

The Four Horsemen

Skit 1. “The Four Horsemen”

Cast: Chari, Fabrizio, Chris P., Tim, Tom H. as themselves

Chari: Hi guys. I just met with the dean. He is pushing really hard for better teaching evaluations in economics — he seems to think that we are not as good as in the days of the “four horsemen” – it’s how they used to refer to Tom, Neil, Ed, and Chris. So, we need to come up with a plan to improve our teaching ratings.

(Long pauses with all looking like they are thinking of ideas.)

Fabrizio: Ummm, ok, well I can try to stutter more, ummm, and maybe spend more time chewing on my hands. (Twirls hair and pretends to chew on hand while speaking)

Chris: I can (very long pause while shaking head) learn (pause) how to (pause) talk (pause) ummm (pause) slowly.

Tim: Ok. I know what to do. I can teach Lucas’ “On the Size Distribution of Business Firms” for the next 3 or 4 years, you know, until both I and the students really get it.

Tom: Oh, and I know too. I can write out my lecture notes on a styrofoam cup.

Chari: That would be great guys. The dean will love it. It will be just like the old days here at Minnesota. Thanks!

(All get up to leave as Caty’s picture of the 4 horsemen pops onto the screen)



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