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Panthers hire Gregory to run collegiate scouting



THE ASSOCIATED PRESS The Carolina Panthers last week hired Don Gregory Don Gregory from the Kansas City Chiefs as their we director of college scout-ing. Gregory Gregory The Social So

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president of player personnel for the St. Louis Rams. Gregory, along with general manager Marty Humey and head coach John Fox, will have a big say in whom the Panthers select in future NFL drafts.

NFL drafts. "Don is a very experienced and talented evaluator who will fit in perfectly within our organization," Hurney said. "He will be a great addition to what we feel like is an extremely talented college scouting department."

Gregory served as a nation al scout in the South and Southeast for the Chiefs Before joining the Chiefs, he held the post of player per-sonnel director for the XFL's Las Vegas Outlaws in 2001. Prior to the XFL (Gregory worked as a scout for the San Diego Chargers from 1995-99. A graduate of Whitworth College, Gregory has also worked in player personato for the CFL's Edmonton Eskimos and Winnipeg Blue Bombers.



Charlotte Knights manager Razor Shines tosses a baseball to fans after stopping a foul ball during the Knights' 2-1 win over Norfolk Tuesday at Knights Stadium. Charlotte earned a split in a doubleheader played before a franchise record 14,952 fans. The Knights are 55-30, good for first in the International League South Division.

N.C. Central coordinator heads across Triangle to lead Shaw

Continued from page 1C coordinator, and wide receivers and quarter-backs coach at Albany State, and running backs coach and offensive coordinator at Jackson State.

Jackson State. Asberry was offensive coordinator at Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Miss, before taking the offensive coordinator's job at NCCU two years ago. "Offensively, we're going to score, score, score", said Asberry in describing his philoso-phy. "I'm going to have my hands on every-thing. Every time we touch the football, we're going to try to score." Although this is his first head coaching job, Asberry has served under some legendary bosses.

bosses. "Coach John Shannon, W.C. Gordon, Robert Hughes and James Carson (all at Jackson State) helped me be the coordinator that I am today", he said. Aaberry also worked under Hampton Smith at. Albany State for two years, helping the Golden Rams earn their fifth consecutive SIAC football championship in 1997. Asberry acknowledged that although he has

a short timeframe to get started, he won't be starting from scratch. "Tot a chance to watch some film, and I saw alot of good things out there", he said. "I saw a lot of good things out there", he said. "I saw a lot of good things out there", he said. "I saw a lot of good things out there", he said. "I saw a lot of good things out there", he said. "I saw a lot of young men with a lot of character, and in going to try and buff that and make it a lit-tle brighter." Ironically, Asberry's first game will be against his old team when the Bears face the Eagles Sept. 3 in Durham. "North Carolina Central gave me an oppor-minity to get back into a four-year system so people could see my work," he said. "I appreci-ate Coach Broadway giving me an opportunity to come in and lead his team, but now it's my time and Shaw University will not be seend to any school in the CIAA as long as I'm head coach."

Although Asberry's departure puts him in a runch, Broadway said he's proud of his accomplishn

"It's a good position to be in when you start losing guys to head coaching jobs, that means you've got good staff," he said. "The timing is bad, but you've got to be happy for him."

WSSU aims to stay in D-I

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"in athletics president." He or she could decide that athletics is not that important, i.e. Fayetteville State President TJ. Bryan. Or they could look at some HBCU history and question if it's worth

some HBCU history and question if it's worth it. Think it can't happen? Ask NCCU. The uni-versity left the CIAA for the MEAC in 1972, then returned when things got too tough in 1980. NCCU Chancellor James Ammons came from D-I Florida A&M so you knew it was only a matter of time for the Eagles to take the plunge again. Savannah State, which moved up to D-I from the Southern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference three years ago, has become the laughingstock of D-I Two years ago, the men's basketball program didn't win a single game. They did manage to win two last season. The Tigers' application for membership in the MEAC has been put on hold. Not a good sign SSU should return to its SIAC roots, but President Carlton Brown's ego won't allow the dimension.

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is named. BONITTA BEST is sports editor at The Triangle Tribune in Durham.

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NFL politcy bans amphetamines

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK - The NFL has toughened up its drug policy, adding amphetamines to the list of banned performance-enhancers starting this sea-

enhancers starting this sea-son. Anghetamines were previ-ously listed as a "substance-abuse drug," but are-now in the same category as staroids and other enhancers that carry much stronger penal-ties. This season will serve as a transition year, where a first positive test would bring a warning and put a player into the drug program. But in 2007, amphetamines will be tested for on a regular basis. A first positive test will result in a four-game suppen-sion, the same penalty now

result in a four-game suspen-sion, the same penalty now levied for positive steroids tests. Major League Baseball also started testing for amphetamines this season as part of its steroids policy. Harold Henderson, NFL executive vice president of labor relations, said the league and union worked together to toughen the penalties for amphetamines

after the Congressional hear-ings last year on drugs in sports. "We never looked at it as a competitive issue for our players, like steroids and other things, but realized the possibility that some players would use if for a gameday edge," Henderson said Tuesday in a phone interview from San Diego, where he was attending the annual rookie symposium. "The union quickly agreed with us."

The two sides worked together to hammer out a deal to put into place as part of the new collective bargaining agreement

"We were all working together during the Comgressional investigation," Henderson said "We learned about it, we wondered with each other whether this was an issue to be concerned about. In the abundance of caution, we probably should be. We all understood we needed to do something here." In addition to the ampheta-mines change, the penalty for a second positive test for per-formance-enhancing drugs was increased from six to eight games. A third positive test still carries a one-year suspension.

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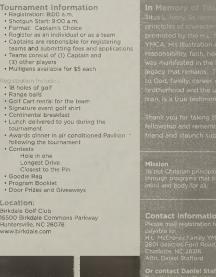
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