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The Saga of Edward Snowden

Revealing the intentions of the National Security Agency

By Kamel Benyahia

What seems like something from a Tom Clancy novel, is actually reality; over the summer, NSA contractor Edward Snowden exposed electronic surveillance programs used by the United States to spy on interests around the world. Snowden’s position in the company had him looking for ways to break into the organization and go public with this information.

British newspaper, The Guardian, broke the story after having exclusive access to Snowden; Edward was hiding out in China at the time. Snowden considered breaking the story to the New York Times, but he was concerned the Times would turn him in. Now The Guardian, Washington Post, and New York Times are working together; British journalists, under intense scrutiny from the British government, have been relaying information they cannot use for fear they may become the target.

This has not been one hundred percent effective since the British government has detained people from the Guardian under counter-terrorism laws, and they have confiscated laptops from Guardian reporters.

The information Snowden revealed to the Guardian showed that the United States, through the NSA, forced Verizon to turnover every customer's phone and data records. After this, Snowden exposed the NSA program PRISM; this program gave the NSA access to customer records from major hardware and software developers like Google, Apple, Facebook, and Microsoft. President Barack Obama defended the program by saying they have found the right balance between privacy and security. Now Edward Snowden is in exile from the United States hiding out in a Russian airport. Snowden has many supporters and human rights groups behind him. The United States has whistleblower laws in place now to protect people who expose the truth; however, Snowden has not been protected under those laws.

With the information exposed by Snowden, we know that the U.S. government is storing our digital footprint. The information collected is held at the Utah Data Center estimated to have over an exabyte of storage capability; an exabyte is one billion gigabytes. The information largely sits there untouched according James Lewis, a cyber expert interviewed by New York Times reporters Scott Shane and David Sanger.

United States citizens are not the only victims; European countries have been targeted by the NSA as well. The United States has been spying on its allies by monitoring embassies and tapping into video conferences held by United Nations diplomats. The United States is not alone in this matter; England and Germany have also been accused by Snowden. Snowden states that England and Germany have actually been cooperative by allowing the U.S. to build an eavesdropping network using their infrastructure. This, much like military bases, gives the United States an advantage being closer to all of the action.

In the aftermath of the PRISM information leak, Americans have increasingly become interested in services that offer more privacy to the consumer. Websites like DuckDuckGo.com have offered search engines similar to Google, but without the worry of storing a digital footprint. After Snowden leaked this information, DuckDuckGo.com shot up in popularity as well as other sites that offer similar services. Anything you have on Facebook, MySpace, or Instagram are more than likely being stored. Besides your next door neighbor or boss potentially finding out about how drunk you got at the last party, you now have to worry about what the government can find out. When it comes to keeping the government out of your private information you may need to seek out companies that offer more privacy based services.

New Delgado campus breaks ground in New Orleans East

Compiled from staff reports

Construction has begun on a new campus in eastern New Orleans. The new Delgado campus replaces the former Sidney Collier Technical College campus, out of service since Aug. 29, 2005 after floodwaters from Hurricane Katrina ruined it.

The hurricane-damaged Sidney Collier Technical College campus became part of Delgado Community College in April 2010, where Louisiana Technical College Region One merged with Delgado.

Funds to build the new Sidney Collier Campus, Delgado Community College will help to attract the Louisa Street neighborhood and New Orleans East by serving as a pathway for residents to obtain job skills and employment. The school’s curriculum will be aligned with community needs and interests, including:

· Health care – training for nurses including RNs and LPNs, X-Ray technicians, and medical recording keeping, including record entry and supervisors.

· Green jobs – training particularly in the area of solar energy installation.

· Construction – carpentry and electrical skills training, HVAC.

· Repair – automobile, small engine and bicycle.

· Computer skills – computer-aided drafting and design (CADD).

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The state-funded part of the campus will include 36,000 square feet of space for classrooms, offices, and support functions such as information technology. The federally-funded facility will offer 25,000 square feet dedicated to student services, including a library and student government offices, as well as classrooms, workshops and laboratories.

A key part of the new campus design is a structure and programs that will connect the Sidney Collier Campus with students at nearby George Washington Carver High School. Carver students will be able to take advantage of dual enrollment at Delgado, enabling them to broaden their educational experiences and earn credits toward career credentials faster. Delgado has agreements in place with local and regional four-year colleges and universities for transfer to specific degree programs, as well as access to the Louisiana Transfer Degree program, which enables seamless transfer to other state higher education institutions after completing an associate’s degree at Delgado.

Founded in 1921, Delgado Community College has the highest enrollment among all colleges and universities in New Orleans, and the second highest in Louisiana.

To - Pilings being driven into the ground at the new Sidney Collier Campus of Delgado Community College on Friday, Aug. 16.

compared to Fall 2012, with 18, 115 students.
INTERNATIONAL BRIEF: President Obama cleared his first hurdle on his push for a military strike in Syria, as a key Senate panel voted to authorize the use of force. The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted 10-7, with one senator voting present, to approve a military strike in response to a deadly chemical weapons attack last month. The full Senate is expected to vote on the measure next week.

NATIONAL BRIEF: Ariel Castro, who was convicted of kidnapping, torturing, and imprisoning three young women for over a decade committed suicide by hanging in his prison cell. He was charged with rape and murder of a pregnant woman and kidnapping and imprisoning three young women. If you have a relative or a friend who was a victim of a violent crime, you may contact the local police department to report the crime. The police department will provide you with information on how to file a report. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you can contact the local police department to inquire about volunteer opportunities. The police department may have a volunteer program that you can participate in. If you are interested in helping to identify and eliminate others, you can contact the local police department to inquire about their anti-terrorist efforts. The police department may have a program that you can participate in.

STATE BRIEF: The Louisiana National Guard won’t process benefits for same-sex couples because the state Constitution does not recognize gay marriage, a spokesman said. “The state of Louisiana does not recognize same-sex marriage, nor does it allow a state official to take part in an act that recognizes same-sex marriage. We would refer those interested in applying for benefits for such seeking guidance at a federal military installation,” said Lt. Col. Michael Kazmierek.

LOCAL BRIEF: A Harvey man was sentenced Wednesday to spend the rest of his life in prison for gunning down Fred Brown, outside a row of apartments in West Jefferson’s Woodmere subdivision last year. Roderick Robinson, 23, was convicted last week of opening fire on Brown in the 2400 block of Alex Komman Boulevard on July 15, 2012, after Brown was involved in an argument with Robinson’s father. The man who lived in the apartment that was hit was not injured in the shooting.

CAMPUS BRIEF: Delgado has reconstructed several degree and certificate programs and eliminated others. If you have heard or read that a program you are interested in has been eliminated, it may have actually been restructured or renamed. The Delgado Service Learning Program in their classrooms. The Service Learning Program is started in 2006 and has grown quickly. The program staff consists of a director, four faculty leaders, two in-office coordinators, and over 80 faculty members who have been trained by the program leaders. Those faculty members have introduced hundreds of students to the Service Learning Program in their classrooms. The Service Learning staff provides faculty, students, and community partners with trainings and workshops, print and online resources, and one-on-one consulting. They are “committed to enhancing student learning by coordinating opportunities for faculty and students to collaborate with the community,” according to their mission statement.

From L.A. to L.A. Hollywood South in New Orleans

By Candace McGaff

In recent years, the Big Easy has become known as Hollywood South, mainly because of the financial incentives given to the film industry. Our state government has a program that provides companies with a rebate of 30 percent on money spent in the state as well as an additional 5 percent labor incentive for hiring people in the state. These programs are intended to create incentives for companies to film here. This has positively impacted Louisiana and its people.

A few major motion picture productions that are currently filming here or will be filming in our area in the coming months are “Hot Tub Time Machine 2,” “American Horror Story,” “Jump Street,” “Pirates of the Caribbean 5,” just to name a few. Companies will hire locals to work as crew members, extras, etc., so it’s fairly easy for locals to get a job on set.

For those interested, it is as simple as accessing one of the following websites where you’ll guide you through filling out an application that can be accessed by multiple casting companies who are in need of crew members and extras. You need not have prior experience... everyone has to start somewhere! On www.mycastingfile.com you can click the button that says “Register” and then write your information out and submit the application. This website is used by over 10 casting agencies. There are also multiple listings on websites such as www.filmneworleans.org, www.filmlouisiana.com and even www.craigslist.com. The casting companies pay casts extras no less than minimum wage and often, more than that. Working on film sets is a great opportunity to meet other people with similar interests, network with people in the film industry and more often than not, catch a glimpse of some A-list stars. Our local film industry is constantly growing and the opportunity for work is increasing by the day. If you’re interested or if there’s even a chance that you might be, there’s no harm in filling out the application and getting your information into the system. Who knows, you could end up on the big screen!
Cheap travel for the college student

By Anthony Alongi

You’re sitting in class listening attentively to the lecture your professor is giving, when all of a sudden, it happens. You find yourself in a different place, a place much different from the classroom you’re sitting in. There are no blackboards, no lectures, and no professors. Instead, you find yourself surrounded by palm trees, sand, and an ocean that stretches as far as the eye can see. Or maybe it’s mountains and a vast spread of towering trees and winding trails.

The sound of shuffling feet and chatter signaling the end of class sends you crashing back to reality. Buzz kill. As you leave class, you dejectedly think of the fantasy world that just fell away from you, quite certain that you won’t be visiting that place anytime soon. But it is possible to make a dream become reality.

After doing a bit of traveling myself the last couple of summers and fall breaks, I can tell you that traveling cheaply is very possible, and extremely fun if you do it the right way. Sacrifices must be made and priorities must be changed, but when you find yourself in a beach chair instead of a desk, it will be clear as the water in front of you that it was the right call.

The first places that likely come to mind when you hear the word “travel” are Italy, France, Amsterdam (of course), and I don’t know, Canada (kidding). For whatever reason, most people in the USA don’t realize that there are destinations right here in our country full of natural beauty that comes in a multitude of varieties. Majestic mountains, beautiful beaches, and charming cities are all right here ready to be experienced. While it is possible to venture out of the country, it is a lot more feasible and affordable to find a desirable destination in the country. Flights are cheaper when traveling domestically and it eliminates having to deal with the potential turmoil that comes with traveling internationally. From California to New York and everywhere in between, there is no shortage of beauty and adventure in the United States. You have your whole life to travel, no need to rush things! Regardless of where it is, you can still post pictures to Facebook and make all of your friends jealous.

The further in advance that travel arrangements andlodgings are settled, the cheaper it will be. The cost of flights and hotels are considerably less when booked way in advance. The longer you wait to handle these arrangements, the more jacked up the prices will be. In most cases, depending on distance, flights are much more advantageous in terms of time and money than driving. The amount of gas used during the trip there and back will probably be much more than what a round trip plane ticket would cost. There are many websites to find the cheapest flights available, with Orbitz and Expedia being two of the more popular ones. When seeking out hotel accommodations it is beneficial to find a place that has a good location as well as something reasonably priced. Staying in a conservative price range and living within your means is key to budgeting for a trip and can help the savvy traveler save a good chunk of change.

Staying in a five star hotel would be nice, but what’s the fun in spending way more money for a ritzy room when that money can be put towards a unique and possibly once in a lifetime experience? Give me the decent room and the great time over the great room and the so-so time. Looking up the activities and locations offered in the area of your trip is a smart move as well, as it can help you make a game plan so that you can decide what you want to do, when you want to do it. And in many cases, it will allow you to book a particular activity in advance.

The school semester is long and taxing. You work diligently to do your best work in the hopes of obtaining the best possible grades while on the way to earning a degree. Why not take the same approach towards saving a trip? After all that hard work you undoubtedly deserve a break. Whether you want to schedule and coordinate a trip to the tee or go in head first and ad-lib as you go, it can be done by practicing a few frugal methods and making foregoing a few everyday pleasures for a bit of time. Whichever your preference of style, it is possible to enjoy a great vacation on a student-friendly budget.
Bob Snead’s “Bedfellows”

Art on the wall

By Ashley Boudreaux

The Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery welcomes Bob Snead’s art exhibit, “Bedfellows,” which will be on display until Sept. 19. Snead’s art exhibit not only includes painting, but also interesting and detailed digital drawings, prints, and collages. The exhibition seems to have an up and down pattern of controlled chaos throughout the artwork.

One of Snead’s pieces, “Dawn & Guest Bedroom,” depicts a woman lying on top of a bed surrounded by clutter ranging from boxes to stacks of paper. Yet another artwork, “Taylor Late Night/ Early Morning,” portrays a boy who has clearly fallen asleep on a computer chair, in front of a messy computer desk.

Snead is originally from Charleston, South Carolina where he graduated with a BA in Studio Art from the College of Charleston. In 2007, he received his MFA in painting and printmaking from Yale University. Snead has been involved in many projects including the Deitch Project, which was an exhibition in New York, to exhibitions with the Jonathon Ferrara Gallery and May Gallery in New Orleans.

One of Snead’s local exhibits includes “The Wreck,” an installation at Tulane’s Carroll Gallery in 2011, which was an inside car crash scene made from recycled cardboard. To check out more of Bob Snead’s artworks, go to www.flickr.com/photos/bobsnead.

“Bedfellows” is free to Delgado students and the general public. The Isaac Delgado Fine Arts Gallery, located on the third floor in Building One, is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Theatre behind the scenes

Acting like a well-rounded person

By Seth Mattei

Delgado’s Theatre Department will open its fall season with “Savage in Limbo,” directed by theatre associate professor Kris LaMorte. Written in 1984 by award-winning writer John Patrick Shanley (“Moonstruck,” “Doubt”), the play takes place in a seedy Bronx neighborhood bar, where a group of 30-something regulars go to avoid being lonely. The play looks at how the characters handle, or try to escape, disappointment, loneliness, the mundaneness of everyday modern life. Auditions for the play were held the first week of school, but there are other volunteer opportunities for students to get involved behind the scenes. Aside from acting, students can learn a variety of other skills involved in theater productions, ranging from sound and lighting design to carpentry and set-building.

“As long as the student is willing to learn, we’ll give them responsibilities,” LaMorte said.

“One of the things I enjoy about the theatre program is that you get to do something different every day,” said Kris LaMorte, director of Delgado’s theatre program.

Fulbright Faculty Workshop

Delgado Community College, City Park Campus

Student Life Center, Dolphin Den

Tues. Oct. 8 at 9:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3:15 p.m.

There is no charge for the workshop, but seating is limited.

To reserve your spot, contact Prof. Susan Hague at (504) 491-5315 or shaguefulbright13@gmail.com with your name and the time of the session you will attend.
Meth-od to the madness

By Kamel Banyahia

When coming to the finale of a story that has introduced memorable characters, unforgettable moments, tense relationships, and remarked events, it is hard to accept that the end is near. Great shows like The Sopranos and The Office draw their audience into an expertly crafted world that makes people come back every week and season religiously. Now with Netflix, coming to the month to look at your September horoscope may seem difficult, but is actually surprisingly easy. Instead of taking the chance of looking like Lady Gaga and wearing all-over metallic, simply add small metallic details to your outfit. For example, wear a skinny metallic belt with a solid color scheme, and flats with metallic tips.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

FOOTBALL

NEW YORK (AP) — NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell took issue with the notion that the league's $765 million settlement with former players is a pittance compared to the sport's revenues. "This is a significant amount of money," he said Wednesday. "The plaintiffs also agreed it was an appropriate amount. The mediator felt it was an appropriate amount."

BASKETBALL

We've known that Jay Z would have to sell his part-ownership stake in the Brooklyn Nets since April, when Yahoo! Sports NBA columnist Adrian Wojnarowski reported that the rapper and mogul had decided to expand the Roc Nation Sports management company he co-created with the powerful Creative Artists Agency into representing NBA players like three-time scoring champion Kevin Durant. On Wednesday, The New York Post's Page Six column reported a result few likely expected: that the shares will pass from one Jay to another, first-year Nets head coach Jason Kidd will buy "half the entertainer's stake" Kidd will actually purchase — and, apparently, the size of the piece the artist/businessman/business, man actually holds — remain unclear, however, according to follow-up reporting from SB Nation Nets blog NetsDaily citing a source with "knowledge of the transaction" who says Kidd will buy "half the entertainer's shares."

NCAA

Three former college football players are suing the NCAA, saying it failed to educate them about the risks of concussions and did not do enough to prevent, diagnose or treat brain injuries, Chris Walker and Ben Martin, who played for Tennessee from 2007-2011, and Dan Ahern, who played for North Carolina State from 2007-2010. The lawsuit seeks an NCAA to fund a medical-monitoring program for former football players. NCAA chief legal officer Donald Longoria reported that the rapper and mogul had decided to expand the Roc Nation Sports management company he co-created with the powerful Creative Artists Agency into representing NBA players like three-time scoring champion Kevin Durant. On Wednesday, The New York Post's Page Six column reported a result few likely expected: that the shares will pass from one Jay to another, first-year Nets head coach Jason Kidd will buy "half the entertainer's stake" Kidd will actually purchase — and, apparently, the size of the piece the artist/businessman/business, man actually holds — remain unclear, however, according to follow-up reporting from SB Nation Nets blog NetsDaily citing a source with "knowledge of the transaction" who says Kidd will buy "half the entertainer's shares."

By Tara Johnson

New Orleans native Cliff Barthe' might be new to Delgado basketball, but he isn't new to the game. Barthe' previously coached the boys' basketball team at St. Augustine High for a total of 23 years, and was named Coach of the Year in 2012. His background also includes a stint as Director of Basketball at Tulane University. Barthe' says it feels good to be back coaching, because his role at Tulane was more administrative. Barthe' believes his ability to help players develop their fundamental skills will especially benefit the program. Barthe' believes it's important for him to push the players to be their best, and although they might not understand it now, it's tough love. "I'm hard, but I'm fair and the best players will play," he said.

"You're trying to come up but Coach Barthe' is already predicting a great season. "I think everyone will be pleased to see advancement of the guys; looking at the guys that are on scholarship, it's going to be great," Barthe' said.

The biggest achievement Coach Barthe' has had thus far in his career was in 2012 when he was coaching at St. Augustine. During the graduation ceremony, Father Raphel acknowledged the five players who were graduating for having the highest GPA out of all the graduating sports players. "My guys took a lot of pride in that, knowing they did what they were supposed to do in the classroom and on the court," Barthe' said. "They were the State Champions that year.

Barthe' feels like it's important to not only teach the game of basketball, but become a mentor off the court to prepare his players for life. He often tells his players, "Win every moment," and he doesn't just mean the game of basketball. Check out www.dcc.edu/athletics for the 2013-2014 Men's Basketball Schedule.

Off the court with Coach Fields

Delgado Athletics has seen its share of changes in the past year. Coach Tommy Smith retired; Coach Joe Scheurmann became athletic director; the constant is Coach Edward Fields as Head Women's Basketball coach since 2009, and he talks about what he sees coming for the women's season.

The women's team will have three returning sophomores, eight freshmen and one transfer student, and they're already working hard in pre-season conditioning. "I want them to be ready to go against the other colleges, because they will be playing sophomores, sometimes veterans," Fields said.

"The facilities have changed tremendously; new bleachers, scoreboard, and the updated locker rooms, the programs have been solid overall as an athletic department," Fields said. When asked about his coaching techniques, he says he's not the same person off-court as he is when it's time to practice and play games. The players have already gotten a feel of his personality, and he feels it's important for them to be able to separate the social side of him and the serious side of him when it's game time.

Even though it seems like Coach Fields is all about basketball, he also stresses the importance of academics to his players. He feels they should take advantage of being able to go to school and play basketball on scholarship, "Basketball will always be there, education is first," he said.

Coach Fields knows first-hand about education and basketball. He attended the University of Oklahoma where he played basketball, and was invited to try out for the NBA and the Harlem Globetrotters. For him, it was an easy decision. "I went with what I knew I had a better chance at; there weren't a lot of small guards in the NBA then, and I was 5'9" so I went with the Harlem Globetrotters," Fields said.

After he was done spinning balls on his nose and sliding across floors, he was given the opportunity to try out for the Phoenix Suns, but declined and started his coaching career. Coach Fields talked about his high school basketball days at East Jefferson High and remembered how his coach Nick Rever would bring in his former teammates and have them scrimmage his high school boys. Coach Fields and his teammates would never win against the veterans and he one day realized it was because they had the fundamentals of basketball, the IQ of the game. "You can be the greatest player in the world but if you don't play smart basketball, it doesn't matter. My girls play smart basketball, and that's what will count in the conferences." Check out www.dcc.edu/athletics for the Womens 2013-2014 Baskeball Schedule.

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The Service Learning Department at Delgado hosts multiple annual events such as Fall Community Service Fair, Year-End Celebration, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service, Cesar Chavez Day of Service and Technology, Communication, and Science and Math.

Last Fall more than 20 Delgado courses offered Service Learning with over 180 students participating and logging over 6500 hours of service, making an economic impact of over $150,000 in our community. If you'd like to get involved and help out your school and your community, you can stop by the Service Learning in Building 1, Room 212w, call 504-671-5298 or email the department at DelgadoServiceLearn@gcccd.edu.
I believe that the Saints will go all the way. Despite the injuries. I still see where improvements need to be made in preseason. To me, it just weighs out what will happen in the regular season. I was a little disappointed against Miami with the offense. But I think overall we looked good.

I don’t think it means anything. I think we’ll actually be better. I know we lost by a few points (to Miami) but that doesn’t mean anything.

There is a culture change happening with Rob Ryan and the Saints. This preseason has been a large pill to swallow for some Saints’ fans, but the emergence of some playmakers has others stupefied. It all began after last season was over. Sean Payton was reinstated after his suspension, and he immediately went back to work. He hired then-defensive coordinator Steve Spagnuolo, and began his search for his replacement. On Jan. 8 Rob Ryan was rehired to lead the lovely Dallas Cowboys. Ryan was with the Cowboys for one season, but in that season alone he put together an okay defense. He lost several pro-bowl starters and still managed to win some close games. The one knock he has is that he has been a journeyman defensive coordinator. He hasn’t stayed with one club for more than seven years before getting the boot. He was with the Cleveland Brown, and the Oakland Raiders for one season, where even there he put together good defensive units. On the plus side, he does have a knack for turning a mediocre defense and making them into a stopping power. A couple seasons ago his Cleveland Browns beat the Saints in the Superdome. During that game Drew Brees looked like a lost kid at a playground. The Brown’s line backers intercepted Brees and sacked him multiple times. It was hard not to look away; meanwhile, the top offensive in the NFL was flipped over by Ryan’s then, Cleveland Browns. If you look at the Saints history, you’ll see that this is coincidentally sounding familiar. The last time they brought in a defensive coordinator similar of Ryan’s pedigree, the Saints won the Superbowl. Will the stars align for the Saints this year?

The Saints are in a building stage for their defense. The first check on their list was the 2013 NFL draft. Their first round pick was overall the best defensive player at that spot; safety Kenny Vaccaro out of the University of Texas. He was viewed as a necessity for the Saints. He has brought a physical presence on the field all preseason. During training camp he even laid out several Saints veterans including Marques Colston; so far, he has lived up to his draft status as a great instictive player. Other notable defensive players the Saints drafted were defensive tackle John Jenkins out the University of Georgia, outside linebacker Rufus Johnson out of Tarleton State, defensive end Glenn Foster out of the University of Illinois, and linebacker Kevin Reddick out of the University of North Carolina. Next was the opening of free agency. The Saints then signed New Orleans native Keenan Lewis, a cornerback from the Pittsburgh Steelers, and then signed outside line backer Victor Butler from the Dallas Cowboys. During the end of preseason the Saints also traded for linebacker Parys Haralson from the San Francisco 49ers for a conditional seventh round pick in next year’s NFL draft. Rob Ryan so far has put together another solid looking defense. The only thing needed for his unit to fully get some respect is for the Saints to win on Sunday against their arch-rivals, the Atlanta Falcons.

This preseason has shown Saints fans their progress. In a way the dust has been shaken off this lowly unit. We have seen the rise and fall of several players, and we have seen the emergence of many unknowns. Line backers Victor Butler and Will Smith are both out for the season and fan favorite Martez Wilson was out all of preseason. But that didn’t stop the Saints from winning three out of four of their preseason games. They looked ready and confident, which is a far cry from what they looked like last season. In the first three preseason games they suffocated starting quarterbacks. Their safeties properly read other teams offenses and their line backers pressured the quarterback. Sean Payton brought Ryan in for this exact reason. This one coach has given something the Saints were in desperation for. He has changed the mind set and culture of what we have been accustomed to as Saints fans. The coaching staff has put into place a defensive package that will have us winning this season and seasons to come.

Another reason Ryan was sought after was also the talents rising in the NFC South. This is now one of the toughest divisions in the NFL. The Tampa Bay Buccaneers, Atlanta Falcons and the Carolina Panthers all have been building, too. They all have drafted great players and have brought in some great coaches; they also have won over many great play- ers in free agency. Pro Bowl players such as Darrelle Revis and Vincent Jackson have both signed with the Buccaneers, and running back Steven Jackson has signed with the Falcons. Many teams would be worried about the first game, but the Saints are focused and excited. All preseason they had to hear how they were the worst defense in the history of the NFL. That was last year. This year starts when we play the Falcons, the Saints have an opportu- nity to shut out the media and the negative press. It looks to be like another great game for the Who-Dats to show up and let everyone know that they are back and that they are ready.

Pollicy POLL

Q: Do you think the Saints pre-season games are a good indicator for the rest of the season?

A: Pharmacy Tech major

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“I know last time we went 3-1 we won the Super Bowl. And now Sean Payton is back, so I think we’ll be back.”

Pharmacy Tech major

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