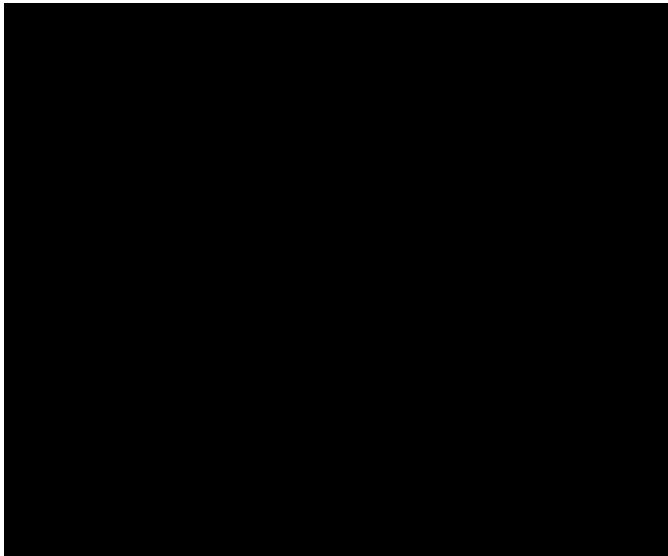


## THE CURIOUS INDEX, 6/1/2010

 by [Spencer Hall](#) on [Jun 1, 2010 11:23 AM EDT](#)  27 comments

**YOU HAD HIM IN YOUR GRASP, LES, AND YOU LET HIM GO.** The mild, beach-y reign of terror Kenny Chesney has had over college football's calendar--forever insisting that this is your moment, and your time, and fuck you Chesney, we move on our OWN time, dammit--could have ended with a simple snap of the neck or chop to the throat. You're a Michigan man, Miles. We know that like all adherents of the Stodgy Empire of Gentlemanly Peninsular Tastes, you were instructed in the art of *bartitsu* by Sensei Schembechler, and can disarm a street rowdy with an umbrella while punching his counterpart in the throat with your copy of the Times. We know you're capable.

If this is all true, you could have ended it, Monsieur Chapeau, and whiffed on the chance when you had it, failing college football.



You've failed us all. (HT: [ATVS](#))

**SOMETIMES, YOU TEACH A MAN TO FISH.** And then [some of them have trouble cleaning the fish](#), or getting the hook out, or sometimes the talk to the fish, thus getting three magic wishes, but one of them wishes for a million wishes, and then the fish wishing committee is called in to rule on whether this violates all fish-wishing rules, and then the fish wishing committee asking Michigan to censure itself for the violations, and now hasn't this story taken an ironic turn? (HT: [Blutarsky](#))

**BEFORE IT GOES TOO FAR OVER THE HORIZON:** It's slightly moldy cheese, but let it be noted that among Tennessee's 32 signees from the 2007 class, [17 never made it to the UT campus due to lack of qualifying](#). If there's evidence that Phil Fulmer's recruiting was slipping beyond the pale of acceptable, that's as damning a slice as you might need. Tennessee's always been a place that, like Rocky Top itself, doesn't grow its own food. When half of it goes bad in the wagon on the way up, you're talking some non-metaphorical starvation.

**THEY DO HAVE THE PSYCHOSIS NECESSARY TO FLOURISH IN OUR DISTINGUISHED COMPANY.** Vince Dooley [says A&M really, really wanted to join the SEC, but that politics scuttled the idea back during the first SEC expansion](#). (FIRST GET IT WE'RE PRESCIENT HERE.) This will end with Mike Slive weeping on the edge of the bed in his undies while Mack Brown and Will Muschamp roll in a pile of dollars, because nothing in Texas politics comes without someone taking a cactus in the saddle.

**FURTHER STATS CONFIRMING WHAT YOU ALREADY KNOW: BEING SMALL SUCKS AND IS EXPENSIVE.** More research suggesting that the bigger the boat, athletically speaking, the [less students actually pay for sports](#). Let's just Cato Institute the whole thing and suggest that what your school needs is more commitment to cash money sporting events, and that these should be funded with a market in live

organ sales by students willing to part with kidneys. We kid, but students at Alabama would do the surgeries themselves if necessary to keep the statues sprouting at Bryant-Denny. (Ha, we kid. They're rolling in cash. Keep your filter-beans and GET A HAIRCUT YOU FAUX-HIPPIES WITH YOUR BANGS AND WHATNOT.)

**MMM GREAT MORE AUTOPLAY.** ESPN's already getting its web presence eviscerated by Yahoo and nibbled away by Rivals and others in pieces, and [selling out "aggressive, full-screen autoplay" ads for ESPN 3](#) only sends them further back into the 1997 AOLniverse they think the internet is in 2010. Next up: hosting Simmons on a Geocities page. (HT: [Hutchins](#).)

Comments

**"Next up: hosting Simmons on a Geocities page."**

*Warning! This site may infect your computer.*

by [Brian\\_K](#) on Jun 1, 2010 11:29 AM EDT [reply](#)

**Geocities is too good for that turd.**

by [Billy Sims' Fro](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:43 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

**Simmons page**



**WATCH OUT BELOW**



**CONSTRUCTION  
ZONE**

*"It's not Disneyland, people. Get the hell out of the way." NYC Firefighter*

by [jokastrength](#) on Jun 1, 2010 11:48 AM EDT [reply](#)

You forget the odometer-style hit counter!

by [softbatch](#) on Jun 1, 2010 11:59 AM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

<http://www.homestarrunner.com/sbsite/>

*The artist formerly known as TCOAN*

by [Lady Commenter](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:25 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

**SOMEBODY GET THIS FREAKING DUCK AWAY FROM ME!**



"...when the devil says to you: do not drink, answer him: I will drink, and right freely, just because you tell me not to."

— Martin Luther

by [Go Big Rev](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:32 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### The system is down.

"It's not Disneyland, people. Get the hell out of the way." NYC Firefighter

by [jokastrength](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:54 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### No, The Cheat

That is not for you to throw a lightswitch rave

by [PalmettoTiger](#) on Jun 1, 2010 1:05 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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homestarr: "I have a sock on my head? {shaking back and forth} Getitoff getitoff getitoff getitoff getitoff getitoff getitoff getitoff." -sbemail#82

by [Cocky Scar](#) on Jun 1, 2010 1:20 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### RE: Tennessee

I stand behind my rule proposal that a player must be pre-cleared by the clearinghouse (subject to final grades, actually graduating high school, etc) before a school can even OFFER him a scholarship.

Dont have the test scores? You arent participating in national signing day. Once you get the scores, find someone with a spot still available. Im sure if you are good enough, someone will hold one/open one for you.

This handles oversigning, as virtually everyone you sign is eligible (that subject to final yadda yadda could trip someone up), so no one will sign more than 25 (+early entrees). You will still get current players asked to leave/pay their own way to open up one of the 85 spots for a late qualifier, but the Ole Miss signing 38 idiocy goes away. And, yes, I know the SEC took care of that, but 28 is still idiocy.

by [gtne91](#) on Jun 1, 2010 11:49 AM EDT [reply](#)

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### Any one who's ever had to go through the clearinghouse knows what a clusterfuck it is

They sometimes fail to do due diligence until after sophomore year- there're people who lose scholarship money because they haven't finished clearing you until you're through with your second season. Pisses coaches off to no end.

by [Londonjoe](#) on Jun 1, 2010 11:52 AM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### Why do I have a feeling that is primarily for non-revenue sports?

I have never heard of the 5-star guy who walked on his freshman year because the clearinghouse didnt do their job. :)

But, yeah, I could see that being an issue. The pre-clearing need not involve the actual clearinghouse though. It could just be a chart of grades and test scores. "Does it look like he is gonna be eligible? Yeah, then we can go ahead and offer."

by [gtne91](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:01 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### Euros in Basketball

Which, in some instances, is a revenue sport. They had to change the rules (It's really, really hard not to play with pros in Europe in almost any sport) to account for the clearinghouse's slow feet.

by [Londonjoe](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:08 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### Ah, that makes sense

But, as you note, problem already solved via rule change.

I think of the clearinghouse as primarily counting core classes and looking at SAT scores, I guess they do some other stuff towards determining eligibility too.

Football doesnt have either the AAU or Euro problem.

by [gtne91](#) on Jun 1, 2010 1:23 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### Sadly, this would prevent...

....Kiffin from nailing that 12-year old to a letter of intent

by [Spartan D](#) on Jun 1, 2010 2:19 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### I'm amazed

that the FREEP finds anything RichRod says "amusing".

*"I like the taste of danger most of all." - Jonatha Brooke*

by [MtnEer\\_in\\_SC](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:09 PM EDT [reply](#)

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by [blanx73](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:42 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### Serious question: why is the MAC I-A?

Analogous schools along the East Coast all the way down to Georgia are I-AA and doing just fine at it. West of the Mississippi, some even go down to D-II.

*That 17-year-old Hokie sitting in the rafters in Greensboro didn't see any of this coming.*

by [JoshCVT](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:26 PM EDT [reply](#)

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### A million bucks for a beat down against BCS team X sounds fun.

*"I'm colonel cool! And I'm the captain on this rocket to the stars!"*

by [psuphiman80](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:38 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### Because if the MAC was 1-AA

the Big 10/11/? schools couldn't count all the wins towards bowl eligibility.

*"I like the taste of danger most of all." - Jonatha Brooke*

by [MtnEer\\_in\\_SC](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:44 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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### /Rimshot

by [zzgator](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:50 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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**And Florida just loads up on powerhouses in their non-con.....**

.....next up, South Florida Vocational College for Crippled Indians

by [Spartan D](#) on Jun 1, 2010 2:21 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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**The MAC is the northern version of the Sun Belt or CUSA.**

Occasionally a team shows promise to be a BCS contender, but in the end flames out and plays in a minor bowl.

by [Crabapple Buck](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:51 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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**+22 Cocktails...**

for using "Cato Institute" as a verb.

by [Terry Bowden's Shoe Lifts](#) on Jun 1, 2010 12:40 PM EDT [reply](#)

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**"17 never made it to the UT campus due to lack of qualifying"**

17 didn't complete their eligibility.

Looking at the list, I only see one non qualifier... but a lot of transfers.

by [Caban](#) on Jun 1, 2010 1:26 PM EDT [reply](#)

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and in some ways that is even more damning.

As someone who was up there, I got to see just how silly the program had become. By the time he was done, we had a lot of players that wouldn't even listen to the guy... and at least one full fledged mutiny.

by [Caban](#) on Jun 1, 2010 1:30 PM EDT [up](#) [reply](#)

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**Am I reading that right?**

The 'Tres' is gonna put ads over the video player? So when Rooney scores the equalizer, I'm gonna be looking at an Old Spice ad? WTF??

by [CKGator](#) on Jun 1, 2010 1:31 PM EDT [reply](#)

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