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MAP affects ‘State of the University’

Retention unchanged from one year ago

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Funding for the Monetary Award Program grant was halted for the spring semester, and if it is not brought back it could cause long-term problems for SIUC.

More than 5,000 students at SIUC depend on the MAP grant, and its loss could mean the loss of those students.

Chancellor Sam Goldman said at Monday’s State of the University address that everyone from students to administrators must focus on convincing legislators to resume MAP funding.

“We will have to energize our own efforts, our own imagination, our own perseverance and our own creativity,” Goldman said.

Goldman said students would campaign to restore MAP funding for spring under the leadership of Nate Brown, SIUC’s student representative to the Board of Trustees. Students will travel to Springfield Oct. 15 to lobby the Illinois General Assembly during the fall veto session and express the importance of MAP funding.

But if the grant is halted, SIUC’s student body could undergo drastic changes.

Interim Provost Don Rice said SIUC could be forced to recruit higher income students if middle and low-income students do not have the necessary funds to attend the university.

“We have to do is make a stronger effort to recruit in areas where we think people have the income to come here,” Rice said. “That kind of goes against the mission of this institution. This institution has always served first-generation students, students of less-strong economic means.”

Rice said that route would be the last resort, however, and the university would first look for alternate sources of financial aid for middle and lower income students.

Peter Gitau, vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said there are not enough high-income students available to replace students who cannot afford SIUC.

Counseling Center’s search for staff halted

Students see new fees

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SIUC Counseling Center intended to hire new staff, but will now have to submit data to the university proving the positions are essential.

The center planned to begin a national search to fill positions by Aug. 2010 after losing one staff member and promoting another, but Chancellor Sam Goldman announced an immediate hiring freeze on Monday at the State of the University Address.

Rosemary Simmons, director of the Counseling Center, said she thinks the staff positions are critical to the center’s mission.

“I believe we have very convincing data and hope it is viewed similarly by the president and chancellor,” Simmons said.

Peter Gitau, assistant vice chancellor of Student Affairs, said he is optimistic the center would not experience budget cuts this year because of the number of students who use the services.

“We try to let students know that you don’t have to be in a crisis to use the Counseling Center,” Gitau said.

Gitau said he has not yet received word on whether the center would have budget cuts this year, so the center has a good chance of continuing the search. He said the university would be operating on the previous year’s budget until further notice.

Since last semester, the Counseling Center has eliminated services, such as attention deficit and hyperactivity disorder assessments and shortened session times to allow students to get to class, Simmons said.

Simmons said until last spring, the center had been offering ADHD assessments for $250, which would normally cost students around $1,000. The assessments were time consuming and required a full-time counselor and graduate assistant, Simmons said.

“That is a severe cut (to a service) we used to offer that we no longer offer,” she said.

Simmons said the state allocates $19,700 per year other than salaries to the Counseling Center. If the center needs supplies or additional funding, it has to rely on door fees. She said the fees, which start at $6 and increase after the 15th visit, account for $25,000 to $30,000 per year.

Simmons said clients who do not show up for a scheduled appointment would now be assessed a $6 door fee, which would be added to their bursar accounts. She said if patients cancel two consecutive appointments, their file would be closed and the clients would have to reapply and be placed at the bottom of the waiting list, which could take two weeks.

“Basically, what we’re trying to do is motivate students to take more responsibility for appointments,” she said.

Budget cuts force hiring freeze

Administrators look to avoid layoffs

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The university has implemented a hiring freeze that will last through July 2011 and possibly longer.

Chancellor Sam Goldman said at the State of the University address Monday, the hiring freeze would be effective immediately, allowing only essential positions approved by the provost and chancellor to be filled.

“This is a very dramatic and drastic move and I’m not too crazy about the idea,” Goldman said. “I don’t want to let people go, I really don’t … that’s the best interest of the university has to come first.”

SIU President Glenn Poshard said the freeze is part of a large effort to avoid using furloughs and layoffs to cut costs.

“We are the economic engine for the area,” Poshard said. “If we start laying people off or putting people on furlough or cutting back on our obligations for paying people and so on, that has a resounding effect throughout southern Illinois.”

Goldman said most ongoing searches to fill positions would continue as planned, canceling only the searches that have just started. The search for the associate chancellor for Institutional Diversity would also continue and Goldman said he wants to have the position filled by Jan. 1.

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Gary Kolb, dean of the College of Mass Communications and Media Arts, said the college is lucky enough to have two existing searches, one of which was already approved to continue through the hiring freeze.

“We’re pretty lucky,” Kolb said. “Faculty seems to be stabilizing … I think that means we’re going to perhaps escape rather luckily from this … the problem is you never know what’s going to happen.”

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**Funding**

Contingency 1

“All the research points to a future... where the profile of the person who is going to be seeking a college education is not going to be the high-income person, but is going to be the low-income person who typically would rely on these grants,” Gitau said.

**Budget**

Contingency 2

Kenneth TitzeBaum, dean of the College of Education and Human Services, said the fund is dishearten-
ing and could be difficult for morale among faculty and staff, but the im-
portant thing is to continue providing a quality education to students.

“Obviously, it’s not a positive fac-
tor in moving ahead,” TitzeBaum
said. “It makes the situation more
difficult... (but) we’re still providing
terrible programs to students.”

Goldman said he advised all to
adopt a sense of urgency as the
next three to five fiscal years begin
to unwind. He said the university’s
financial situation could get worse.

“Weather federal stimulus money
will help us through next year, the
situation in the state is deteriorat-
ing rapidly and if there is no re-
novinal action at the state level, the
consequences for us could be dire,”
Goldman said.

Posh said the $16 million in
federal stimulus money would be
gone by June 30 and there is little
hope the state would have any new
revenue sources for the university.

“We’re getting the most dire pre-
dictions for next year,” Posh said.
Goldman said the university
would also try to rechannel resources
to more revenue-generating pro-
grams. These programs, he said, are
ones with high student demand and
faculty whose research bring in mil-
lions of dollars. The university needs
these programs in order to support
those that do not generate revenue,
but are still valuable to the students
and university, Goldman said.

**Police Blotters**

Kendra Jane Mall, a 22-year-old SIUE student of Makayapau, was arrested on a warrant for an original traffic charge. Mall was unable to post the required bond and was transported to the Jackson County Jail.

Gvenchod Oppion, a 25-year-old SIUE student of Carbondale, was arrested in connection to a battery charge and was released on a Carbondale City arrest warrant.

**Calendar**

**Siski Jekyllwiz vs. Evansvile**

- 7 pm Friday, September 10 at Chauncey Gym

**Siski Football vs. Southwest Baptist**

- 6 pm Saturday, September 11 at McKendree Stadium

Submit university events to the Buzz: Debra Rieker, Communication, 618-453-1587, at least two weeks before the event.
Forestry team ready to grind competition

SIUC a 17-time Midwest winner

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Strains of tobacco, saw dust and logs were in the air at the SIUC Tree Improvement Center Monday.

About 20 forestry students gathered to practice for the 2009 Midwest Foresters Conclave, a competition the SIUC chapter has won for the last 17 years, said Michael Dirks, a senior studying forestry from Effingham and captain of the conclave team. The contests range from the two-man back saw; the tobacco spit and the one-man match split, he said.

“We definitely have a lot of fun,” Dirks said. “It’s something good to get into.”

Members of the conclave team will meet Monday through Friday each week to sharpen their skills and areas for the Sept. 26 competition at Camp Owendesnak in Ozark, Dirks said.

Men, who are referred to as a “Jack,” and women a “Jill,” will both have the chance to compete physically with logs and saws of various sizes, or mentally with land navigation and tree identification contests, he said.

The Tree Improvement Center, located west of campus on Thunderstorm Road, serves as a resource for the forestry department and a practice ground for the students, said Naomi O’Neal, vice president of the forestry club.

“We’ve gotten to be pretty good,” O’Neal said. “We’ve gotten invited to more competitions than we can go to.”

But funding and scheduling constraints keep the team limited to one competition a year, said Dirks.

“The university has helped us out with some funding,” he said. “We also raise a lot on our own… selling firewood and doing other things.”

The conclave team consists of about 25 students who are also in the forestry club, which has about 50 members, Dirks said.

Some forestry students have taken to encouraging others with friendly competition. The tobacco spit contest, which allows the competitor three attempts to splatter their spit on a white square 10 feet away, is a favorite, said Kelsey Lesniak, a senior studying forestry from West Chicago.

“I won first in that last year,” she said to a teammate preparing his tobacco-mined saliva.

“You better watch out.”
CAIRO — Osama bin Laden last week ratched up the anniversary of the 9/11 attacks, the al-Qaeda leader avoided his usual rhetoric of jihad and instead took a more analytical tone, claiming his group’s differences with the U.S. stemmed from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. But analysts said Monday that the message’s tone and its unusually short length — only 11 minutes, far shorter than others released by al-Qaeda to mark the anniversary — was an indication that al-Qaeda was struggling to maintain interest seven years after its most shattering terror attack.

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Lennon, Winkeler among those giving away tickets

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What started out as an informational meeting about Saluki Pride Week at the Grinnell Dining Hall turned into a parade around the dormitories Monday as SIU coaches visited with students.

Saluki Pride Week kicked off with head football coach Dale Lennon and head volleyball coach Brenda Winkeler handing out free posters and cookies.

"We’re bringing it to the streets, so to say," Kirchmeier said. "We want to teach our residents what it means to be a Saluki. We really see this as a rallying point.”

Kirchmeier said Saluki Pride Week, a partnership with the Residential Housing Association and the Saluki Dawg Pound, was created to build a closer connection between students and athletics. She said she wants to get the students interested as soon as they get here, so they will be Saluki fans even after moving out of the dorms.

Lennon and Winkeler handed out tickets to surprised students walking back into their residence halls, as members of the Dawg Pound and housing association gave students free posters and cookies.

Assistant Athletic Director for Marketing Mark Gadzik said getting the students involved is the most important goal for athletics.

"We wouldn't have athletics if we didn't have the students," Gadzik said. "As attendance continues to increase, the performance of our teams increases. We can see a direct correlation between the two. We really love the engagement we have with everybody on campus.”

Winkeler said going around the dorms was an exciting experience.

"There are a lot of different kids from a lot of different places. By going out here we really get to see what SIU is made up of,” Winkeler said.

Saluki Pride Week will continue today with a "Saluki Hunt,” an on-campus scavenger hunt, beginning at Trueblood Dining Hall. Other events for the week include a trivia night Wednesday and a movie night at McAndrew Stadium Thursday, featuring Jerry McGuire, which Lennon said is one of his favorite football movies. The events will continue all week, leading up to the volleyball team's conference opener 7 p.m. Friday at Davies Gym and the football game 6 p.m. Saturday at McAndrew Stadium.

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Regulating Wall Street

Monday, President Obama spoke at Federal Hall in New York City about the financial crisis that started a year ago. He announced new measures to place regulations on the financial markets so this crisis does not happen again. One of the president’s ideas was to create a Consumer Financial Protection Agency that would regulate investment institutions, close loopholes in the laws and end the “too-big-to-fail” theory. This type of regulation is desperately needed. A free-market system is the best for this country, but a free market does not mean an unregulated market.

The issues that placed our country and the global economy on the brink of collapse were deception and greed. President Reagan signed the Garn-St. Germain Depository Institutions Act in 1982, which expanded the authorities of savings and loan banks. This was good because it introduced smaller banks that could compete with full-service banks, but it did not attach the regulations to the S&L banks, which the full-service banks were under.

So S&L banks made risky loans, chased profits with no regard to the consumer’s money and were unchecked to do so. This led to a collapse of the system and took more than $21,000 people’s life savings down the drain too. Sound familiar? President Clinton signed into law the Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999. This further deregulated the banking industry by repealing regulations put into place after the Great Depression. It allowed banks to merge and take on more markets, thus creating the “too-big-to-fail” situation we have now.

Next, the housing market boomed and there was little-to-no regulation in the market. In the name of chasing profits with no regulations, sub-prime mortgages were given out too easily, adjustable mortgage rates were given to people who didn’t understand them and could not afford them, documents were forged and misinformation ran rampant. Because banks were allowed to merge into other markets, some sold their bad debt to investors.

People had this ticking time bomb in their portfolios and the banks walked away with their money when the homes went into foreclosure and housing prices came down to realistic levels it was too late, all the ticking time bombs were going off. Banks stop lending money for homes and to businesses, 401(k)’s lost value, investors dumped what they could, the stock market plunged more than 2,000 points, businesses laid off people to stay afloat and people stopped spending money because they didn’t have it.

Global markets reacted because consumers stopped buying and the entire world almost went broke. President Obama is looking to regulate a market that has been freed of regulations for decades. There is going to be push back.

People on Wall Street will say it is a jobs killer and they promise it won’t happen again. Conservatives will say government has no business in the market and it will only hurt business. And I will say only five words: Look at mutual fund!

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**Guest Column**

**Britain leading European effort on climate change**

David Miliband

At the start of my political career someone once warned me about the danger in politics of “benign neglect” — good intentions being obscured by lack of focus.

That is the danger we face today on climate change. In less than three months, at the U.N. summit in Copenhagen, decisions will be taken that determine the future of the planet.

But a deal in Copenhagen is in danger; and the greatest danger of all is that amid the competing priorities of economic recovery, Afghanistian and nuclear non-proliferation we fail to see the problem until it is too late.

To tip the balance, the United Kingdom government last week began a new diplomatic push with European colleagues from France, Finland, Denmark and Sweden.

We are working on four fronts. First, climate change needs to be taken out of the “environment” box.

A deal is not just desirable, but an imperative for national security and sustained economic recovery over the medium term, on a par with the fight against terrorism.

High oil and food prices were a trigger for the current economic crisis, building up global financial imbalances and pushing up interest rates.

The resource crunch is the second parent of the crisis alongside the credit crunch. Climate change will result in mass migration, drought and water shortages causing tension and conflict within and between nations.

Global warming may not be on the U.N. Security Council Agenda now, but it will be in future if we do not wean ourselves off carbon.

Second, we need a deal that passes a simple test: whether it is consistent with living in a world where temperatures rise by no more than 2 degrees. Most diplomatic negotiations involve compromise.

This will be no different. But the one area we should not trade off is the level of ambition in a Copenhagen deal. Climate change is a non-linear phenomenon.

Beyond 2 degrees and scientists warn us that the effects on the planet could be catastrophic. Worse still, there is a sharply increased risk they will create vicious cycles that cause runaway climate change, such as the melting of the permafrost.

Third, the biggest blockage to a deal in Copenhagen is about finding a fair distribution of responsibility between developing and developed nations.

The rich world bears historical responsibility for the problem and has much higher per-capita current emissions.

But the developing world will be responsible for the majority of emissions growth in the future, and will suffer the greatest costs from climate change. The way through this is clear, but challenging to achieve.

The developed world needs to make ambitious cuts in its emissions equivalent to 25 per cent to 40 per cent by 2020.

It needs to provide the finance and technology to enable poorer countries to develop low carbon energy, and adapt to the climate change already in train. In return, poorer countries cannot be expected, at current levels of development, to cut overall levels of emissions; but they must make commitments to make verifiable shifts in their emissions profile from the business as usual of high carbon growth.

Fourth, we need a shift in tactics. Climate change is not a zero-sum game and we should not adopt zero-sum tactics.

If we wait until the negotiations in Copenhagen to reveal our hand in order to squeeze the best deal out of other countries, the deal will either not happen or be insufficiently ambitious.

If poor countries know that rich countries are prepared to shoulder responsibility, I believe they will step up to the mark.

We need to generate trust and momentum in the run-up to Copenhagen. That is the significance of the decision of the new Japanese government to move from an 8 per cent reduction in emissions by 2020 to 1990 levels to a 25 per cent reduction.

We need more game-changing interventions in the next three months. As the UK prime minister has argued, we need to generate a finance offer — a $100 billion annual by 2020 — to poorer countries to enable them to begin the transition to low-carbon development and adaptation.

The United Kingdom is determined to show leadership on this issue.

We are the first country to set a legally binding target to cut emissions by 34 per cent by 2020 on 1990 levels toward an 80 per cent cut by 2050.

But the UK can have more impact as part of an EU mobilization. The EU has the world’s first carbon market that transfers funds to poorer countries where emissions reductions are most cost-effective.

The EU is the biggest single market in the world. When it stands standards for cars or fridges it has the power to drive innovation.

The EU is the second biggest aid donor in the world — when it puts together a climate finance package, it can leverage action from developing countries.

And the EU has six major summits coming up between now and December with all the other big players.

Climate change needs to be the centerpiece of those summits. And the EU thrives on big projects: peace and reconciliation after the Second World War, the single market, the euro and enlargement.

The next big project for the EU - the environmental union is — is to be the catalyst for a world beyond carbon. Climate change involves science, economics and technology. But now a deal depends on politics.

We need a fresh approach, and we need it soon.

Miliband is the British foreign secretary.
The Southern Illinois Philosophy and Film club kicked off its second year of existence Monday with a screening of the film "Encounter Point," which focuses on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

The theme of this year’s film selections will deal with culture, said Rebecca Farinas, president of the club.

Each week a different film will be shown to encourage philosophical dialogue, she said.

With each film shown, a different professor of the philosophy department will help mediate conversation, she said.

"Film allows for a philosophical discussion with people who are not necessarily in the discipline," said Kandace Riddle, vice president of the club.

Film is a good way to discuss philosophy because of how comfortable and familiar people are with it, she said.

"It is a great way to bring people into philosophy and delve deeper into questions," she said.

The club is partnering with Morris Library and the Global Media Research Center, Farinas said.

"The library thought our idea was right on target with their new mission," Farinas said. "The library wants to use these programs to help create a place for an exchange of information."

The library partnership allows the club to show films at the new auditorium, she said.

"With each film, a librarian that specializes in different subject matter will give a brief presentation on the material and where someone could find more information," Riddle said.

The more we can collaborate across campus like this, the richer and more stimulating our intellectual life together becomes," said John Downing, president of the Global Media Research Center.

He said each film and discussion would open up a range of contemporary problems.

"We want to open the area of study of philosophy and film on our campus and allow for everyone to participate," Farinas said.

Film and philosophy have a long running partnership together beginning after World War II, she said.

Other films will be used along with modern ones, such as "The Matrix," Riddle said.

Lunne Bond, a doctoral student in mass communications and media arts, takes part in discussions after watching the film "Encounter Point," about a forum for grieving families on both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The film was the first of a series that will play every Monday through Oct. 3 at Morris Library.

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NEW YORK — Normally so cool, so consistent, so in control of his emotions and his matches, Roger Federer let the U.S. Open championship slip from his grasp.

Two points from victory against inexperienced, unheralded Juan Martin del Potro of Argentina, points from a sixth consecutive title at Flushing Meadows and a record-extending 16th Grand Slam overall, Federer quite simply, fell apart Monday.

He ruled at the chair umpire. His legs grew weary. His double-faults mounted. He could not figure out a way to stop the 6-foot-6 del Potro from pounding forehand after forehand past him.

In a result as surprising for who lost as how it happened, the sixth-seeded del Potro came back to win his first Grand Slam title by upset-ting the No. 1-seeded Federer 3-6, 7-6 (5), 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

"Can’t have them all," Federer said.

He had won 40 consecutive matches at Flushing Meadows. He had won 33 of his previous 34 Grand Slam matches.

And he had the final at 17 of the past 18 Grand Slam tourna-ments, 21 overall.

Del Potro? This was the 20-year-old’s first Grand Slam fi-nal, and he was 0-6 against Federer until now.

But after handing Rafael Nadal the most lopsided loss of his Grand Slam career in the semifinals Sunday, del Potro came back the next day and rattled Federer.

Until Monday, Federer was 2-5 in Grand Slam finals against his nemesis, Nadal, and 13-0 against everyone else.

Freshman Chika Kaleda took it out as well, losing his match 8-4 against junior Ben Smith of the University of New Orleans in Flight 2.

Fresno Jordan Snyder did not get a chance to compete.

"It was disappointing not to be able to play," Snyder said. "We did get a bit of experience out there, though, and that will help us go ing into next weekend." Snyder said he thought the team could build on the weekend and use the experience to get ready for the Hoosier Classic in Bloomington, Ind., Friday.

"I think we’ll go out there, prepare ourselves and do well for this coming tournament," Snyder said. "Hopefully the weather will be more cooperative."
Men’s Tennis

New Salukis compete in first tournament

Freshman Jordan Snyder works on his serve return at University Courts during practice Sept. 8. Snyder is one of six new Salukis on the team.

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Six players debuted for the defending Missouri Valley Conference champions during the weekend as the SIU men’s tennis team returned only three players from last season’s squad.

Rain prevented the new Salukis from getting a full weekend of experience as the Louisiana-Lafayette Invitational was cut short Friday and Sunday.

“We didn’t get to see a whole lot this weekend,” head coach Dann Nelson said. “We took a few things we saw in the tournament and are using them in practice for next weekend.”

Nelson said the team needed to practice on serves and returns as well as its overall fitness so the players are able to keep up with other teams.

Women’s Golf

SIU coach best in Midwest

Diane Daugherty was an award before the Salukis could even finish their first tournament of the season.

The SIU women’s golf coach was named Midwest section Coach of the Year by the Ladies Professional Golf Association Teaching and Club Professionals as she enters her 24th season coaching the Salukis.

It is not the first time Daugherty has won the award. She was named the Midwest section Coach of the Year in 1990, 92, 93, 95, 2000, 01, 03.

“I am honored and pleased, and even though I have won this award several times before, it’s always nice to be rewarded,” Daugherty said.

When the Missouri Valley Conference celebrated its 100th anniversary, Daugherty was named All-Centennial coach of the League. She is also a Class-A member of the LPGA.

Daugherty said she was surprised to receive the award follow-

ing a disappointing season.

“It was ironic to get an award of excellence following last season because it is hard to coach a team that is not playing well, and it is hard to keep the team happy and motivated,” Daugherty said.

The Salukis only had two top-five finishes last season and finished ninth in the 10-team MVC Championship Tournament.

Daugherty’s awards extend beyond her coaching career.

She won the LPGA Team and Club Professional Division National Tournament in 1995 with a score of 3-under-par.

She also won the 1995 Illinois Open and the LPGA Senior Division Midwest Title in 2006 and 2008.

Junior golfer Alex Anderson said Daugherty is a rare coach because she goes above and beyond what she needs to do.

“I’m really excited for her, and she is there for us on and off the course. She is always pushing us to get better, and I think that is what a good coach is supposed to do,” Anderson said.

Junior golfer Carly Flynn said Daugherty does a great job of keeping everyone on the team involved and motivated.

“When I was a freshman and sophomore I didn’t play well, and the one person that kept me from quitting on myself was Diane,” Flynn said. “We are all so blessed to have her as our coach.”

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The tournament format was shifted to single elimination because of the poor weather conditions.

Four Salukis won matches during the weekend including sophomore Paolo Buary and freshmen Brandon Florez and Oihan Spahic. Buary went on to his second match 8-0 to sophomore Daniel Moser of Ouachita Baptist.

The other Saluki to win a match was senior No. 1 seed Anton Leonenku. Leonenko defeated No. 2 seed Julien Rinas of Southern Mississippi in the first flight of the tournament 8-6. The contest was a rematch from two years ago, which Leonenko lost 6-7, 7-6.

Robbins’ Nest

The BCS has one too many letters

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The NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision is terrible. The much ballyhooed style of football is atrocious and not worth the time of day. The Manning brothers’ fictitious DSRL Overeating league is a better use of time.

The system has three glaring weak points.

Glaring Weak Point No. 1: The pre-season rankings for the BCS are horrendous.

If the team did well last year, regardless of who it brings back, it will be ranked. If it is the same problem with NFL analysis too — analysts just assume “well, they will be good again.”

Trying selling that philosophy to the Super Bowl loser. It does not stop there though. If a team comes from a big school and the voters are not sure whether or not it will be good next year, guess what happens — it gets ranked.

Look at Notre Dame this year; the team went 7-6 last season, but it found its way in the top-25. One loss to Michigan later, they are ranked No. 40.

And now Michigan is ranked No. 25 after that win despite winning only three games last season. It must be great to be a large school.

Glaring Weak Point No. 2: These big schools often sneak by on prestige when picking out a schedule.

Ohio State University is the perfect example of what prestige can do for a team. It even gets the special “The” in front of its name. But almost every time Ohio State plays a ranked team, it loses.

Why? It’s because the Buckeyes beat up on the Toos and Temples of the world to beef up their rankings.

When they play a real team such as University of Southern California, they lose. But as long as the Buckeyes play in a broken system that encourages beating terrible teams by 60-plus points, they will continue to be ranked each season.

Glaring Weak Point No. 3: The emphasis the system places on regular season games.

I get it, ESPN, college football has the greatest regular season in all of sports. Every game means something.

However, regular-season games taking away from the postseason is backwards thinking.

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