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## Interesting Pac-10 expansion read

Posted by byunlvfan - 2008/06/27 22:24

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I don't know if this has already been posted, but I ran across it and thought I'd bring it to the board in case any of you have missed it. Link:

<http://bleacherreport.com/articles/32799-pac-10-an-exhaustive-examination-of-expansion-options>

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Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/06/27 23:21

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Posted by TimO - 2008/06/27 23:40

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i don't like your screen name, but had to give you karma for that find. It was nice to have a read like that. I wondered about a couple accuracies but for the most part seemed right. BYU is a great leader, and it feels nice to be a BCS school in a non-bcs world. At least according to crazy sonny lubbick

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Posted by SkumBucket - 2008/06/28 00:50

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hold on, i'll do some more research - if i can find a pac-10 school that will count it toward my degree.

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Posted by iShowsToGo.com - 2008/06/28 02:37

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of that, it means not until 2015 will anything happen. Maybe by then BYU will have enough good seasons in football and basketball, that the Pac-10 will want to take BYU and Utah. Any other choices seem illogical. Nobody else comes close. Plus, it seems like each Pac-10 school is in it with its rival, OSU & Oregon, USC & UCLA, so you can't take BYU without Utah. They would dominate the Utah/Salt Lake media market if they took both schools.

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Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/06/28 06:31

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Why not count JD? Juris Doctor? Come on... you sound like my dad! He got a PhD in OB at IU and when I tell him I'd like to be called "Dr. Bubba" he gets his panties in a wad. "A law degree it NOT a doctorate"... hahahaha! I had to do 3 very tough years of graduate school AND had to do research papers and oral examinations... just like him. WTF? :laugh:

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Posted by Hengst - 2008/06/28 08:41

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and 71 masters programs (that was a quick count though, so I could be off by a couple)

<http://www.byu.edu/gradstudies/programs/mprograms.php>

Also, I'm fairly sure that there is a Ph.D. program in theoretical psychology, but it wasn't on the list (I know some people that are in it). It's fairly new, so it may not be accredited yet . . . . which may be why it is not on the list.

[http://www.cougarblue.com/images/fbfiles/images/Picture\\_1.png](http://www.cougarblue.com/images/fbfiles/images/Picture_1.png)

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Posted by HoosierCougar - 2008/06/28 10:53

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A fella can dream, can't he!

Do I hope it happens? ABSOLUTELY!

Do I believe it will happen? STRANGER THINGS HAVE COME TO PASS!

Can the academic "elites" swallow their pride and accept a university that focuses more on undergraduate education?  
DEPENDS ON THEIR COMMITMENT TO DIVERSITY;)

Can we hang with the PAC 10 talent... WITHOUT A DOUBT!:cheer: I foresee a potentially rocky start as we get up to speed with the travel, teams, venues, etc. Then we challenge for conf championship year after year after year...

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/06/28 13:22

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Boy, if I were an AD that could gravy-train like that (1-2 million) without doing A THING on the field, then I would be a happy cat... ;)

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Being invited to the Pac-10 would be an honor if they were willing to work with our no sunday competition standard. I don't see it happening.

I also don't see yewtah ever being invited (and being able to accept) without us. Too many people in the political arena in Utah that would fight the prospect of diminishing the rivalry between the schools. Remember the rilvary goes both ways. Heck there are people in the state that still seem to think that BYU and USU should be rivals in something. :laugh: :laugh: :laugh:

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/06/29 10:28

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So you've explained away Wake Forest. Now please address these awful schools that would likely be middle of the pack or lower in the MWC and explain why they deserve to be in a BCS conference but schools like BYU don't (please note that the list is not exhaustive and may have a couple errors-this is off the top of my head): Syracuse, Baylor, Colorado, Washington State, Oregon State, Stanford (remember, we're talking FB), North Carolina, Duke, Uconn, Iowa State, Indiana, Northwestern, Minnesota...

Some of these schools have only sucked recently or may now appear to be improving, but have all sucked at levels worse than maybe even BYU's worst seasons.

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Yup, I'll try to break it to you gently. Your and my taxes are supporting yewtah, UCLA, USC, Stanford & the rest of those "research universities". :angry:

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Posted by GolfDiveNCougs - 2008/06/30 10:05

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Posted by BYUtx - 2008/06/30 10:42

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The supposition that non-BCS schools are in a significantly worse economic world in college football by the existence of

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The bowl growth has certainly helped conferences like the MWC as it gives teams a little bit extra revenue, but more importantly practice time and exposure. Look at what the Humanitarian Bowl has done for Boise State and the New Mexico Bowl has done for New Mexico as examples.

The SLC bowl was a bad idea and didn't have much support behind it which is why it was nixed. If the BCS didn't want nonBCS teams to participate in new bowls then there would be no New Mexico Bowl.

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In order for your theory to hold any water you would need to demonstrate IMPROVED performance from the collective BCS schools versus nonBCS schools. That hasn't happened.

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## Re:Interesting Pac-10 expansion read

Posted by imuakahuku - 2008/06/30 14:14

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Posted by Metal Bubba - 2008/06/30 18:42

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So I'm gonna move on with one parting shot... jump on the bandwagon now, friends. Yea verily, coacheshotseat has predicted WF to go 11-1 this season: Analysis.

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Raise your hand if you think a BCS Bowl would pick a non-BCS school over the eligible BCS pool if they didn't have to...

Anyone???

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Yea that \$1.36 million for each BCS team is sure a paltry amount compared to the \$0.1 million that each non\_BCS team received. My heart goes out to those poor BCS teams that have to struggle so much for so little revenue. :dry:

You also fail to mention that the BCS automatic qualifiers just need to have 9 wins and be conference champs. The (one at-most) non-BCS "automatic qualifier" has to meet additional criteria of being ranked in the top 14 of the final BCS poll or be ranked in the top 16 if it is ranked above the champion of one of the automatic qualifier BCS conferences.

Then assuming a 2nd non-BCS team also was undefeated or had only one loss (only chance for a non-BCS team to be ranked high enough to even be considered), it then is just part of the "at-large" pool and can easily lose out to a BCS team with both lower ranking and more losses.

Consequently, until such time as two non-BCS teams are invited to the BCS bowls I stand by my previous statement that it can't happen. Between the current BCS rules and the fact that the BCS bowls have a vested interest in selecting a BCS school, it can't happen.

The current BCS selection criteria reminds me of a company I worked for that was required by the Feds to post certain job openings. Whenever they had a specific person in mind (either within the company or a particular possible applicant) they would write the job description so that it sounded great, had many specific areas of "required expertise and experience", and enough other very unique requirements that guaranteed only the targeted individual would qualify.

One of my managers even went so far as to obtain the resume of the targeted individual and write the job requirements straight from the person's resume. Of course the position was officially posted for all applicants, but the requirements when combined with the manager's final approval ensured that only the targeted individual received a job offer.

The BCS rules with the Bowls having the final say in the at-large selections is just such a shell game.

If the current multi-year BCS rules review results in a change to allow two non-BCS conference champions (one proposal would do that), then we might see two. Until then, it's one or nada.

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