual harassment or unfairness as a reason for leaving. Considering that 74 male freshmen left, too, the difference was not striking.

VMI deserves credit, not only for doing the right thing, but also for doing it the right way.

TRIBUTE TO ST. MARK'S WOMEN'S VARSITY ICE HOCKEY TEAM

HON. JAMES P. MCGOVERN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, May 21, 1998

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to report to the House on a remarkable achievement—namely, the 1997–98 championship season of the St. Mark's Women's Varsity Ice Hockey Team. The St. Mark's Lions are based in Southborough, Massachusetts.

Each of these players are talented young student-athletes who trained hard, practiced hard and played hard throughout their amazing year. I know their families and friends are as proud of the Lions as I am. On behalf of the citizens of Central Massachusetts, I congratulate the St. Mark's Lions for a job very well done.

The team members are:

ST. MARK'S GIRLS HOCKEY TEAM 1997–98

No.	Position	Year	Name	Hometown
3	D	1998	Hilary Zwerdling	Shrewsbury, MA
4	F	2000	Gretchen Anderson	Wellesley, MA
5	F	1998	Emily Harris	Greenwich, CT
6	D	2000	Kristen Larsen	Dover, MA
10	F	2001	Amy McNaught	Gorham, ME
11	D	1998	Marcia Ingraham	Georgetown, MA
12	F	1999	Catherine Larsen	Dover, MA
13	D	2000	Emily Amorello	Worcester, MA
15	F	1999	Sarah Fairchild	Pawtucket, RI
16	F	1998	Hailey Sullivan	Carlisle, MA
18	D	2000	Kristina Tois	Grafton, MA
20	F	1998	Melissa Yokell	Atkinson, NH
21	F	1998	Maura Crowell	Mansfield, MA
29	G	1999	Melissa Glaser	rockford, IL

Coaches: Wendy Cofran, Dana Pullman.
Captains: Maura Crowell '98, Hilary Zwerdling '09.
Manager: Heather Bates '00.

A recent article in the St. Mark's School newspaper brings to life their championship season and the wonderful team of young women who enjoyed this terrific experience:

[From the St. Marker, May 13, 1998]

GIRLS' ICE HOCKEY WINS THE NEW ENGLANDS!
(By Assistant Editor Allison Lorentzen '99)

On Sunday March 8, another amazing group of St. Mark's women hockey players captured the title New England Champions. Just four months after the Varsity Field Hockey team beat Cushing for the Class B NEPSAC title, the Varsity Ice Hockey team has the pleasure of crushing Middlesex in a 3-0 victory to earn the Division 2 Championship.

At the beginning of the season, the team, with a new coaching staff, was focused on regaining respect from the other ISL teams and hadn't thought ahead too much to the possibility of such a successful post-season. In past years, the St. Mark's team, with players such as Wendy Hall, Laurie Belliveau, and Erin Magee, was feared by their league opponents, as they were league champions in '92, '93 (co-champs), and '94 (co-champs). Maura Crowell made the team in the '94-'95 season as a third former and played with some of the women who developed this tradition of excellence. Experiencing the thrill of playing for such an awesome team, Cromwell looked forward to her next three years as a varsity player; but with the arrival of two new coaches in her fourth form year, she, along with new-comers Hilary Zwerdling, Marcia Ingraham, Melissa Yokell and Emily Harris, suffered through two disappointing seasons. After two seasons well under .500, another change was called for in the coaching staff.

Under the direction of head coach Wendy Cofran and her assistant, Dana Pullman, this year's team trained harder than in the past two years and collected many more wins for their efforts. Capturing their Holiday Tournament gave them confidence and hope for more victories later in the season. These victories did come, including a nail-biting, overtime 3-2 win over St. Paul's down in New York City. As the regular season was drawing to a close St. Mark's rolled by Portsmouth Abbey, Brooks, and BB&N. After handling Groton 6-2, the team clinched a place in the New England Tournament.

With an undefeated record in their division, the team, seeded first, was matched up against fourth seed Greenwich Country Day and had a week of practice to prepare for the semifinal game on March 7 at Cushing Academy. As St. Markers put away their squash racquets, basketballs, and ice skates and dusted off their lacrosse sticks, baseball gloves, and tennis racquets, the Women's Varsity Ice Hockey Team, led by two year co-captains Maura Crowell and Hilary Zwerdling, laced up their skates for a final week, perfecting power plays and strengthening slap shots. After leading the school in a