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People would actually be signing in the street, in the rain even — I guarantee it. All because of the TV-shower.

Now I don't like to boast, but this is the greatest invention since the beginning of the millennium. The TV-shower saves time and money. Period.

The ultimate goal of the TV-shower, of course, is time management. Human nature propels us to try to squeeze as much as we can into 24 hours. But there's only so much one can do. That's why we have combine some of our daily chores/necessities.

My roommate brushes his teeth in the shower. Aside from being the strangest, and grossest, thing I've heard of, I guess the shower-brush is a time-saver. But it just doesn't cut it for me, nor does it save enough time. Besides, brushing your teeth in the shower only complicates what is supposed to be the most invigorating part of the day. The shower should be fun, and nobody enjoys brushing their teeth.

Watching TV in the shower, though, now that's a novel concept.

If I could only figure out a way to eat breakfast while watching "SportsCenter" in the shower — wow! — life would be perfect.

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# Coaches ponder fate of BCS system

By Mike Tulumello  
East Valley Tribune

MESA, Ariz. (KRT) — If you talk to some of the nation's best-known college football coaches about the current system to pick a game featuring the nation's top two teams at season's end, you can come up with one general consensus:

The coaches agree the Bowl Championship Series system didn't work last season. That's when Oregon, ranked No. 2 in the major polls, was bypassed for the so-called national title game vs. Miami in favor of Nebraska — a team that didn't even win its own conference — because of the Cornhuskers' higher computer rankings.

Discussions are under way to tweak the system to prevent a recurrence, though nothing has been finalized.

But if you try to come up with a consensus for change, be it small or large, or to keep the system basically the same, you come up empty.

Some coaches, such as UCLA's Bob Toledo, favor a postseason tournament or playoff involving as many as eight teams.

"Let's play it on the field like every other sport does... and then nobody has to complain about anything," said Toledo, who was among a host of coaches in town for a

golf outing sponsored by the Fiesta Bowl, which will host the Big Game at the end of the upcoming season.

Others, like Mississippi State's Jackie Sherrill, suggest perfection can never be assured.

"If there's one out of eight or 10 years that it doesn't work, then those are pretty good odds," Sherrill said.

"There's been a lot of thought put into it," Sherrill said. "The good thing is that it's controlled, managed and run by football people."

Agrees Washington State's Mike Price, "Let's leave it alone. I'm not much of a tinker or changer. If you change it every year, you never really know what you've got. Keep it the way it is and work through it."

Along similar lines, Iowa State's Dan McCarney said, "I think they will continue to evaluate it and make minor adjustments."

Michigan State's Bobby Williams said he opposes any change that would harm the current bowl set-up. But he acknowledges, "Based on what happened last year, something needs to happen."

"You've got one team that was second in the major polls that didn't get to play for the national championship. The polls

should carry a lot of weight.

"With the current system, there's too much room for error."

"I'm not advocating a playoff. The bowl system is nice the way it is."

"But somehow, some way, we need to come up with a better way to get the two top teams to play for the national championship."

Wisconsin's Barry Alvarez thinks that in future cases, "If the polls agree, why use computers?"


More substantively, Alvarez says, "I wouldn't mind having one more game," in which two teams play for No. 1 at the end of the traditional bowl season.

Even Sherrill, who seems to have no problem with the current set-up, sees a playoff coming.

He foresees a four-team playoff involving the champions of four major conferences: the SEC, the Pac-10 and the Big 10, with the ACC nosing out the Big 12 for the other spot because of more desirable TV markets.

Says Sherrill, "Will we have a playoff one day? Yes."

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