

ALPHABETIZED ROSTER—Continued

| Name | C | # | Position | Ht | Wt | Throws/bats |
|-------------------|----|----|----------|-------|-----|-------------|
| Harrison Holmes | Sr | 10 | SS | 6'1" | 185 | R/R |
| Robert Huber | So | 16 | P/IF | 5'10" | 150 | R/R |
| Ryan Hughes | Sr | 13 | OF | 5'9" | 175 | R/R |
| Drew Johnson | Sr | 9 | P | 5'10" | 185 | R/R |
| Jeffrey Kahn | Jr | 12 | OF/DH | 6'4" | 185 | R/R |
| Kale Kiser | Sr | 2 | 2B | 5'11" | 180 | R/Switch |
| Will Moran | Sr | 7 | OF/IF | 5'9" | 170 | R/R |
| Jason Palmatary | Sr | 22 | IF/OF | 6'3" | 175 | R/R |
| Blake Parker | So | 8 | OF | 5'8" | 155 | R/R |
| John Pelozo | So | 21 | P | 6'5" | 215 | R/R |
| Donald Plant | Jr | 3 | 3B/P | 6'2" | 185 | R/R |
| Eric Wald | Jr | 23 | P | 6'2" | 230 | L/L |
| Kevin Weissenborn | Sr | 19 | SS/2B | 5'9" | 155 | R/R |
| Jim Worth | Sr | 6 | P | 5'9" | 160 | L/L |

Coaches: Kendall Clark, Varsity Head Coach; Kevin Clark, Varsity Assistant Coach; Richard Zastoupil, Pitching Coach; Ralph Hinds, Junior Varsity Head Coach; Nathan Leraas, Junior Varsity Assistant Coach; and Gregory Pierce, Shepton Head Coach.

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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will recognize Members for Special Order speeches without prejudice to resumption of legislative business.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

RECOGNIZING FRESNO STATE'S WINNING THE COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Mr. NUNES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. NUNES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with my good friend from California (Mr. COSTA) to recognize something very important that happened in the San Joaquin Valley, for all the people of the San Joaquin Valley, and that is that yesterday the Fresno State Bulldogs won the college series. This is very special for all of us.

At this time, I yield to my good friend, the distinguished gentleman from California, an alumnus of Fresno State, Mr. COSTA.

Mr. COSTA. I thank the gentleman from California, a colleague, a good friend and an avid supporter of the California State University of Fresno, as we all are in the Valley delegation.

Mr. Speaker, we are proud to recognize the Fresno State baseball team, the Bulldogs, the Bulldogs on the West Coast, on their victory of the University of Georgia last night, the other Bulldogs, to claim the 2008 National Collegiate Athletic Division Championship I-A Baseball National Champions. Obviously, as my good friend Congressman NUNES indicated, I am a proud alumnus today.

The Dogs came into the tournament as the fourth seeded team and along the way beat Rice University, had two big wins over the University of North Carolina, and they are the first number four seed to reach the finals of the NCAA championship in any sport. It is truly historic in collegiate athletics. They went from the underdogs to the wonder dogs, and they accomplished this after spending over 40 straight days away from home. Leaving Fresno on May 14, they finally came home today.

They won five elimination games, including a 19-10 win over Georgia during the championship series.

This team was a pure joy to watch on the field. We saw outstanding defensive plays, 15 home runs by the offense, and they had American riveted to their televisions and radios to hear them win last night's game. It was an exciting month for anyone who is attached to the University or our San Joaquin Valley, or those who just happens to love our Nation's pastime, baseball.

The character, camaraderie, preparation, and ultimately the performance and success of the team flows from their head coach Mike Batesole and his wonderful staff. This year he was chosen 2008 Collegiate Coach of the Year in baseball.

One unique thing about this team is that every player is from California. In fact, many of the players come from surrounding communities; in my colleagues' districts, NUNES, RADANOVICH, and CARDOZA, and the like, they came from Clovis, Hanford, Bakersfield, and Turlock. Fresno State athletics takes pride in recruiting local talent from high schools and junior colleges.

These young men are models for student athletes around the Nation. Seven seniors and one junior will graduate within nine semesters. Steve Susdorf was given the Western Athletic Conference All-Academic awards four times in his career with the Bulldogs. These classroom accomplishments should be commended. These are truly student athletes at their finest.

There were five Bulldogs who made this year's College World Series All-Tournament Team. They are Erik Wetzel, Steve Susdorf, Steve Detwiler, Justin Wilson, and Tommy Mendonca. Congratulations to them.

Tommy Mendonca from Turlock was also named the Collegiate World Series Most Outstanding Player, and was recently named to the 2008 National Col-

legiate Team. He comes from strong Portuguese Valley roots, and we enjoyed watching him play.

Finally, we again want to congratulate the Fresno State team on a season well played. We tip our hat to the University of Georgia for an outstanding series, and all the teams that played this season.

Mr. NUNES. As you can see, Mr. COSTA is a very proud alumni, Mr. Speaker. Also, I would be mistaken not to mention my chief of staff, Johnny Amaral, is also a proud alumni of Fresno State. I know that he was really rooting for the team. This is going to be a very important victory for the San Joaquin Valley tonight. I know they are going to be welcomed home by probably thousands of fans in Fresno; and I know that Mr. COSTA and I can't wait to hopefully greet the team here and invite them to our Nation's capital and possibly even get a White House visit.

Does my colleague have anything else?

Mr. COSTA. I just want to thank the gentleman for yielding. We want to congratulate all of those who are a part of the University and these fine students athletes for a job well done.

Mr. NUNES. Thank you.

FRESNO STATE WINS COLLEGE WORLD SERIES

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The "Dogs" came into the tournament as a 4th seeded team . . . and along the way, beat Rice University and had two big wins over the University of North Carolina. They are the first number four seed to reach the finals of an NCAA championship in any sport. This is truly historic in collegiate athletics. They went from the underdogs, to the wonder "Dogs".

And they accomplish this on the road, away from home for forty straight days, and won five elimination games, including a 19-10 win over Georgia during the championship series.

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Finally, we again want to congratulate the Fresno State baseball team on a season well played, and tip my hat to the University of Georgia and all the teams that participated for an outstanding series and season.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. JONES) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. JONES of North Carolina addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

H. CON. RESOLUTION 362

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. GILCREST) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. GILCREST. Mr. Speaker, I want to speak today on Resolution 362 that is circulating in the House and its impact on policy in the Middle East.

As a result of Resolution 362 and its tightening of sanctions on Iran in a more broader way, will that have a positive impact on America's policy in the Middle East? Will it have a positive impact on the politics in the Middle East? Will it have a positive impact on Iran as far as the conflict between our two nations is concerned?

I will say, in my judgment, Mr. Speaker, that Resolution 362 will exacerbate, make much more difficult, the problems in the Middle East, the relationship of Iran with its neighbors in the Middle East, and the relationship

of Iran with the United States, and the relationship of Iran with the country of Israel. Let me try to explain why.

If we look at the Middle East right now in a very objective fashion, what is going on in the Middle East right now?

The geopolitical balance of power in the Middle East right now is fractured. We are focusing on the conflict in Iraq. We need as a Nation to focus objectively on the Palestinian-Israeli question, to resolve that issue, to reduce the number of recruits for al Qaeda and the Taliban.

We need to understand that Saudi Arabia, a Sunni country, does not want Iraq, a Shia country, to become an Iranian satellite.

We need to understand that Iran, who lost more men dead in a conflict with Iraq just a few years ago than we lost in World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam combined, wants to have some influence in the Middle East and certainly with what will go on in Iraq.

What will influence the direction the Middle East will take in the decades to come? There is violent conflict there. There is political conflict there. There is mistrust in the Middle East.

Let me use a quote from Sam Rayburn, former Speaker of the House. "Any mule can kick a barn door down, but it takes carpenters to rebuild that door and that barn."

We need carpenters. We need diplomats. More conflict, more restrictions, more sanctions is going to further exacerbate the problem in the Middle East and its relationship with the country of Iran.

One other quick comment. Iran is not an Arab country. Iran is a Persian nation that speaks Farsi, that does not speak Arabic. It is a nation of Shias with their own brand of Islam.

Knowledge and an informed policy in the Middle East, a surge of diplomacy, can make a key difference. Let me go back and express some precedence of the past about diplomacy and where it worked.

When Nikita Khrushchev said he was going to bury the United States, what was Eisenhower's response? He invited Nikita Khrushchev to the United States to tour the Nation, and it began to lessen the conflict between the two countries.

What did President Kennedy do when there were deployable nuclear weapons in Cuba aimed at the United States? He negotiated his way out of that conflict and saved a catastrophe.

What did Nixon do after Mao Zedong said it would be worth half the population of China being destroyed if we could destroy the capitalists in America? What did Nixon do? He had a dialogue. He went to China.

What happened when we did not have a dialogue, some understanding of Ho Chi Minh? A million people died.

Today in the Middle East we certainly need a strong military, we need a strong intelligence. But the aspect that is missing in the Middle East is what Eisenhower said was so critical in

foreign policy; that is, consensus and dialogue.

Mr. Speaker, there are a number of Members in this house that have started a long time ago, a couple of years, beginning a dialogue with the Iranians. Just last fall, 58 Members of this House on both sides of the aisle signed a letter to the parliament in Iran asking for a parliamentary exchange; 58 Members of Republicans and Democrats. That letter was hand-delivered by some of us in Lisbon to Iranian parliamentarians. They took it to Iran. And what is their response to us? They want a dialogue. There are members of the Iranian parliament that want a dialogue. Consensus and dialogue.

We need more carpenters. Vote against Resolution 362.

H.R. 5925, RECONCILIATION FOR IRAQ

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland). Under a previous order of the House, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. WOOLSEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, there is an old saying: Everybody complains about the weather, but no one ever does anything about it. That is pretty much what we are doing in Iraq.

In testimony before Congress and from press conference to press conference, administration officials have said that the most important item on our agenda for Iraq, right after security, is reconciliation. In fact, U.S. Ambassador Ryan Crocker said before the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Armed Services Committee that reconciliation is perhaps the most critical challenge that Iraq faces right now. Even the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan panel of recognized leaders in foreign policy and governing, wrote that: National reconciliation is essential to reduce further violence and maintain the unity of Iraq. And its report recommended that diplomats work to energize countries to support national political reconciliation in Iraq.

But this is not just the goal of the United States, Madam Speaker. The Iraqis themselves are calling for reconciliation. Before a meeting of the United Nations, Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said, and I quote him, he said, "Reconciliation lays the foundation for political, social, economic progress, and the security that we strive for."

This is not a Democratic or a Republican issue, Madam Speaker. It isn't a Sunni or a Shia or Kurd issue. It isn't an American or Iraqi issue. Reconciliation is an issue that has something to do with all of us. It is the pathway for stability and peace in Iraq, and it is the pathway throughout the region.

One news agency has dedicated itself to providing real resources, training, and assistance for reconciliation in Iraq. Since the year 2004, the United States Institute of Peace, the USIP, has been working in Iraq at the national and local level building peace