

Didn't the horse in 'Animal House' die in this office?

Last Thursday, University President Myles Brand was named the next president of Indiana University effective Aug. 1.

You're probably asking what the hell this has to do with sports besides the fact Myles will now have the chance to duck (no pun intended) flying chairs and avoid potential head butts from Bobby Knight thanks to the front row seats he will probably receive for Indiana basketball games.

Well, although the decision-makers have four months to find a replacement, I thought it would be nice to be the first one to make some suggestions. And being a sports-minded individual, I would love to see a Uni-



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versity of Oregon sports figure (either past or present) take over the office.

Of course that won't happen, but what follows is a list of potential candidates if this world were a better place.

Rich Brooks
Campaign Slogan: Now no one can fire me.

Brooks, the current athletic director/head football coach at the University, has now spent more than a year with the double duties. And all things considered, he's done a pretty decent job. He hired a women's basketball coach that took her team to the NCAA Tournament, and Brooks has actually spent quite a bit of time on campus dealing with students directly. (Of course, the reason he was forced to deal with the students was because he kicked some of them out of their seats at a basketball game).

Anyway, it would be pretty cool to have a president who spends his Saturdays during the fall prowling the sidelines in green polyester pants.

Don Monson
Slogan: You owe me, you bastards!

Monson, former head coach of the Oregon men's basketball team, was fired two years ago after losing 21 of 27 games in a season. He later sued the University after the athletic department belittled him by offering him a job as the head golf coach. Monson won the lawsuit, and now the school is paying him around \$250,000 as he lives a life of luxury.

On the surface it would seem as though Monson would have no reason to return to the school he now despises. But think of the revenge he could get on the athletic department if he were the man in charge.

Imagine this scenario: "Nice to meet you coach Green. I realize you've become a popular guy here at Oregon so instead of just firing you outright as head coach of the basketball team, I'll give you the option of staying and coaching our new women's swimming team."

One hour later Monson quits claiming the experience will help him to get the president's job at Nebraska when it opens up so he can fire the guy who fired him in the first place — Bill Byrne, who's now the AD at Nebraska.

Bill Byrne
Slogan: Dead for the Dome.

Brand, never a big fan of the Grateful Dead playing at Autzen Stadium during his stint as Oregon athletic director, could strike a deal that stated the Dead could play at Autzen. But only during Christmas break, and only if every dollar from the drug sales for the two or three shows went directly into a fund to achieve Byrne's vision of putting a dome on Autzen —

making it a multi-sport complex. The benefits would be outstanding.

1. Having shows in the winter would assure that the Dead Heads would leave their clothes on. (OK, maybe not.)

2. The money raised from drug sales for one weekend of Dead shows would more than fit the bill for construction of the dome, with enough money left over to provide free, filled, boba bags to the first 500 students at the first football game in the new dome.

3. Putting a dome on Autzen would probably keep the Dead out of Eugene. Who wants to see the Dead in a dome. Then again, why would anyone want to see the Dead, period? (Don't answer that).

Chris Miller
Slogan: C'mon, I just play for the Rams.

A. Miller, as quarterback for the Ducks from 1983 to 1986, never lost a game to Oregon State.

B. Sure Miller still has a job in the NFL, but next season he'll be playing for the Los Angeles Rams. How demanding can that job be?

A couple earthquakes, a smog-induced bout of emphysema, a few sack-loaded 40-point losses and he'll be ready to get the hell out of L.A.

Another scenario: Miller, being carried off the field after suffering his 14th sack in a game against Tampa Bay, is asked where he's going when he gets out of the hospital.

Miller yells, "Screw Disneyland. I'm going back to Hippyland!"

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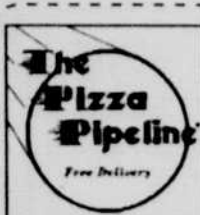
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