

O'Neil: Life after Oregon has been good to former UO star

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ball or for life.

"My dream growing up was not to play in Canada but to play in the NFL," O'Neil said, adding that Canada just wasn't the right place for him to start a career, in professional football or otherwise. "It is not a realistic avenue to get to the NFL. I was told that you go to Canada to make a career in Canada, and I didn't see Canada as the ideal place for me."

"It needed to be the right situation, and I don't think it arose."

So O'Neil went home to Southern California, but not dejected. At Oregon, O'Neil had been active in promoting Christian campus organizations, so when he got home and the opportunity for him to continue the work that he had done in Oregon arose at Calvary Chapel, O'Neil was set.

Since then, O'Neil has become the ministry's "go-to" guy. Calvary Chapel depends on O'Neil to coordinate field trips, coach surfing and bowling and found a chess team.

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"He was already into the thing clear up to his eyeballs. He just fit in nicely — he had just finished the Rose Bowl and had just graduated from school," said L. E. Romaine, assistant pastor at Calvary, adding that O'Neil oversees the activities of 300 to 400 kids. "He really gets after it. His hands are really full."

"I did think telling them that I would be willing to be there the next day was the right decision. If someone rejects a decision that I think is right, I'm not going to cry about it."

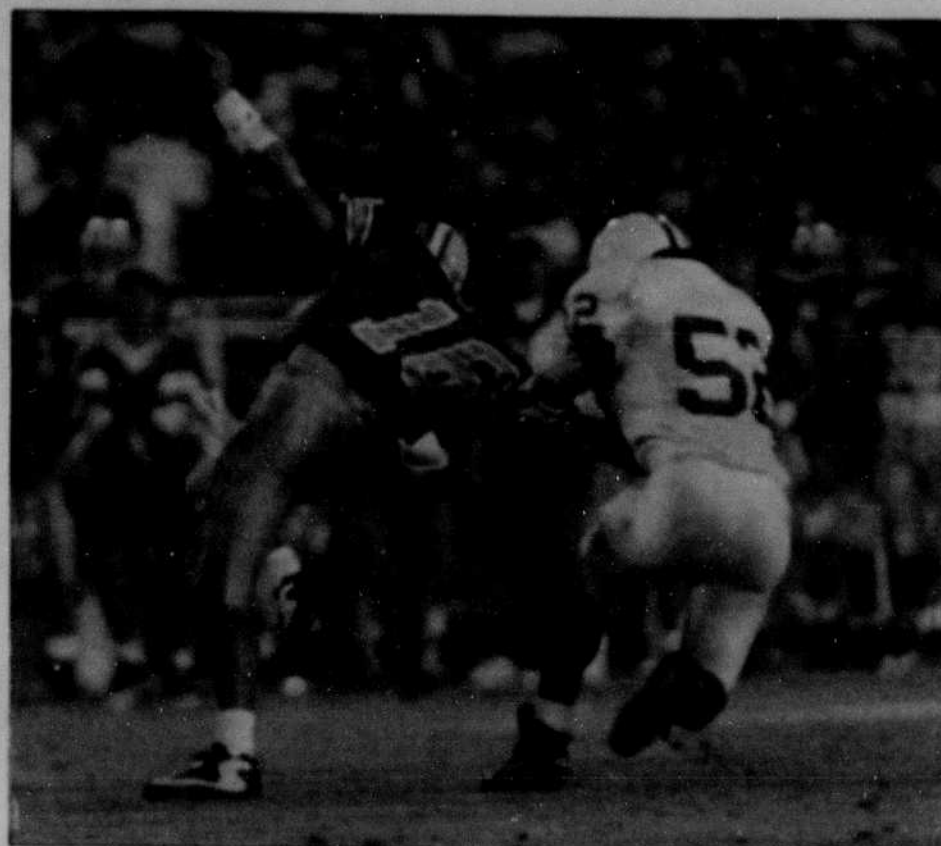
— Danny O'Neil
Former UO Quarterback

But after assuming that position, O'Neil was faced with a tough decision. The Kansas City Chiefs, a team he had worked out with just months earlier, came a-callin'.

Actually, they came a-demandin' — demanding on a Tuesday that he pack his bags and be on the next flight to work out with the team on Wednesday. But Wednesday is a big night at Calvary — when O'Neil meets with his bible study group — so he proposed being to practice on Thursday. That decision didn't fly with the Chiefs.

"With my belief and faith in Jesus Christ and God, you make the decisions you know are right," O'Neil said. "I didn't think just picking up and leaving was the right decision, but I did think telling them that I would be willing to be there the next day

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Danny O'Neil had his ups and downs while at Oregon, but emerged after his four years as one of the Ducks most influential quarterbacks.

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Horoscope by Frances Drake

For Tuesday, Feb. 6, 1996

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(March 21 to April 19)

Your significant other is giving out some mixed signals. However, you need to be patient and not try to force the issue. A close friend proves to be a useful ally in business.

TAURUS

(April 20 to May 20)

Morning hours find you hurried and hurried as you race against the clock to get things done. Later on, the pace slows down to a manageable level. Use diplomacy with big wigs.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)

You announce your new career plans with a grandiose flourish, only to be shot down by doubtful relatives. Listen to what they're saying. You need more time to think.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)

You don't provide a sterling example of diligence at work and co-workers aren't pleased. Remember that morale is important. Get yourself motivated.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)

Someone close to you disappoints you by paying little attention to what you're saying. However, this person has his own problems to deal with. Rely on your own strength.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)

Stop being so pushy with those around you. You're really being unbearable and people don't want to be near you. Look to modify your behavior.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)

You can't resist coming to the aid of someone or some animal in distress. However, your good intentions can sometimes lead to trouble as you get too involved. This time, take a back seat.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)

You're looking for a financial windfall that's just not going to happen at this point. Instead, sit down and get your finances in order. Consult with family members to reach an acceptable agreement.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)

You've really been working hard and you deserve a break. Take some time by yourself to relax and recharge your batteries. Loved ones are understanding and give you a wide berth.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)

A co-worker doesn't see eye to eye with you and could really work your nerves. Utilizing a different approach in your presentation solves the problem. In turn, listen to others' ideas.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)

A family member is worrying you with his spendthrift ways, and you're helpless to remedy the situation. Remember, experience is the best teacher, whether good or bad. Avoid the temptation to offer a loan.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to March 20)

Before leaving the house for work, an argument could ensue on the home front. However, leave this at home and don't let it spill over into your workday. A child insists on getting his own way.

YOU BORN TODAY are naturally creative and have a special talent for expressing yourself in public. You're a bit of a rebel and embrace the unconventional at every possible turn. You are not one to accept society's standards and are always looking for a different way. Fields of interest are writing, research and academia in general. Later in life, you are more settled and embrace family life.

Birthdate of: Mike Farrell, actor; Zsa Zsa Gabor, actress; Robert Townsend, actor.

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