

are in our classrooms and teachers across the country are gearing up to prepare them for the new millennium. In many ways, teachers are doing what they always have at the start of a new school year—they are learning names, starting curriculums, passing out text books and coaching athletic teams. There is nothing highly unusual about recent new school years except that teachers are more concerned for their safety than they were in the past.

Over the last few years, the number of high profile school shootings—in Jonesboro, Arkansas, Littleton, Colorado, and Mt. Morris Township, Michigan—have changed Americans' perception of safety in school. On the last day of school in Lake Worth, Florida, a 13 year old boy allegedly shot and killed his language arts teacher with a .25-caliber handgun he brought to school.

Teachers in this country fear what may happen to them in the classroom and for good reason. Listen to this middle school teacher in Michigan, who participated in a study conducted by Dr. Ron Astor, an assistant professor of social work and education at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. The teacher said:

"A lot of us are afraid. You come in the morning and you're just afraid to even go to work. You're just so stressed out, because you're all tensed up, you can't feel happy and teach like you want to because you've got to spend all of your time trying to discipline. You're scared somebody's going to walk in. We keep our doors locked. We have to keep our doors locked." Middle school teacher. (Meyer, Astor & Behre, 2000).

Teachers, students, and staff are fearful of the presence of firearms in school and those of us who feel strongly about education and school safety feel we must do something to ease their fears. During the last few years, we have continually tried to close the loopholes in our laws that give young people access to firearms. In May of 1999, the Senate passed the juvenile justice bill with common sense amendments that would have strengthened our gun laws. After the House passed its version of the bill, the legislation went to a conference committee where Senators and Representatives were supposed to work out the differences between their two versions of the bill. Unfortunately, that conference committee has met only once and that was more than a year ago.

In the United States, another ten young people are killed by firearms each day. Congress must pass sensible gun laws and help keep our schools safe.●

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF PHARMACY

● Mr. SANTORUM. Mr. President, I rise today to congratulate the

Duquesne University School of Pharmacy on its 75th anniversary. Since September 21, 1925, the school has made valuable contributions to our nation by training thousands of pharmacists who serve the healthcare needs of our communities.

The mission of the School of Pharmacy, Mr. President, is to prepare students for life-long learning and careers in the profession of pharmacy. The school accomplishes this through outcome competency-based programs with an emphasis on appreciation for ethical and spiritual values. Moreover, the school conveys to students a foundation in the pharmaceutical, administrative, social and clinical sciences which are the bases for pharmaceutical care and research. Students, furthermore, acquire the ability to think critically and communicate effectively; and to understand personal, professional and social responsibilities.

Mr. President, it is with these ideas in mind that I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating the Duquesne University School of Pharmacy for its invaluable service to our nation. The health of our friends, families and neighbors is dependent on the diligent work of schools such as this.●

A TRIBUTE TO MICHIGAN'S OLYMPIANS

● Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. President, I rise today to recognize the 28 individuals with connections to the State of Michigan who will be representing our Nation at the XXVII Olympic Summer Games in Sydney, Australia. While I know that this is a very proud time for them and for their families, it is also a proud time for all Michiganians, and, on behalf of my constituents, I congratulate these 28 men and women on having been selected to coach or to compete as part of the United States Olympic Team.

I have many hopes for these individuals, Mr. President. My first hope is that while in Sydney they will do their best not only to bring home a medal, but also to enjoy their experience as Olympians. It goes without saying that it is an incredible honor to be an Olympian, and that these men and women have dedicated a great portion of their lives to attaining this goal, and also to winning a medal. I hope they will remember, however, that a medal is only one of many things they can take away from their time in Australia.

Secondly, Mr. President, I hope that as they compete they do not forget the millions and millions of Americans who are offering their support from the other side of the world. More importantly, I hope they do not forget the nearly 10 million Michiganians, myself included, who will be cheering just a little bit harder than the rest of them.

My final hope, Mr. President, is that these 28 Olympians achieve above and

beyond the goals they have set for themselves and for their teams, whatever these goals might be, and I wish them the best of luck in doing so. With that having been said, I ask to print their names, hometowns, and the sports they will compete in or coach, in the RECORD:

Dave Simon, West Bloomfield, Rowing; Todd Martin, Lansing, Tennis; Steven Smith, Detroit, Basketball; Kate Sobrero, Bloomfield Hills, Soccer; Ann Marsh, Royal Oak, Fencing; Shelia Taormina, Livonia, Triathlon; Nick Radkewich, Royal Oak, Triathlon; Teodor Gheorge, Davison, Table Tennis; Jasna Reed, Davison, Table Tennis.

Margo Jonker, Mt. Pleasant, Softball; Shane Hearn, Lambertville, Baseball; Jon Urbaneck, Ann Arbor, Swimming; Karen Dennis, East Lansing, Track & Field; Steven Mays, Kalamazoo, Wrestling; Daryl Szarenski, Saginaw, Shooting; Mike Kinkade, Livonia, Baseball; Phil Regan, Byron Center, Baseball.

Rudy Tomjanovich, Hamtramack, Basketball; Serena Williams, Saginaw, Tennis; David Jackson, Marquette, Boxing; Jermain Taylor, Marquette, Boxing; Brian Voloria, Marquette, Boxing; Clarence Vinson, Marquette, Boxing; Ann Trombley, Saginaw, Cycling; Jame Carney, Detroit, Cycling; Jonas Carney, Detroit, Cycling; Martin Boonzaayer, Kalamazoo, Judo; Torrey Folk, Ann Arbor, Rowing.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:51 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Ms. Niland, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House having proceeded to reconsider the bill (H.R. 8) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to phase out the estate and gift taxes over a 10-year period, returned by the President of the United States with his objections, to the House of Representatives, in which it originated, that the said bill do not pass, two-thirds of the House of Representatives not agreeing to pass the same.

The message also announced that the House passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4115. An act to authorize appropriations for the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4678. An act to provide more child support money to families leaving welfare, to simplify the rules governing the assignment and distribution of child support collected by States on behalf of children, to improve the collection of child support, to promote marriage, and for other purposes.

H.R. 4844. An act to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries.

The message further announced that pursuant to section 710(a)(2) of the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 1998 (21 U.S.C. 1709) and the order of the House of Thursday, July 27, 2000, the Speaker on Tuesday, August 15, 2000 has appointed the following members from the private sector to the Parents Advisory Council on Youth Drug Abuse on the