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## Progress that goes straight to the belly

Pete Hasemeier juggles Friday in front of Donkey Coffee and Espresso on West Washington Street. Hasemeier can be seen there frequently juggling. Donkey Coffee is among the new or relocated local eateries that are featured in our annual Progress editions today (starting on page 13) and Thursday Photo by Ed Venrick.

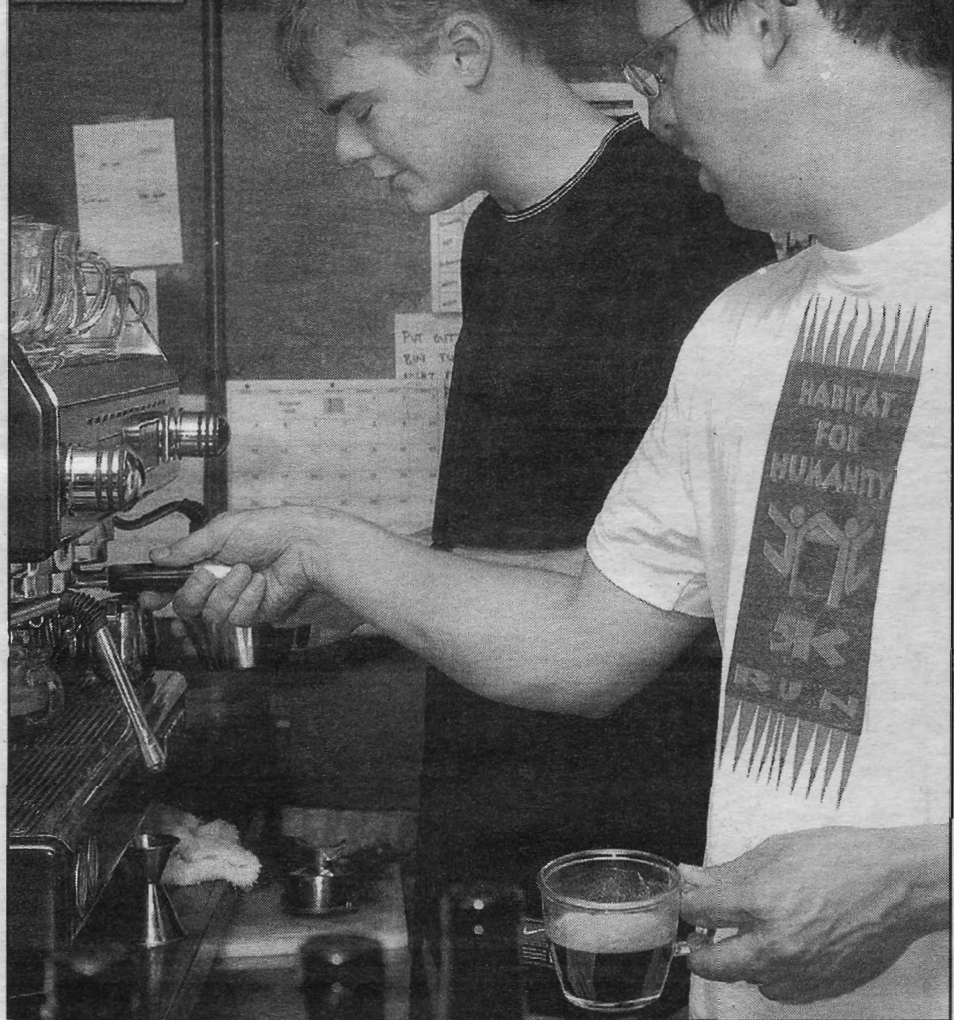
Flavored Latte 2.50 / 3.00  
Mocha 2.25 / 2.75  
Cappuccino 2.00 / 2.50  
Espresso 1.25 / 1.50  
Hot Chocolate 1.50 / 2.00  
Americano 1.25 / 1.50  
Dark Roast Coffee 1.25  
(free refills)  
Steamer 1.75 / 2.00  
Chai 2.25 / 2.50  
English Tea 1.25

Italian Soda 1.25 / 1.50  
Crema 1.50 / 2.00  
Frescante 3.25

iced tea drinks

Iced Chai 2.25 / 2.75  
American Iced Tea 1.25

more like  
to nut  
chocolate,  
ice  
fish cream,  
strawberry,  
added.



Matt Moore, co-owner of Donkey Coffee and Espresso, left, and Dan Demins test some coffee beans from Italy Friday afternoon. The coffee shop usually serves “fair trade” coffee from Costa Rica but was just testing the beans from Italy for fun. Photo by Ed Venrick.

# New coffee shop tries to create ‘third space’ for folks

By Ashley McKnight  
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Athens’ new coffee shop provides a distraction-free atmosphere away from home and work for citizens to enjoy games, conversation and, of course, coffee.

Donkey Coffee, on Washington Street a half block up the hill from the courthouse, is owned by two local couples, Chris and Angie Pyle and Matt and Jessica Moore. The shop opened in early June and according to Matt Moore, is the only local place that sells “fair-traded” organic coffee.

“We have an espresso blend, a house regular, and a house decaf,” Moore said.

The shop offers other drinks including cappuccino and a delicious passion-berry iced tea. An assortment of muffins, cookies, scones and cakes are displayed next to the counter. The baked goods sold in the shop come from several local places. The primary source is Lori Johanssen, a certified baker who bakes out of her home, Moore said. Other contributors include Millie’s Munchies, My Favorite Muffin, Crumbs and The Village Bakery.

Owning a coffee shop had been his and his wife’s dream for a long time, Moore said. “We love people, and we love Athens,” he added.

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