

the half-court press

Ten seconds is all we need.



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Oakland University
Vs.
Tonight's victim
The (mostly) Anglo-Saxon
Bison of North Dakota



A horrified Marshall Bjorklund (backboard not pictured)

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Kyle Sikora revealed to be part treefolk *By: Eddie Norborne*

After extensive blood work, DNA testing and many consultations to an expert genealogist, scientists have determined that Kyle Sikora is actually part Ent (also known as treefolk). While both his parents were regular-sized humans [this fact confirmed by HcP staff reporter Eddie Norborne], it's been discovered that the gene that causes its host to exhibit extreme height and a slow, lumbering quality has actually lied dormant in the Sikora family tree, introduced many generations ago by an unknown ancestor, until now.

Sikora was interviewed for comment on this, but it took him 4 days to simply say "hello" to HCP staff, so fellow half-giant Corey Petros was interviewed instead. However, both him and Sikora were practicing defensive drills at the time, so Jeff Tungate, OU's associate head coach and specialist in big players, shooed us away



with "Alright, move along, our two towers here need to get back to practice."

This information

may help explain Sikora's passivity on the court this year, as Coach Kampe has repeatedly pressed Sikora to shoot more. At a recent practice Kampe de-

manded that upon receiving the ball in the post, Sikora put up a shot, rather than pass to one of his more able teammates. Since Sikora's passivity persisted, Kampe's prodding culminated in him driving an ornate, cryptically carved staff into the O'rena floor screaming at Sikora "YOU SHALL NOT PASS!"

Rumor has it that Greg Kampe is working on a new strategy involving Reggie Hamilton and Ryan Bass riding on Sikora's shoulders, allowing them safe passage across the court. When asked for comment on this, Hamilton responded with "Even if we were on his gigantic shoulders, one does not simply walk down the basketball court!", while Bass simply placed a nondescript golden ring on his finger, and seemingly disappeared into thin air.



NDSU forward develops crippling fear of the backboard *By: Sparky McKay & Eddie Norborne*

Fear is universal and is derived from both ends of the spectrum: some fear fire (pyrophobia) while others simply fear cheese (turophobia). However, NDSU forward Marshall Bjorklund has developed a fear so uncommon that it is a wonder he can step on a basketball court. The fear is so uncommon and unstudied that there is not even a name for it, however Bjorklund describes very easily what scares him-- backboards.

NDSU staff physicians have been perplexed as to the cause and extent of the psychological turmoil that erupts when Bjorklund gets within 10 feet of the backboard. One physician commented

on the breadth of Bjorklund's mind-numbing condition, "We've learned that it doesn't matter what kind of backboard it is--he hates them all. One particularly bad flare-up occurred when he was playing with his neighbor's children on a small plastic basketball net. He swatted one of the children's shots and proceeded to graze the backboard with his hand. He immediately called me in a panic saying weird things like 'The flat ones will take my hand if you don't' and 'The mighty wooden faces [backboards] say I amuse them.' It was bizarre."

The road to recovery is long and indefinite, to say the least. Staff physicians have even called upon

the aid of outside minds to bring fresh suggestions to the table. A specialty team from University of Michigan Medical Center have unsuccessfully employed some out-of-the-box strategies to release Bjorklund from his irrational stranglehold. Some of these strategies include painting the NDSU backboard with a mural from the show My Little Pony: Friendship is Magic (Bjorklund's favorite show), making Bjorklund wear a blindfold during the game (27 people were injured in the process), and telling Bjorklund that a giant spider was chasing him, and would "get him" if he didn't make the shot.