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ECU student selected for Senate fellowship

Keen will serve under Senator Burr

NIA RICHARDSON
STAFF WRITER

U.S. Senator Richard Burr selected ECU graduate student Adam Keen to serve a 6-month fellowship focusing on economic development.

During the fellowship, Keen will have many responsibilities. He will assist Senator Burr with economic development initiatives in the eastern North Carolina region.

Keen will also work with local leaders analyzing the economic trends, development needs and federal assistance needs of eastern North Carolina. Another responsibility Keen will take on is helping to develop economic coalitions across the state.

The fellowship will be credited toward Keen's masters of business administration [MBA] in the ECU College of Business.

"Economic development is a key element of the university's strategic plan. This announcement reflects the commitment of both Senator Burr and the university to improving lives throughout the state and we are excited for Adam Keen's opportunity," said Steve Ballard, chancellor.

Contributed image

Pictured above: U.S. Senator Richard Burr and Adam Keen, recipient of fellowship.

Keen began the fellowship in July. He will receive hands-on experience working with the Senator that will aid in his planned pursuit of a career in economic development.

"Adam is the first ECU student selected for this fellowship. In fact he is the first person from anywhere selected," said Rick Niswander, dean of the college of business.

"We sent an email to our students informing them of the opportunity. He and about a dozen other students applied for the job.

We had an initial selection process and then finalists were interviewed by staff in the senator's office and they made the final decision."

Keen being selected for this fellowship is very significant

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School of Communication director switches gears

Hudson takes on new role within the college

JAMI DAVIA
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Timothy Hudson, director of the School of Communication, has decided to take over as the director of Special Projects for the College Fine Arts and Communication within the next 6 months.

This change is due to many new advancements in the college that have allowed the administration to take a step back and work on refining important parts of their programming.

"The ECU School of Communication has just experienced several years of amazing change, growth and progress. So much has happened so quickly that parts of the broader institution are reeling and students are making major adjustments," said Hudson.

"So, now is the perfect time for a period of calm and stewardship. New faculty will find their niches; students will benefit from the larger staff, new curriculum and improved facilities and the school can really put the increased budgetary and private resources to work."

Dr. Jeffery Elwell, the dean for the College of Fine Arts and Communication, wants to look at enrollment management and set up more international programs within the college.

They also hope to expand the college into three or four departments and add more major graduate programs into the curriculum.

"As for the School of Communication, it is in terrific hands and in better shape than ever before. In a few years, I predict the College of Fine Arts and Communication as well as the broader University community will have a stronger understanding of

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New online journal established for the College of Education

First issue recently published

ZACK HILL
SENIOR WRITER

The College of Education recently began the publication of the Journal of Curriculum & Instruction, an electronic journal [e-journal].

"It is a "peer reviewed, electronic journal that provides a forum for the dissemination of articles focused on research, practice and related issues relevant to teaching and learning in the Pre K-12 environment," said Katherine O'Connor, assistant professor of education.

A conference in 2004 helped get the journal off the ground. "JoCi [Journal of Curriculum and Instruction] began after a few faculty members returned from a SITE conference in 2004. We wanted to create an international peer-reviewed journal to add research and practice articles to the field of curriculum instruction," O'Connor said.

The journal got its start in 2005 with faculty members in the department of curriculum and instruction in the College of Education.

The journal is composed of five sections; Practitioner's Platform, Perspective, Research Forum, By Invitation and From My Point of View.

"The audience for the journal includes higher education faculty, Pre K-12 teachers, graduate students in education, preservice teacher education candidates, school administrators and educational policy makers with interest in curriculum and instruction," O'Connor said. The first issue's theme is Literacy: Best Practices in an Age of High-Stakes Assessment, with guest editor Terry Atkinson, associate professor of education. The next issue will not be published until January 2008, with the theme of Social Studies Teaching and Learning: Preparing Citizens for a Global Society. The editor for that edition will be Merry M. Mayfield.

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Researchers hope to gain further knowledge on Multiple Sclerosis

MCT

Researchers at ECU are working to find out the effects of MS on couples.

Study conducted at ECU

JAMI DAVIA
STAFF WRITER

ECU's Department of Child Development and Family Relations is conducting a research study to further their knowledge of those living and coping with the disease of Multiple Sclerosis (MS).

The study will be composed of couples, consisting of at least one partner with MS. The purpose of the study is to discover how both the partner with MS and the partner without deal with the disease. In other words, it looks at how each perspective comes into play when it comes to dealing with the diagnosis of MS.

The study will consist of an hour-long interview where each individual agrees to discuss their experience with MS. The research process is still being tweaked.

"One of the goals for the project is to help us refine this interview to make sure we are asking the right questions and focusing on the key issues when it comes to understanding how couples cope with multiple sclerosis.

"Right now we are in the pilot phase—we are revising the interview to make sure it is where it needs to be before we start the next phase of the research," said Director Mark White, associate professor.

Requirements for the study are that couples must be in a committed relationship and that one member must have a specific diagnosis of MS. There is no age requirement, so anyone interested is encouraged to participate. Also, as an incentive, all participants will receive a $25 Target gift card.

Eastern North Carolina's contact with the National Multiple Sclerosis Society [NMSS] is commissioned through the Eastern North Carolina Chapter Office in Raleigh, NC.

The society doesn't keep individual statistics for each county as far as numbers of those living with MS, but they do keep data on those persons registered within the society.

These individuals have signed up for the society's mailing list or other circulated information.

According to an information specialist in the chapter, there are 3,962 registered clients within the Eastern NC Chapter,

As far as national statistics, the NMSS Web site is extremely helpful to both those living with MS and those simply researching the disease.

The Web site includes accurate information on how MS is defined, who is more prone to acquiring the disease, symptoms, diagnosis, causes and a detailed history of MS's discovery and evolvement through time.

There is also a news reel, various event information, detailed accounts of treatment methods and accredited research practices.

Most people diagnosed with MS are between the ages of 20 and 50, according to the Web site.

Although there is no evidence that MS is inherited, some genetic factors may make certain individuals more susceptible to the disease. An estimated two to three times as many women than men have the disease.

According to nmss.org, "MS occurs more commonly among people with northern European ancestry, but people of African, Asian, and Hispanic backgrounds are not immune. Approximately 400,000 Americans acknowledge having MS and every week about 200 people are diagnosed. Worldwide, MS may affect 2.5 million individuals."

For more information on the research project, contact Mark White at (252) 737-2076 or by email at whitem@ecu.edu. Visit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society's Web site at www.nmss.org. or call the Eastern North Carolina Chapter office at (919) 834-0678 to learn more about the disease.

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because of the time period he will be working directly with Senator Burr.

"Because this is a 6-month internship and the student needs to work out of the Senator's Wilmington office, it is not something that every student would be able to do," Niswander said.

"Being Senator Burr's first fellow is an honor and I look forward to serving my state," said Keen.

"Eastern North Carolina is my home, and I want to see good things happen here."

Keen earned his bachelors of science [B.S.] degree in business administration with a concentration in management from ECU in 2005.

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DIRECTOR

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what the School of Communication provides ECU, and we'll all be ready for the next big steps.

"At that time I hope the School will be able to move ahead with plans for: multiple departments, major international study/research programs, additional graduate degrees, and official accreditation for the journalism program. It's a terrific time to be a student in the ECU School of Communication," Hudson said.

No efforts have been made so far to fill Hudson shoes for the position as the director of the school.

"It has not been determined yet," said Dr. Linda Kean, interim associate director and distance education coordinator for the School of Communication. Kean went on to state that she believes the decision will be made by fall.

Before coming to ECU, Hudson worked as both a faculty member and administrator at the University of Oklahoma—he served there from the fall of 1989 until May 2005.

He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Eastern New Mexico University and his doctorate from Temple University in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

For more information on the School of Communication, visit their Web site at www.ecu.edu/com.

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The first editorial team features O'Connor, Atkinson, Sue Steinweg, assistant professor of education and Courtney Maness, education graduate student. The second team features Joy Stapleton, assistant professor of education, Elizabeth Swaggerty, assistant professor of education, Ghuili Zhang, assistant professor of education and Amanda Liles, education graduate student. All of the individuals listed work in the college's department of curriculum and instruction.

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Opinion

RANT OF THE DAY

Why do people here stare so much?

Getting tipsy in Greenville

Supporting independent business

JARED WOFFORD
OPINION WRITER

For better or worse, I have called Greenville my home. Since moving here as a freshman, I have seen people come and go, and have watched our town as it continually expanded, developed, and defined itself. In this short time, I have witnessed the grand openings and closeouts of many local businesses, restaurants and bars, several of which I frequented and enjoyed. One trend I have observed over the years is that while national chains continue to thrive, independent establishments that provide specialized goods or services are suffering.

Unfortunately for the citizenry of Greenville, it is these types of places that bless our city with diversity, culture and a sense of local identity. One particular establishment, which has managed to survive where many small businesses cannot, does just that.

Floating stoically like an island in the intoxicating, chaotic tide that washes over much of Greenville's uptown district is Acasia's Tipsy Teapot and Parker-Kennybrook Bookstore. Nestled together on South Evans Street, the Teapot is an English-style tea room and a new and used bookstore, all under the same pressed-tin roof. Here, patrons can enjoy the extensive menu of tea, pastries, sandwiches, and more; as well as peruse through hundreds of books. Inside, you are certain to find people chatting, studying, reading, or working; and I almost always see someone I know (or someone I would very much like to know).

My favorite aspect of this experience is the front window. The view consists of rainbow-colored umbrellas and trees that frame storefronts that are endowed with colorful striped awnings. Across the street, people window shop while tiny birds frantically bounce around to avoid them on their hunt for crumbs.

One day, while reclining on one of the Teapot's over-sized red chairs, I had to pause for a moment to remember where I was. Then the thought occurred to me that this place that I was enjoying, while located in the center of town, looked nothing like the rest of Greenville; and that the mood it created was consistent with such. With only a few blocks separating my current position from the dilapidated bars, frat houses and chronic construction that I have grown so accustomed to, I somehow felt like I was worlds away.

I began to wonder, is it because of this that I am so compelled to visit this place? While I do enjoy aspects of the Greenville experience, has my relationship to this town grown sour enough that I seek a means to escape it?

Since I discovered the Tipsy Teapot two years ago, I have subscribed to the belief that it represents aspects of our fair city that are lacking. Community, art, culture, southern hospitality, productivity—all of these abstract, desirable qualities seem to manifest themselves here. Combine all this with an inexhaustible source of yerba mate, and I have no choice but to claim the Tipsy Teapot as one of my favorite spots in Greenville. I urge all citizens of our city to visit this place, and others like it and to encourage and support businesses that promote such a unique and friendly experience. It is mutually beneficial for us to patronize such institutions and to keep small, independently-owned companies around so that one day, places like this can define the Greenville spirit and not defy it.

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PIRATE RANTS

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Someone help us! We're being invaded by incoming freshmen... and their parents!

This may sound lame but secretly I cannot wait until school starts back again just so I can see your lovely face again.

Why are the dining halls closed every time I want food?

I'm waiting for this song to die, I'm waiting for this song to die (sung in John Mayer's voice)

The AIM "block user" function should extend to real life.

I'll be here when you get back ... I promise

Diet Coke and a pizza please...big girls, you are beautiful!

I think it is great that ECU hosts all these summer camps for children and youth, but I am sick of them always being in the Rec Center and making a bunch of noise.

How come my professor gave me a grade, but can't explain why she took off points for what she did?

There wasn't a new TEC last week and therefore no new Pirate Rants. I don't know how I survived last week without my Rants, man!

Everything that I do here lately is wrong and that is very frustrating.

Still no signs, Whichard? This is getting silly.

I'm standing at the bus stop for a reason. It's not your job to let one guy off and then leave. I shouldn't have to wait nearly half an hour to get on a bus at Minges, you prick.

Why is it that hot dogs are sold in packs of 10 and the buns are in packs of 8? Maybe it's a conspiracy to get you to buy buns and hot dogs until you get to a number that is a multiple of 10 and 8. Those tricky hot dog people!

Why do people here stare so much?

I wish I could take a leave of absence from work because my job is driving me crazy, but I can't because doing so would leave me starving and homeless.

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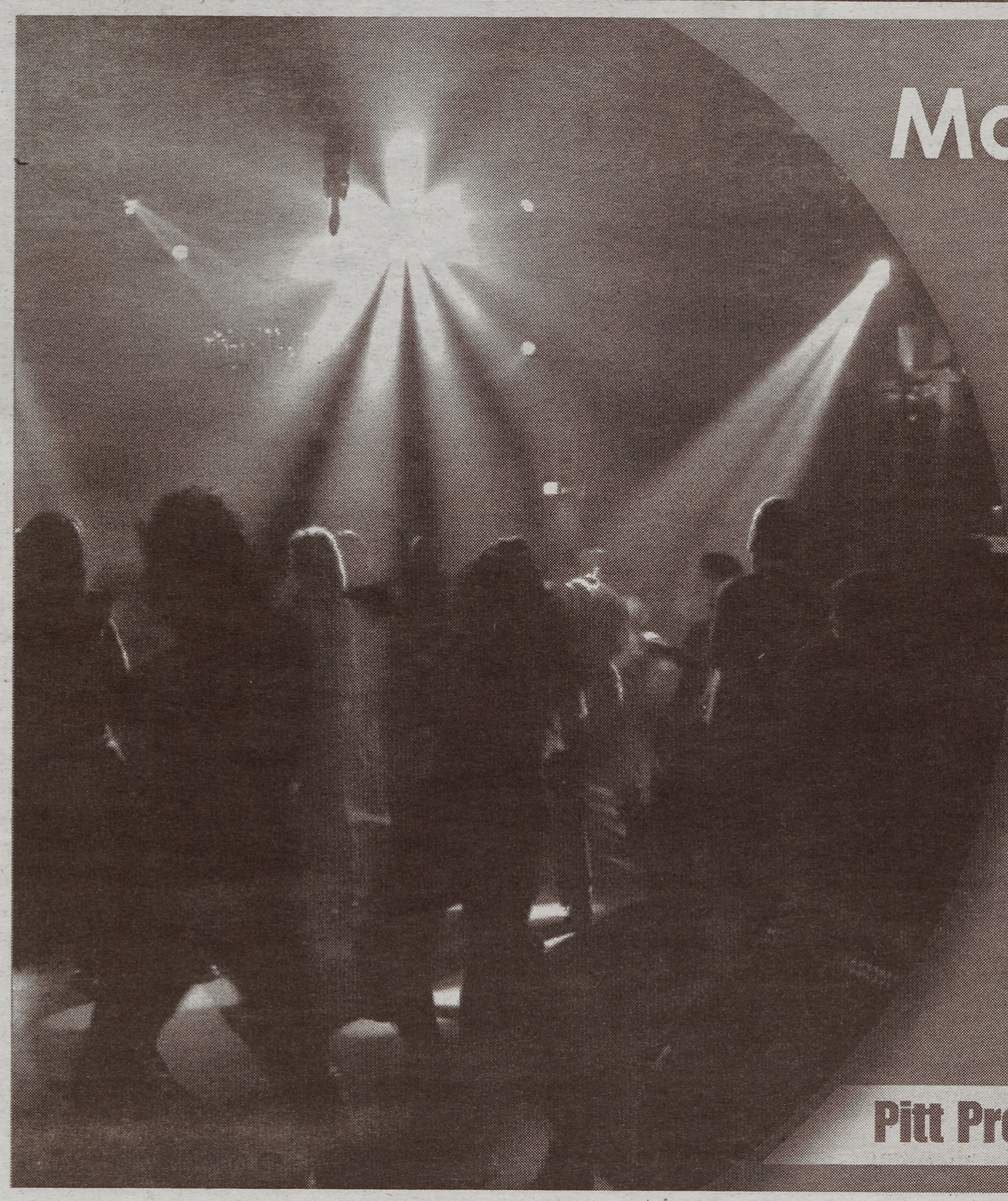

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Taurus
Discuss your financial situation with a loved one and be honest. Don't pretend to have more or less than you do. Recognize your limitations.

Gemini
You can afford to get a few things to increase your comfort level. Don't mention how much you're spending, or there'll be resistance from your partner. At least hint for the best deal.

Cancer
It's hard to keep your mind on business now; do the best you can. Be especially careful so you don't make a silly mistake.

Leo
If money's tight, don't even think about taking a risk. Sometimes that works but this time it won't. You can bet on that.

Virgo
Help your team set priorities and devise a course of action. Make sure everybody is very clear on the objective.

Libra
What you thought you knew and the truth may be two different things. Keep an open mind and keep asking questions.

Scorpio
Taking care of friends and family is a noble cause. No need to overdo it, though. Teach them how to fend for themselves.

Sagittarius
You may have a problem with authority. This applies to your own as well as other peoples. You can handle more than you thought. It's not as hard as it looks.

Capricorn
This is not a very good time to bring up a delicate subject. Let bygones be bygones. Discretion's the better part of valor. In other words, don't ask.

Aquarius
Store away provisions for a rainy day. You might get to use them in some other emergency, but that's OK. Better too much than too little.

Pisces
Provide information, motivation and inspiration to your partner. Calm the other person's fears, and you will both succeed.

The artistic side of Greenville

Greenville Museum of Art offers something for everyone

BEN HARRIS
STAFF WRITER

With a quick casual glance, the average passer-by would have no idea that the beautiful brick house across from Ham's contains some of the most beautiful and creative works of art ever to be created by North Carolina artists.

The house, currently known as the Greenville Museum of Art, has a long and rich history. It began with the first Women's Club Art Festival in 1935.

The event was very successful and led to the development of a permanent visual arts facility in 1939.

The organization was headed by Rachel Maxwell Moore. Through Moore's excellent leadership and passion for art, the organization became a Works Project Administration (WPA) project.

"The WPA was created as part of Franklin Roosevelt's New Deal and it was designed to keep artists employed throughout the great depression," said GMA Director David Shankweiler. When Congress terminated the WPA in 1943, the federal government granted a permanent loan of artworks to the organization. In 1955, the organization merged with the East Carolina Arts Society. Dr. Lee Humber was the architect of this merger and it was with his help that the current house that contains the museum was purchased in 1959.

The museum formally opened in 1960 and attracted an amazing 7,000 visitors in its first two weeks.

Since then, under the leadership of former director Mary Pennington, the museum has achieved accreditation from the American Association of Museums. This feat is considered remarkable since only three percent of museums nationwide receive the honor.

Shankweiler, who has directed the museum since 2006, has also done many things to better the museum both in and out of the community.

One of these things is the expansion of the summer programs that the museum offers. There is a summer program for virtually every age group.

MiniMasters, which is offered to four and a half to five-year-olds, teaches young children about art from different places, as well as the creation of different forms of simple art.

Sizzlin Summer Art Camp, which is offered to six to 10-year-olds, focuses on the teaching of international art and the advanced forms of subject-based drawing.

The third summer camp, Carolina Idol Musical Theatre, is offered

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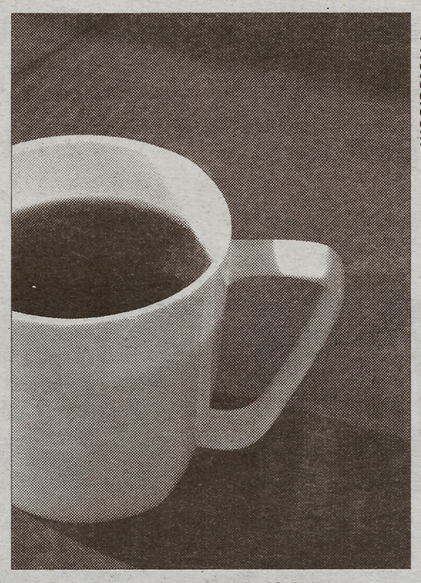
Photo by Robyn McLawhorn

Admission is free to those entering the Greenville Art Museum on Evans St.

Convenient drug of choice may cause addiction



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Coffee is a common caffeine source.

Are students hooked on caffeine?

CAT POTTER
STAFF WRITER

After a late night of studying, many college students need a boost to make it through the next day.

For junior English major Sarah Stebnicki, along with many other students, this boost comes in the form of caffeine, and is obtained by the consumption of coffee.

"I have at least two cups before I leave the house every morning," said Stebnicki.

Stebnicki has been drinking coffee regularly since she was 15.

Often times, the occasional cup of coffee to keep a student alert can turn into many, decreasing the effectiveness of the caffeine.

For Stebnicki, a stint at one of Greenville's Starbucks coffee houses for several years fostered her reliance on caffeine to make it through the day.

"I was drinking espresso like everyday and I got to the point where it didn't even effect me very much," Stebnicki said.

The consumption of caffeine is not only limited to the population of college students. Researchers estimate that about 80 percent of the world's population consumes some form of caffeine on a daily basis.

Though caffeine is obviously a staple in America's diet, medical research has yet to fully determine whether caffeine has positive or negative effects on one's health.

A recent study at Duke University Medical Center revealed that caffeine has an effect on the body that lasts all day and can increase stress in people who consume it daily.

However, some people believe caffeine has little or no effect on them.

Caroline Boyd, sophomore rehabilitation studies major, claims that she does not need caffeine to function.

"I drink coffee occasionally because I like it--but I don't have a problem with it," Boyd said. "I

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some people it's all in their head."

Despite the occasional person's lack of reliance on coffee, coffee shops have been multiplying in number in the United States over the past 15 years. Out of all the coffee chains, Starbucks is the largest in the world. Greenville alone has four stores and another one currently under construction.

If ECU students are looking to fill their daily caffeine quota, there are numerous Java City locations around campus.

Java City not only offers coffee, but other beverages for those looking for something else.

Julius Beasley III, junior English education major, said he likes the options on campus even though he is not a big coffee drinker.

"I do enjoy their sweet alternatives and fruity beverages," he said. "I'm glad it's there as a place to treat a friend who's busy or a girl who likes coffee."

Though ongoing research has not concluded whether daily caffeine consumption is healthy, in the meantime, Americans continue to enjoy their caffeinated beverages as a part of their daily routine.

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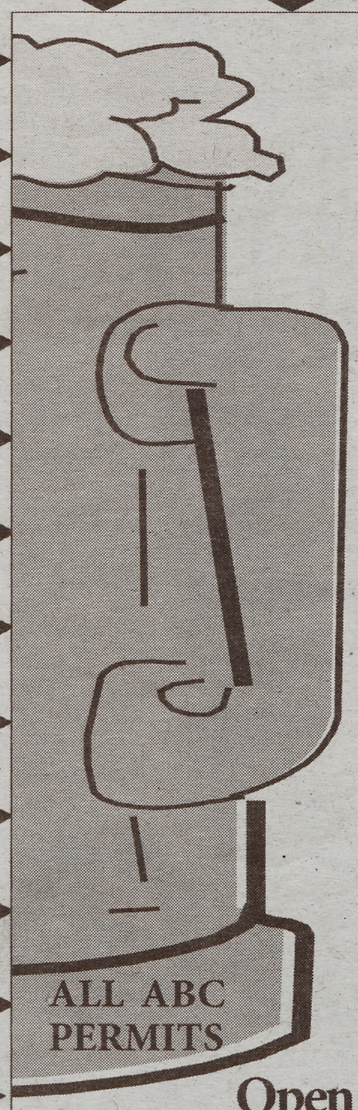

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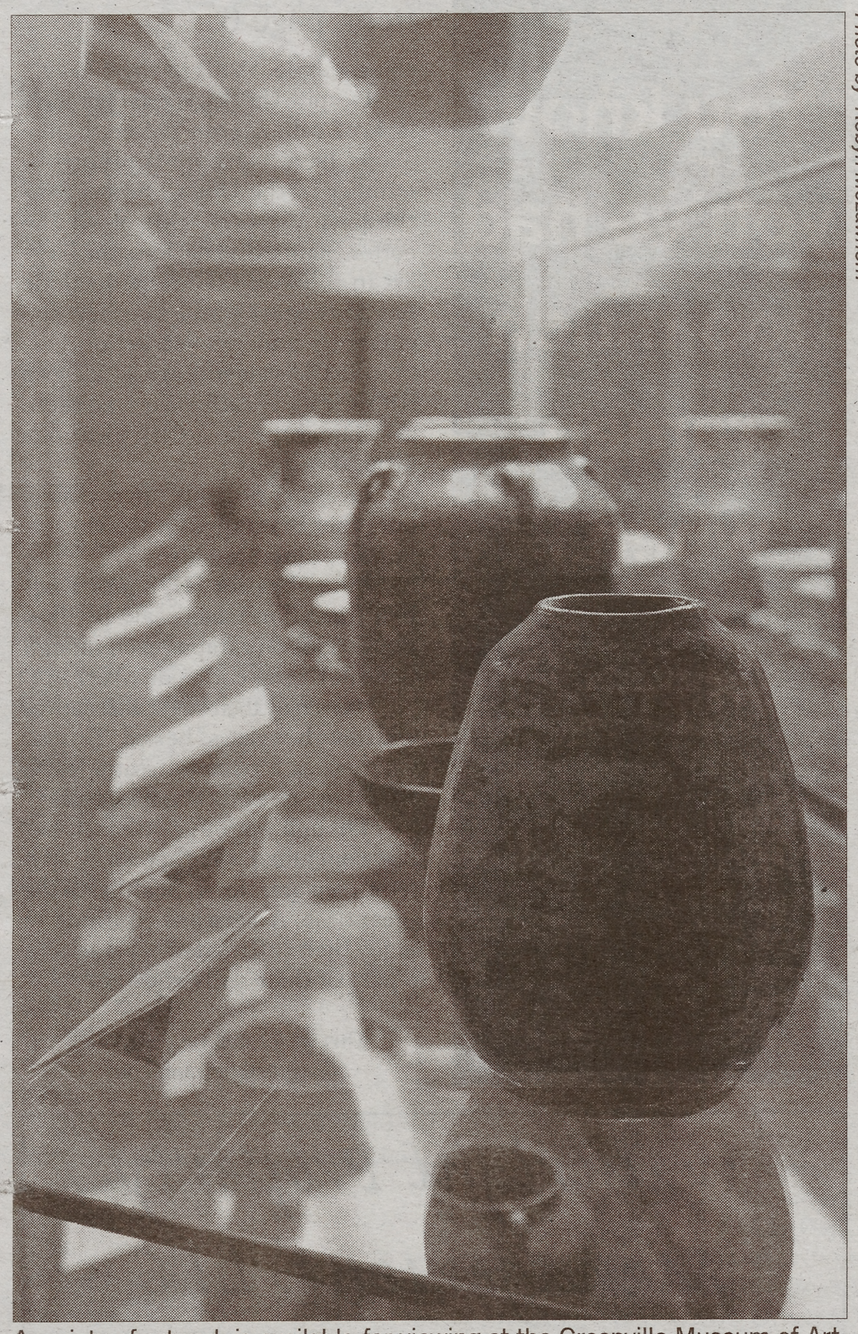

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A variety of artwork is available for viewing at the Greenville Museum of Art.

to six to ten year olds and focuses on different forms of musical theatre.

"Our summer camps try to give the children a broad range of instruction," Shankweiler said.

"Our teachers are chosen for their background in art but most importantly for their motivation and creativity."

"Each week has a different theme. For example, this week we are doing fairies (for the MiniMasters group) and next week will be art you can wear," Shankweiler said.

The three groups run for a week at a time from June 11 to August 17. A child can choose to attend just one week or multiple weeks.

Another popular option for summer fun at the Museum is the Carriage House. The House, run by Gail Ritzer, offers its own unique summer programs, which cater to every age.

"We offer a lot of activities over the summer," said Ritzer.

"Unlike the Museum's main [summer] programs, we offer something for adults as well as children."

Little Picassos, which consists of three to five year olds, meet in the morning and involves the kids in excellent creative activities such as mural paintings and clay artwork.

A group for six to 11-year-olds meets at noon. This group focuses on more advanced artwork such as paintings and sculpting.

In the afternoons at 2 p.m., a group for ages 15 to adult meets. This group focuses on painting, mixed media and drawing.

"The adult program is fairly new," said Ritzer. "In addition to the regular adult summer classes we offer a class based solely on clay sculpting which has been very popular."

The GMA is located on Evans Street across from Ham's Restaurant. Visitors can stop by anytime Tuesday-Friday from 10 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1-4 p.m. Admission to the museum is free.

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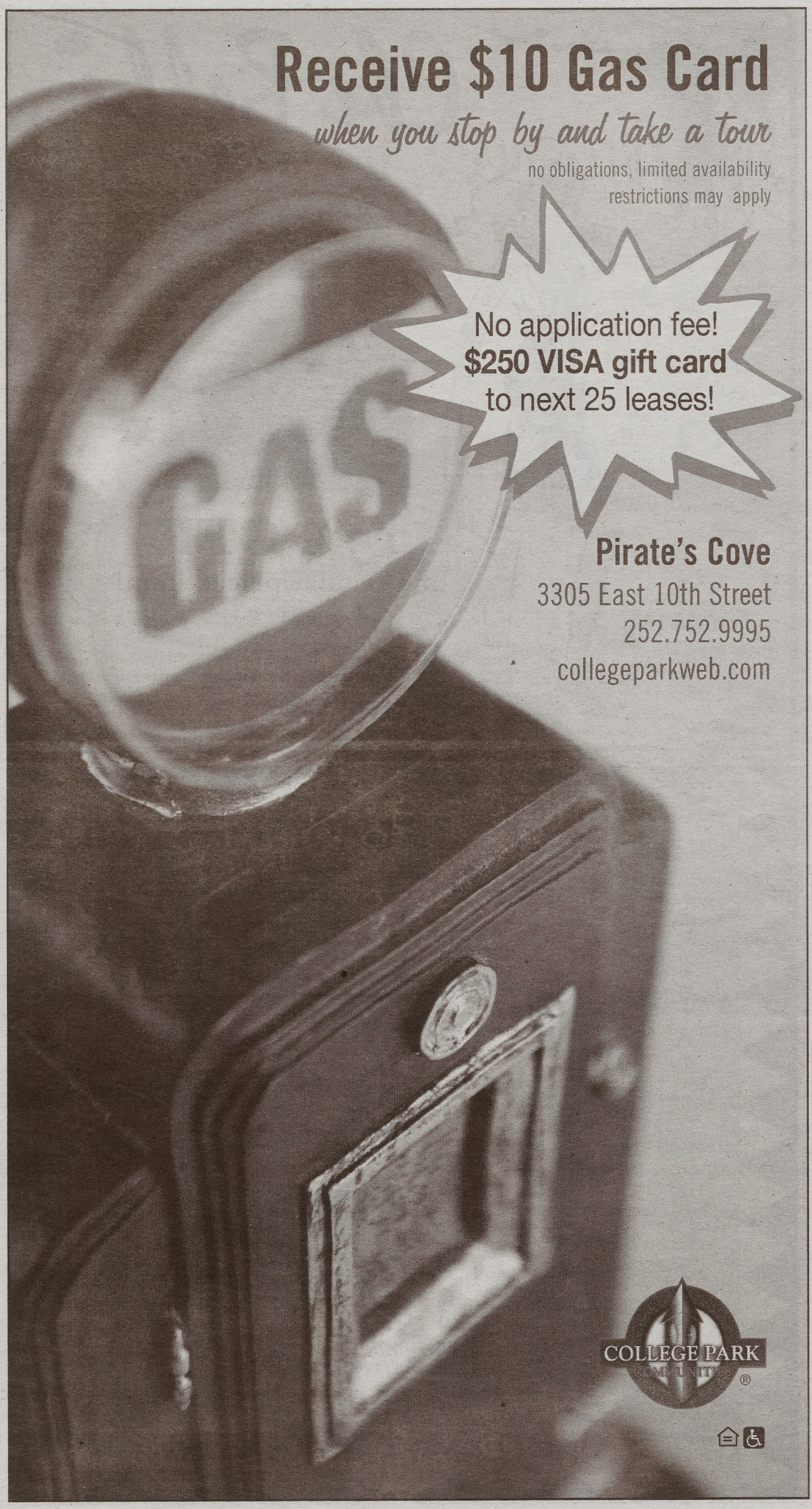

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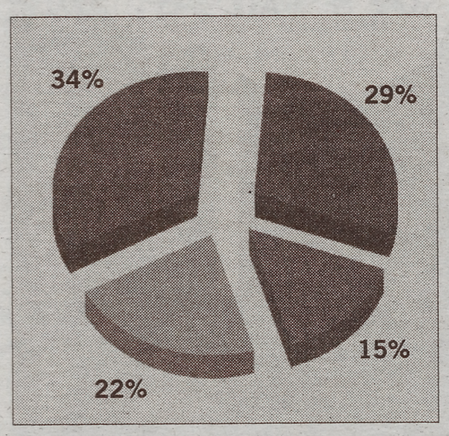


Online poll question:

How many games will the ECU football team win in 2007?

A. 4 or less

B. 5

C. 6

D. 7

E. 8 or more

To vote on this weeks poll question go to theeastcarolinian.com and submit your vote. Current results can be found by clicking on the View Results button under the poll question. The final results will be posted in the July 25 edition of The East Carolinian.

Results from last week's question:

Which ECU running back will rush for more yards this season?

29%- Dominique Lindsay

34%- Chris Johnson

22%- Norman Whitley

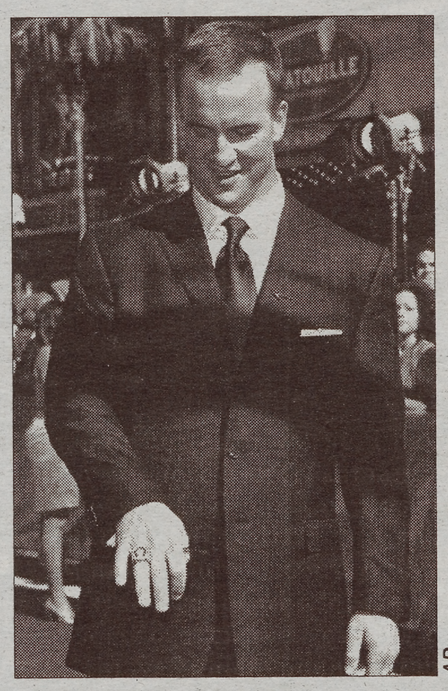
15%- One of the incoming running back recruits that ECU signed in February

Pirate Fact:

Pirates were adopted as the school's official mascot on February 26, 1934, only one of three Division I universities to have such a mascot. The other schools are Seton Hall University in New Jersey and Hampton University in Virginia.

Pirate Facts available on the ECU Web site, ecu.edu.

NFL teams gear up for season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Opinion

MATT SIMON
STAFF WRITER

NFL training camp starts next week, and The East Carolinian has these teams having the best chance to win the Super Bowl in 2007:

1) New England Patriots- Already a perennial contender to go to the Super Bowl each year, the Patriots actually made a splash this off-season by adding some big names to their roster. Adalius Thomas, who recorded 11 sacks with the Baltimore Ravens last year, comes to the Patriots as a free agent and will fit in with an already stacked defensive front seven. His versatility in pass rushing and coverage will blend well with Bill Belichick's defensive schemes. Randy Moss, the other big name to land in New England, should look more like the receiver he was in Minnesota with Tom Brady throwing him the ball this year.

2) San Diego Chargers- New head coach Norv Turner has inherited the most talented team in the league. The Chargers went 14-2 last season, and Turner will have some nice toys to play with on both sides of the ball. LaDainian Tomlinson at halfback and Antonio Gates at tight end are the best players in the league at their respective positions, and QB Phillip Rivers should have an even better year in 2007 in Turner's offensive system. The Chargers finished in the top-10 in total defense in 2006, and boast the NFL's most intense pass rusher, Shawn Merriman. Merriman led the league in sacks last season despite missing four games for a banned-substance suspension.

3) Indianapolis Colts- Some might expect the defending champion Colts to be ranked No. 1 in the preseason, but due to the big offseason moves by the rival Patriots, the overflow of talent in San Diego and the loss of some key starters from their already flimsy defense, they come in at No. 3. All-Pro quarterback Peyton Manning will again be teamed up with the league's best receiver tandem of Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne, who combined for 2,676 yards and 21 touchdowns in 2006. The Colts also recently re-signed Dwight Freeney, who will keep the pressure on opposing team's quarterbacks in 2007.

4) Baltimore Ravens- Led by the leagues top ranked and most feared defense in 2006, the Ravens finished 2006 with an impressive 13-3 record. The defense is led by future hall of fame linebacker Ray Lewis, who keeps his teammates playing with passion every time they take the field Pro Bowler's Ed Reed and Chris McAllister anchor the secondary that is known for picking off passes and finishing the play in the end zone. Steve McNair's arrival in 2006 gave Baltimore the confidence it needed to play well on both offense and defense. The Ravens also added running back Willis McGhee this offseason, to make up for the departure of Jamal Lewis.

5) Chicago Bears- The NFC's best team has a very strong defense, but has an offense surrounded by question marks. If QB Rex Grossman can find some consistency in his play this season then expect the Bears to dominate the NFC again in 2007. Grossman will have more targets to throw to in '07 in the Bears' first round

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All of ECU's 2007 football games to be televised

(SID)- All twelve of the Pirates' football games this season will be televised on a live basis after broadcast schedules were released and confirmed by WITN-TV and the Mid-Atlantic Sports Network Tuesday.

Coupled with the five previously announced on-air listings by ESPN and CSTV, the Pirates' remaining seven games were picked up by the local NBC affiliate and regional sports network to provide ECU fans with complete regular season television coverage for the first time since 1999.

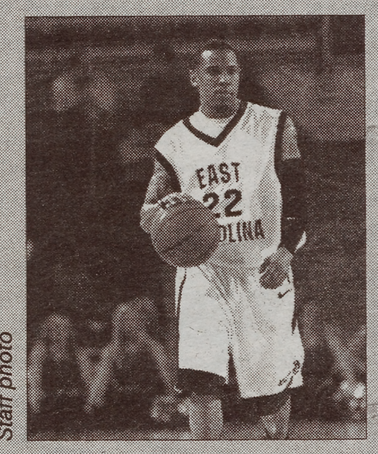
WITN-TV, which continues its partnership with the school's athletics department as the Official Station of the ECU Pirates, will broadcast four games in 2007.

MASN, the first regional sports network in the mid-Atlantic area owned by two Major League Baseball franchises - the Washington Nationals and Baltimore Orioles – is available to all cable carriers throughout a seven-state territory, which includes approximately 700,000 households in North Carolina.

2007 ECU football schedule

Sept. 1	at Virginia Tech	12 p.m. (ESPN)
Sept. 8	NORTH CAROLINA	6 p.m. (CSTV)
Sept. 15	SOUTHERN MISS	6 p.m. (WITN)
Sept. 22	at West Virginia	3:30 p.m. (ESPN Regional)
Sept. 29	at Houston	7 p.m. (WITN)
Oct. 6	UCF	7:30 p.m. (CSTV)
Oct. 13	at UTEP	9:05 p.m. (MASN)
Oct. 20	N.C. STATE	4:30 p.m. (CSTV)
Oct. 27	UAB	3:30 (MASN)
Nov. 3	at Memphis	2 p.m. (WITN)
Nov. 10	at Marshall	4:30 p.m. (WITN)
Nov. 24	TULANE	1 p.m. (MASN)

Pirates hope to turn things around


Staff photo

ECU is working hard this summer

JOHN HOLT
STAFF WRITER

After a frustrating first two seasons, ECU basketball coach Ricky Stokes already believes his third looks promising.

"I can already see that our guys are bigger, stronger and have really worked on there skills," said Stokes. "I think with the incoming freshmen that we have and mostly everyone coming back, competition will be greater and the bench will be deeper. That means everyone will have to work hard each and everyday during every practice, which I think will transpire to better results on the floor."

The incoming freshman class is by far the best Stokes has been able to rack up since being named the Pirates main man back in 2005. The four freshmen arrived in Greenville prior to the second session of summer school.

"The new guys are all able to lift and work with our strength coach and get ahead academically," said Stokes. "We always are encouraging our guys to take some courses, get ahead to lighten the course load throughout the year and also to get a chance to play with one another. They get a

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draft selection Greg Olson and dynamic return specialist Devin Hester, both from the University of Miami. Olsen is a big, pass-catching tight end who can be a young quarterback's best friend, and Hester has been moved to offense after a spectacular rookie season.

6) Philadelphia Eagles- Donavan McNabb's health will play a huge role in how well this team performs in 2007. Last year, with McNabb injured and Jeff Garcia at the helm, the Eagles won the NFC East title and made it to the second round of the playoffs. This led many fanatical Philadelphia fans to call for McNabb's outs as starting QB. The fact is McNabb, before his injury, was playing as well as he ever had, putting together an MVP-like season. The Eagles let Garcia leave to explore free agency, but kept pressure on McNabb by drafting Houston quarterback Kevin Kolb with their first pick in the '07 draft. The Eagles defense is a well-rounded unit that is known for its attacking style, blitzing from different angles to keep opposing offenses off balance.

7) New Orleans Saints- Drew Brees' helped turn around the Saints organization in 2006. A perfect fit for coach Sean Peyton's schemes, Brees threw 26 touchdowns and quarterbacked the top offense in the NFL last year. Joe Horn, Marques Colston, Devery Henderson and ECU alum Terrance Copper performed well for Brees at receiver.

The exciting Reggie Bush also flourished as a receiver out of the backfield, posting an NFL record 88 receptions for 742 yards. The Saints aren't going to sneak up on anybody this year, so we'll have to see how everyone's favorite underdogs are going to handle playing with a target on their back in '07.

8) Dallas Cowboys- QB Tony Romo started out great after taking over for the struggling Drew Bledsoe in week seven last season, but struggled near the end of the season.

This season will be Romo's first as the unquestioned starter and he will be looking to his duo of receivers in the flamboyant Terrell Owens and the always-reliable Terry Glenn. Dallas has a new head coach in Wade Phillips, who was the defensive coordinator for the Chargers last season. Phillips brings a defensive scheme that will fit the Cowboys 3-4 defense, which he ran to perfection in San Diego. Watch for DeMarcus Ware, the Cowboy's outside linebacker, to be used much in the way that Shawn Merriman was in San Diego.

9) Carolina Panthers- The Good News: The Panthers basically have the same roster that many analysts picked to win the Super Bowl in 2006. The Bad News: The Panthers basically have the same roster that many analysts pick to win the Super Bowl in 2006, but finished 8-8 and missed the playoffs. Injuries and the constant shuffling of players on the offensive line cost Carolina in 2006. All-Pro wide receiver Steve Smith missed the first three games of the season with a hamstring injury, and starting QB Jake Delhomme missed three key games toward the end of the season, and the offense lacked consistency during those periods as a result. Carolina's defensive unit finished seventh in the league in total defense in 2006, and should improve this year with the return of Dan Morgan and Mike Rucker. The Panthers also released veteran wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson after drafting the talented Dwayne Jarrett out of USC, but the lack of a proven threat on the other side spells trouble for the Carolina offense, and will mean more double and triple teams for Smith.

10) Denver Broncos- Rookie Jay Cutler played well after taking over as the starter in Week 12 last season, finishing the season with nine touchdowns and 1,001 passing yards. During the offseason, Denver traded for cornerback Dre' Bly to play opposite pro bowler Champ Bailey and drafted Florida's pass rusher Jarvis Moss to add to their talented defense. The team also added veteran running back Travis Henry to the offense. Henry ran for over 1,200 yards for the Titans last year, and should thrive behind the Broncos offensive line that produces 1,000-yard rushers every year.

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chance to bond, learn each other's game and also compete, which is important."

One of Stokes' three seniors, Taylor Gagnon, also feels the freshman class is very solid and will be able to make strong contributions this season.

"I think these new guys are going to help out a lot," said Gagnon. "We've played some pick-up games together and they all looked very impressive.

"They're all pretty big and strong, which is great for freshmen. Getting here early in the summer and working out and stuff will work out nicely come the fall."

Gagnon, who grew up in Greenville and played high school ball at J.H. Rose, will be relied on for leadership this season.

He understands his role will be much different this year than in the past.

"It is a little bit different of an outlook," he said. "The past few years I have just kind of been trying to help the team and do my job but this year I feel I have more of a responsibility being a senior, primarily with leadership not only on the court, but also off. I want to be friendly to everybody, get everybody working hard and having the right attitude towards the game."

Stokes and his staff have already begun recruiting for the 2008 class, and will get a minor break in August before preseason workouts and classes start this fall.

This is a very important season for the Pirates basketball program. After going a combined 14-44 over the past two seasons, students and fans are hoping for more wins and improvement.

"I think we have to prove to people this year, that we are a hard working group of guys," said Gagnon. "We do deserve to have a good year because we work hard for it. I think that's all we can do is continue to work hard and hope that things will turn around for us, and I think they will if we stay confident."

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