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NCAA 1-AA SOUTH
All-Region Team

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Appalachian State's Richardson, Mayfield and Murrell, Plus Elon's Nkang and Texas Southern's Thomas Highlight 2006 Football Gazette South All-Region Team

NORTH AURORA, Illinois ~~ Leading the nation in rushing touchdowns was, **Kevin Richardson**, the conference leader in average yards gained per reception, **William Mayfield**, and the SoCon leader in tackles for loss and sacks, **Marques Murrell**, are all from Appalachian State, with Elon's, Buck Buchanan Award winner, **Chad Nkang**, and SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, **Stacey Thomas** headline a talented 2006 Don Hansen's Football Gazette NCAA 1-FCS South All-Region team. Appalachian State's, **Jerry Moore**, who led the Mountaineers' to the NCAA Div. 1-FCS National Title, including a final record 14-1, was named Regional Coach of the Year.

Richardson earned Offensive Back of the Year while Mayfield claimed the Offensive Receiver of the Year Award and Murrell received Defensive Lineman of the Year accolades Nkang is the Defensive Linebacker of the Year while Thomas garnered the Defensive Back of the Year award. Senior **Jackie Skipper**, from Arkansas at Pine Bluff earned Offensive Lineman and is a candidate for the Rimington Award (Awarded to the top center in Div. 1-FCS). **Nate Hughes**, from Alcorn State is the Special Teams Player of the Year.

Richardson, a junior, from Elizabethtown, North Carolina, Richardson, a finalist for the Walter Payton Award (Division I FCS Player of the Year), is Appalachian's third-straight SoCon Offensive Player of the Year, following DaVon Fowlkes (2004) and Richie Williams (2005), and the fifth all-time (Rick Beasley - 1979, John Settle - 1986). Only a junior, Richardson ran for 1,676 yards and a nation leading 30 touchdowns. His 30 rushing touchdowns smashes Settle's single-season school record of 20 set in '86.. Richardson averaged 5.5 yards per carry, and caught 30 passes for 285 yards and one more score.

Mayfield, a senior, from Durham, North Carolina, was key member of the Mountaineers' offense. Mayfield is a First-Team All-Southern Conference honoree. He finished the 2006 season with 64 catches for 1,129 yards and five touchdowns, including a league-leading 17.6 yards per reception. e had one forced fumble, 16 QB hurries, a pass breakup and a blocked kick. He had eight tackles against both Jackson State and Southern while registering three sacks in the season opener against Alabama A&M. First-Team All-SWAC.

Nkang, a senior, from Hyattsville, Maryland, was named the Southland Conference Defensive Player of the Year. Was a 2006 Buck Buchanan Award finalist. Was the *Football Gazette* 2005 Linebacker of the Year. Nkang topped the SoCon in tackles with 127, and totaled 16.5 tackles for loss (-56 yards) with three sacks (-12 yards), three forced fumbles, one pass break-up and returned his interception 47 yards for a touchdown.

Thomas, a senior, from New Orleans, Louisiana, is a 2006 Walter Camp Div. 1 -AA All American, 2006 AFCA Div. 1-AA All-American, 2006 SWAC Defensive Player of the Year, and a 2006 All-SWAC First Team Defensive Back. Thomas had 18 tackles vs. Jackson State; 13 tackles vs. Texas State; 12 tackles vs. Alcorn State and Arkansas-Pine Bluff; 10 tackles vs. Grambling State; 9 tackles vs. New Mexico and Alabama A&M. He also registered two Interceptions versus Grambling; returning one 35 yards for a score, returned a fumble 23 yards for a touchdown versus Texas State. Thomas overall totals for 2006 are, 114 tackles, 5.5 tackles for loss (24 yards) with one sack (-8 yards), one forced fumble, four fumble recoveries or 40 yards and a touchdown, six pass break-ups and five interceptions, with 105 return yards, including one for a touchdown.

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Skipper, a senior, from Bastrop, Louisiana, was a key factor in leading UAPB to their first SWAC Western Division title. Skipper is a First-Team All-SWAC selection and a First-Team AFCA honoree. UAPB averaged 29.1 points per game, 200.6 passing yards per game and 342.8 yards of total offense per game.

Hughes, a junior, from Macon, Mississippi, led the SWAC in punt return average. Hughes returned 22 punts for 460 yards, including two for touchdowns, while averaging 20.9 yards per punt return. He also had 248 kick return yards and, caught 40 passes for 371 yards and four touchdowns

Murrell, senior, from Fayetteville, North Carolina, anchored a Mountaineer defense that allowed only 250 yards of total offense per game, leading the league in total defense. The defensive end racked up 82 total tackles, including 17 tackles for a loss of 97 yards. He also recorded 13 sacks on the season four forced fumbles and three pass breakups. Murrell was selected to the all-conference first team for the second consecutive season and earned his third all-conference award of his career. He led all defensive linemen in the league averaging 5.5 tackles per game and had 35 solo tackles. Murrell was a finalist for the Buck Buchanan Award and was one of only two returning finalists from the 2005 season.

Jerry Moore, led Appalachian State University to the 2005 Southern Conference Title, and had his Mountaineers' repeat as the National champs with a 28-17 win over Massachusetts. In his 18 seasons at Appalachian, Moore has compiled a 154-68 overall record and led the Mountaineers to five SoCon championships, 12 NCAA I-AA playoff berths and 17 winning seasons. He has coached 55 all-Americans (this does not include the All-American's from the 2006 season). Prior to his arrival at ASU, Moore served as a head coach at North Texas (1979-80) and Texas Tech (1981-85). In 25 overall seasons as a head coach, Moore is 181-116-2. He also spent 15 successful seasons as a well-respected assistant coach under coaching legends Hayden Fry at SMU (1965-72), Tom Osborne at Nebraska (1973-78) and Ken Hatfield at Arkansas (1988). Before beginning his coaching career as an assistant at Corsicana H.S. in Corsicana, Texas from 1961-64, Moore enjoyed a prolific playing career. He finished among the nation's top 10 in receptions as a wide receiver at Baylor from 1958-60. He was a team captain for the 11th-ranked Bears as a senior and graduated from Baylor with a degree in finance and economics in 1961. A native of Bonham, Texas, Moore was an all-state performer on the gridiron and earned 14 varsity letters in four sports at Bonham H.S. He is a member of the Bonham Athletics Hall of Fame.

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FIRST TEAM OFFENSE

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	ARMANTI EDWARDS (Appalachian State University)	Frosh.	6'0	165	Greenwood, SC
RB	MARTELL MALLETT (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff)	Soph..	6'0	210	Pine Bluff, AR
RB	KEVIN RICHARDSON (Appalachian State University)	Junior	5'9	190	Elizabethtown, NC/East Bladen
RB	D.D. TERRY (Sam Houston State University)	Senior	6'1	190	Willis, TX
TE	BLAKE MARTIN (Sam Houston State University)	Junior	6'3	236	Hemphill, TX
WR	CLYDE EDWARDS (Grambling State University)	Junior	5'10	175	Houston, TX/Westbury
WR	TERRELL HUDGINS (Elon University)	Frosh.	6'2	226	Rocky Mount, NC
WR	JASON JONES (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff)	Junior	6'1	180	Forest City, AR
OT	JOHN KIVETT (Furman University)	Senior	6'3	278	High Point, NC/Robert B. Glenn
OG	KERRY BROWN (Appalachian State University)	Junior	6'6	300	Marietta, GA/Lassiter
OC	JACKIE SKIPPER (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff)	Senior	6'1	295	Bastrop, LA
OG	ANDREW THORNBURG (Furman University)	Senior	6'3	280	Snellville, GA.
OT	LANCE HANCOCK (Sam Houston State University)	Senior	6'5	290	Deer Park, TX
PK	BLAKE BERCEQEAY (McNeese State University)	Soph..	6'2	168	Gonzales, La./East Ascension
KR	ULYSSES BANKS (Alabama A&M University)	Frosh.	5'10	195	Birmingham, AL/Parker
PR	NATE HUGHES (Alcorn State University)	Junior	6'2	187	Macon, MS/Starkville
AP	DEDRICK POOLE (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff)	Senior	6'0	200	Little Rock, AR

FIRST TEAM DEFENSE

POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	JACOB FORD (University of Central Arkansas)	Senior	6'5	252	Memphis, TN/Melrose
DE	MARQUES MURRELL (Appalachian State University)	Senior	6'2	245	Fayetteville, NC/Jack Britt
DE	BRYANT SMITH (McNeese State University)	Junior	6'3	206	Newton, TX
DT	TROY COLLINS (Northwestern State University)	Senior	6'3	280	New Orleans, La./Fortier
DT	RONALD GREEN (Mississippi Valley State University)	Senior	6'0	300	Tampa, FL/Blake
LB	JOHNNY BALDWIN (Alabama A&M University)	Senior	6'1	221	Bessemer, AL/McAdory
LB	CHRIS DUPUY (Alabama State University)	Senior	6'0	210	New Orleans, LA/Sarah T. Reed
LB	TYLER KNIGHT (Mississippi Valley State University)	Senior	6'0	210	Little Rock, AR
LB	JOHN MOHRING (Georgia Southern University)	Senior			Naples, FL
LB	CHAD NKANG (Elon University)	Senior	6'1	218	Hyattsville, MD/Northwestern HS
DB	KELDRICK HOLMAN (Stephen F. Austin State University)	Senior	6'0	205	Hemphill, Texas
DB	JAMELLE JUNEAU (McNeese State University)	Junior	6'2	215	Bunkie, LA
DB	COREY LYNCH (Appalachian State University)	Junior	6'0	205	Cape Coral, FL/Evangelical Christian
DB	WALTER MUSGROVE (Texas State University)	Senior	5'9	190	Duncanville, TX
DB	STACEY THOMAS (Texas Southern University)	Senior	6'0	200	New Orleans, LA/Warren Easton
P	BRECK ACKLEY (Southern University)	Senior	6'1	170	Lake Charles, LA/LaGrange

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SECOND TEAM OFFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	WES POPE (Elon University)	Junior	6'3	224	Jamestown, NC/Ragsdale
RB	ELDRA BUCKLEY (UT-Chattanooga)	Senior	5'11	198	Charleston, MS
RB	JEROME FELTON (Furman University)	Junior	6'0	248	Madisonville, TN/Sequoyah
RB	JAY PECK (Alabama State University)	Junior	5'11	200	Columbus, OH/Brookhaven
TE	BRIAN WASHINGTON (Southern University)	Senior	6'4	245	Baton Rouge, LA/Catholic.
WR	MICHAEL MAYERS (Elon University)	Junior	5'9	164	Virginia Beach, VA/Landstown
WR	William Mayfield (Appalachian State University)	Senior	6'2	220	Durham, NC/Southern Durham
WR	STEVEN WHITEHEAD (McNeese State University)	Junior	5'8	170	Slidell, LA/Salmen
OT	BRENT POUSSON (McNeese State University)	Senior	6'5	297	Iota, LA
OG	JACOB BENDER (Nicholls State University)	Senior	6'6	305	Mayo, MD/DeMatha Catholic
OC	SCOTT SUTTLE (Appalachia State University)	Junior	6'0	260	Charlotte, NC/West Mecklenberg
OG	MICHAEL MOODY (Elon University)	Senior	6'3	321	Laurinburg, NC/Scotland County
OT	WILL RUTHERFORD (Wofford College)	Senior	6'5	260	Woodstock, GA
PK	ANDREW WILCOX (Elon University)	Soph..	6'3	241	Richmond, VA/Hermitage
KR	JAYSON FORTH (Georgia Southern University)	Junior	5'9	164	Canton, GA/Cherokee County
PR	STEVEN WHITEHEAD (McNeese State University)	Junior	5'8	170	Slidell, LA/Salman
AP	TORY COOPER (The Citadel)	Junior	5'7	181	Effingham, SC/South Florence

THIRD TEAM OFFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
QB	DANNY SOUTHALL (Stephen F. Austin State University)	Junior	6'3	214	Hitchcock, TX
RB	DARIUS FUDGE (Western Carolina University)	Senior	6'0	200	Riverdale, CA/Jonesboro
RB	JAY LUCAS (Southeastern Louisiana University)	Soph..	5'11	220	Baton Rouge, LA/Redemptorist
RB	LOUIE RUNNELS (Stephen F. Austin State University)	Junior	6'0	250	Belleville, TX
TE	CHARLES MOODY (Alabama A&M University)	Senior	6'5	235	Carthage, Texas
WR	CARLESE FRANKLIN (McNeese State University)	Senior	5'11	178	Kentwood, LA
WR	BRANDON PERRY (Sam Houston State University)	Senior	6'4	196	LaMarque, TX.
WR	JUSTION STEPP (Furman University)	Senior	5'11	188	Pelion, SC
OT	JAMELL BASS (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff)	Junior	6'6	305	Mayo, Maryland
OL	JEFFERY JOHNSON (Alabama A&M University)	Senior	6'2	290	Grand Bay, AL/Alma Bryant
OC	DONALD USRY (Southeastern Louisiana University)	Senior	6'3	310	Loranger, LA
OL	KRISTIAN SMITH (Alabama A&M University)	Senior	6'1	310	San Diego, CA.
OT	ANDRE BENNETT (Grambling State University)	Senior	6'7	330	Vicksburg, MS
PK	BRECK ACKLEY (Southern University)	Senior	5'10	165	Lake Charles, LA/LaGrange
KR	STEVEN WHITEHEAD (McNeese State University)	Junior	5'8	170	Slidell, LA/Salman

SECOND TEAM DEFENSE

POS	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	JERMAINE MCGHEE (Prairie View A&M University)	Senior	6'2	200	Oakland, CA/San Lorenzo
DE	ED QUEEN (Northwestern State University)	Senior	6'2	274	Baton Rouge, LA/East Ascension
DE	CHARROD TAYLOR (Georgia Southern University)	Senior			Miami, FL
DT	JUSTIN BROWN (Furman University)	Frosh.	5'11	272	Warner Robins, CA
DT	KIRBY JOSEPH (McNeese State University)	Senior	6'2	256	Lake Charles, LA/Washington-Madison
LB	JEREMY CASTILLO (Texas State University)	Senior	5'11	220	Corsicana, TX
LB	VINCENT DAVIS (Texas Southern University)	Senior	6'2	242	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
LB	ANDREW JONES (Furman University)	Junior	5'11	232	Birmingham, AL/Minor
LB	ALLEN NELSON (McNeese State University)	Soph..	6'1	205	Beaumont, TX/Ozen
LB	CORY VAVALA (Nicholls State University)	Senior	6'2	225	San Antonio, TX/St. Anthony
DB	JEREMY BLOCKER (Furman University)	Senior	6'0	187	Hodges, SC/Greenwood
DB	MICHAEL COE (Alabama State University)	Senior	6'1	190	Memphis, TN
DB	JOSH LAWSON (The Citadel)	Junior	5'11	194	Summerton, SC/Scotts Branch
DB	RUSS WASHINGTON (Northwestern State University)	Senior	5'9	185	Lamarque, TX
DB	JEREMY WIGGINS (Appalachian State University)	Senior	5'9	190	Macon, GA/Northeast
P	CHRIS MacDONALD (Texas State University)	Junior	6'4	215	Mesa, AZ/Red Mountain

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POS.	NAME (SCHOOL)	YEAR	HT	WT	HOMETOWN
DE	TREVAR BROUGHTON (The Citadel)	Senior	6'2	283	Hampton, VA
DE	ROY RAVENELL (Furman University)	Senior	6'2	255	Goose Creek, SC/Stratford
DE	GREG THARRINGTON (Appalachian State University)	Frosh.	6'1	255	Middlesex, NC/Southern Nash
DT	OMARR BYRON (Appalachian State University)	Senior	6'2	255	Winston-Salem, NC/R.J. Reynolds
DT	KEVIN LOCKHART (Alabama A&M University)	Senior	6'1	305	Tallahassee, FL/Ricketts
LB	QUINTON MAXWELL (University of Central Arkansas)	Senior	6'0	235	Conway, AR
LB	PIERRE BANK (Appalachian State University)	Junior	6'0	210	Durham, NC/Southern
LB	JUSTIN FRANKLIN (Wofford College)	Senior	6'2	245	Jacksonville, NC
LB	QUINTON MAXWELL (University of Central Arkansas)	Senior	6'0	235	Conway, AR
LB	KENNETH WOODARD (Jackson State University)	Senior	6'2	220	Detroit, MI
DB	CALTON BOWN (Jackson State University)	Senior	5'11	190	Grenada, MS
DB	KEDRON DUNN (Texas Southern University)	Senior	5'11	188	Sugar Land, TX/Willowridge
DB	TONEY EDISON (Nicholls State University)	Senior	6'0	205	Taylorsville, MS/Collins
DB	JARMAUL GEORGE (Southern University)	Junior	6'1	190	New Orleans, LA/Copiah
DB	JASPER JOHNSON (University of Central Arkansas)	Senior	6'2	218	Pine Bluff, AR/Dollarway

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P BRANDON LANE (Elon University)
 Soph.. 6'6 249 Greensboro, NC/SE Guilford

HONORABLE MENTION OFFENSE

POS NAME (SCHOOL)
YEAR HT WT HOMETOWN
 QB BRADLEY GEORGE (Texas State University)
 Frosh. 6'6 230 New Braunfels, TX
 QB CHRIS WALLACE (University of Arkansas-Pine Bluff)
 Junior 6'1 180 Kankakee, IL
 OT BRANDON HALE (Sam Houston State University)
 Junior 6'3 311 Grand Prairie, TX
 AP MICHAEL MAYERS (Elon University)
 Junior 5'9 164 Virginia Beach, VA/Landstown

HONORABLE MENTION DEFENSE

POS. NAME (SCHOOL)
YEAR HT WT HOMETOWN
 DT WESLEY BTAY (Furman University)
 Senior 6'2 283 Cave Spring, GA/Coosa
 LB GARY NELSON (Furman University)
 Junior 6'0 218 Stone Mountain, GA/St. Pius
 P RASHAN CYLAR (Alabama A&M University)
 Frosh. 5'10 179 Stone Mountain, NC/Stephenson
 AP STAN ZWINGGI (Texas State University)
 Soph.. 6'11 190 Fredericksburg, TX