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Apprentices Build Tech Lab for Local School

By Kareem Solomon
E06 Design Apprentice

Apprentices spent a number of months working diligently toward the construction of the new Tech Lab/Design Center at Cooper Elementary School in Hampton. NGNN Trades Manager Everett Jordan approached John Maxey, Apprentice Academic Instructor/ Golf Coach, and asked if he could find some volunteers to help out. The golf team happily obliged and a few other students also came out to help.

On December 2nd a ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the school to officially open the lab. All the volunteers attended the special

occasion. The event was kicked off with the school's regular morning news and announcements, which are seen by all the students via video feed into all the classrooms. Next, Eugenia Russell, Cooper Elementary principal, presented gifts to the project's organizers. Facilitator Margaret Blackwell, and Project Designers Everett Jordan and Gene Nelson, along with two Cooper staff members, were all recognized for their contributions. In addition, the fourteen apprentices who volunteered their time after work for this project were

awarded certificates of appreciation from the school for their hard work. Work on the lab included the assembly of large storage cabinets, constructing work benches, and hanging peg boards to keep tools organized. All the materials were donated by NGNN.

It has been a very rewarding experience for me to be part of this project. The lab looks excellent, and it will give the students an opportunity to turn their dreams and visions into reality.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- FEBRUARY SPORTS HOMEGAMES**
- Mens Basketball Feb 25
 - Women's Basketball Feb 4, Feb 14, Feb 21
 - Wrestling Feb 17-18 (Tournament)

- OTHER EVENTS**
- Polar Plunge: Feb 4th
 - Texas Hold'em Tournament: Feb. 11th
 - Arena Racing: Feb. 11th
 - GRADUATION: Feb. 17th
 - JA Bowling Tournament: March 11th

Class of 2005



FRIENDS & FAMILY OF FUTURE NGNN LEADERS: YOU'RE INVITED!

Apprentice School Graduation

CNU Ferguson Center*

February 17, 2006 @ 8:00 pm

*For directions call (757) 594-7000 or log on to: <http://fergusoncenter.cnu.edu/directions.html>

The Apprentice School graduation ceremony has made its mark as the years pinnacle event! Come and join management, faculty, and fellow students to celebrate The Apprentice School's solid tradition of developing skilled, educated, craftsmen and future leaders.

This year's ceremony, held at CNU's Ferguson Center of the Arts, will be packed full of inspiration and motivation. The larger facility will host one of The Apprentice School's largest graduating classes, as well as introduce a grander, more collegiate atmosphere. Come and celebrate the hard work and dedication of your fellow apprentices!!!

Personal Introduction: Jason Kinney 2006 Publications Chair

I'm looking forward to serving you this year as the new Apprentice School Student Association (ASSA) Publications Chair. I am following the footsteps of former chair Kareem Solomon (2006 ASSA Vice President). Kareem has gone out of his way to prepare me for continuing the task of keeping you informed of past, present, and future events and happenings related to you as apprentices.

I believe that the talents I have in writing and creativity as well as my desire to be an instrument in helping each and every student achieve their goals socially, and educationally, will prove a benefit to you as fellow apprentices. The team of people that have already stepped

up and expressed interest in being part of the publications committee are some of the best and I'm looking forward to working with the entire group in continuing the legacy of the Builder Bulletin.

Please take the time to thank Kareem for his hard work throughout the 2005 year in bringing the Bulletin to where it is now and for providing me with continuing counsel in maintaining the standards that have been previously set in place. I ask that each of you continue to read the Builder Bulletin with enthusiasm and expectation as we work hard together through 2006!



SPOTLIGHT

Charles B. Bell, Jr.

By Jason Kinney
X32 ASOC Apprentice

APPRENTICE

Newport News native Charles Bell, Jr. (19) strives to continue his goals and aspirations by working diligently through his first year as an X32 Sheet Metal Apprentice. Currently in the M32 Apprentice Gallery (Building 5, South Yard) working for Craft Instructor Tim House, Charles enjoys the challenge of learning what it means to develop a good foundation in quality craftsmanship.

Charles graduated from Heritage High School in 2004 and had plans to attend Hampton University and focus on mechanical drawing. After taking a year away from studies and considering the advice of friends and family, including his

father (O59 Supervisor Charles Bell, Sr.) and uncle (X42 Apprentice Alumni J. Mitchell), Charles made a decision to apply for an apprenticeship at NGNN. "People spoke so highly of The Apprentice School," says Charles, "it provides career opportunities that most companies don't offer."

When asked what he is enjoying most as an apprentice, Charles commented on how much he loves being part of the big projects. "I'm never bored," He says, "I love the hands-on work...everyday I learn something new." He went on to talk about how much he enjoys the people he works with as well as

the educational opportunities that The Apprentice School provides. Charles plans to work hard over the next two years to prove himself a prime candidate for the Design program. In addition to feeling very passionate about doing his best and learning everything he can, Charles encourages other apprentices to work through the obstacles and stay focused on their objectives. "Theres a lot of negativity out there...but that doesn't phase me. I don't take the negative to heart, and I encourage others to do the same and work hard toward their goals...The Apprentice School is a great place to start your career!"

**TOP EIGHT WINNERS
GET PRIZES!!!**



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GONG FAST!!!**



**Come See X18 Apprentice Roger Miller race at the Hampton Coliseum
with X18 Apprentice Kyle Simmons Spotting.**

Roger Miller will be racing his newly painted #68 Car. LOOK FOR THE BURGUNDY AND GOLD! That's right, Miller and crew are painting his car with The Apprentice School colors and logos!

Come out and see Roger Miller, along with spotter, and fellow X18 Apprentice Kyle Simmons as they represent the Apprentice School on the fast paced, Bristol model, Arena raceway at Hampton Coliseum!



Roger Milller in his #68 ARUSA car, January 7, 2006

Feb 11, 7pm

**DOORS OPEN AT 6pm.
COME EARLY AND HANG
OUT WITH THE DRIVERS!**

Tickets (with shipyard ID):
\$9 for adults, \$4 for kids



Sara Bonwell Hudgens Center ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Jason Kinney
X32 ASOC Apprentice

Apprentices continued a 32 year legacy by hosting the annual Sarah Bonwell Hudgens Center Christmas Party this past December 12th. Every year, since 1974, The Apprentice School has been providing dinner and refreshments as well as a surprise visit from Santa Claus. Apprentices not only benefit from a time of connection amongst themselves, but the opportunity to be a part of such a wonderful organization.

The Sarah Bonwell Hudgens Foundation supports dynamic programs and seeks to maintain an inclusive environment for people with mental and/or physical disabilities. The Foundation helps enable the disabled with

a place to work, a place to live in a safe, caring environment, and a place to learn to live independently while receiving medical care.

Some volunteers met the day before to help set up and decorate The Ted Pritchard Gymnasium for the party. It's always great to see guests begin to wander in, see the decorations, and get excited about the evenings events. Aside from intermingling and dancing with guests, apprentices spent time putting together dinner and wrapping t-shirts as gifts.

The evening's grand finale was the well done entrance of Santa Claus, played by current ASSA President and planner apprentice Ron Hendrickson (pictured). It was such a

rewarding sight to witness the happiness of these people as they received their gifts and had the opportunity to loosen up around each other for an evening of fun and celebration.

The Apprentice School looks forward to many more years of hosting this event for the Sarah Bonwell Hudgens Center and encourages anyone interested in volunteering their time and resources to the Foundation to visit their website:

www.sarahbonwellhudgens.org



Apprentices mingle and dance with participants



Santa Claus (ASSA President Ron Hendrickson) hands a t-shirt to a very grateful, excited guest.



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No smoking, no pets & References required.

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14th Annual

POLAR PLUNGE

TO BENEFIT SPECIAL OLYMPICS VIRGINIA
COME WATCH APPRENTICES FREEZE!

THE ASSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE HAS PUT TOGETHER A TEAM, AND WILL BE PARTICIPATING IN THIS YEAR'S POLAR PLUNGE IN VA BEACH!

February 4, 2006
2pm @ VA Beach Ocean Front

Since 1993 Polar Plunge has raised over \$2 million dollars for Special Olympics Virginia and over 14,000 chilled souls have taken the plunge.
Information taken from www.polarplunge.com



*Great Company Great Products **Great People** Great Results*



By: David Nicholas
XO6/X89 Planner Apprentice

The Apprentice School offers a unique opportunity to acquire trade knowledge and education while being an active member of a dynamic industrial team that produces the world's most technologically advanced warships for our nation's defense. As apprentices, not only do we begin an in-depth internship that almost instantly establishes beneficial career long relationships, but we also receive academic credit and job-training while earning a paycheck. One of the most important links on our journey to becoming the future of NGNN is The Apprentice School's craft and academic instructors. This is the first of twelve installments for the 2006 Bulletin that will introduce and highlight just a few of these great instructors.

This issue's focus is on 022 Electrical Theory Instructor, Stephanie Roscoe. Stephanie grew up in Philadelphia, Pa and graduated from Camden High School. She attended Hampton University for two years and was employed as a Supply Clerk for Northrop Grumman prior to entering The Apprentice School in 1991. During her 043E apprenticeship, Stephanie became very active in the ASSA, ultimately serving as Secretary. She was also an athlete, which enabled her to travel cross country with the Track team. Furthermore, she helped manage both the football and wrestling teams. After graduating,

Stephanie Roscoe
022 Electrical Theory Instructor



"Keep moving ahead!"

Stephanie was hired as an 048 Crane Inspector. Shortly thereafter, she took a leave of absence from the company to be married and start a family. Over the next two years, Stephanie received her HVAC license while working for Kingsmill Resort and was in charge of all electric and telecommunications issues at Kingsmill's Michelob Golf Championship. Mrs. Roscoe returned to the shipyard in 1999 as an Electrical Designer and worked through the Union strike later that year. In 2001 she was hired into 043E

& HVAC as an Apprentice Instructor and in 2003 she was asked to fill the position of 022 Electrical Theory Instructor.

Some of Stephanie's duties as an instructor include recruiting and interviewing prospective Apprentices, teaching AC/DC Theory, and providing guidance and counseling to current apprentices. Roscoe still practices an active role in extracurricular organizations. She is presently a new faculty advisor for SME and serves as the Secretary for SME's parent chapter.

Stephanie relied on support and guidance from her Apprentice Instructors as well. Some major influences throughout her apprenticeship included Steve Lynch and Chris Davis (043E Instructors), Gwyn Gridley (048 Supervisor), and Frank Satchell (022 Academic Instructor). Now that she is working among those who once led her, Roscoe offers these words of encouragement: "Don't let peers stop you from succeeding. Set your goals in front of you, visually. Keep it simple and don't let failure deter you from success – keep moving ahead!" By taking her own advice, Stephanie received her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration in 2004 from Averett University. She is now working hard to obtain a Master's degree as well. She aspires to reach higher leadership positions within the company but says she is in no hurry. She loves what she is doing and really enjoys working for Ron Liles (X31, X32 Lead Craft Instructor). Her main goal in her current position is to make apprentices feel as though they can come to her and talk about anything and everything. As busy as her schedule may be, Stephanie still finds time to spend with her family and enjoys playing golf and tennis. Mrs. Roscoe is a fine example of the caliber of individuals we have as instructors at The Apprentice School.

Holiday Dinner Dance

By Chris Guthrie
E06 Design Apprentice

On December 3rd apprentices met at The Waterside Marriot to celebrate the annual Holiday Dinner Dance. The hotel offers a good, central location to the Waterside Market Place, and the local clubs in downtown Norfolk. Many apprentices took advantage of the discounted rates offered by the Marriot, and stayed overnight to help relieve the stress of late night travel and early morning celebration!

As one of the years leading events, the dance gave apprentices and guests the opportunity to usher in the holiday season with a night full of music, food, games, prizes, entertainment, and plenty of opportunity to show off their moves on the dance floor!

Some of the evening's activities included a meet-and-greet time, slide show, and door prizes. As dinner winded down, the DJ fired up some tunes and it was time to get on the dance floor. Plus, in case you had your doubts, several of our more flamboyant faculty proved their annual holiday spirit by "gettin-down" with their "Cha-Cha" moves. For those who weren't into the dance floor, there was plenty of time for conversation and spending time with friends and fellow apprentices.

To all of you that attended the dance, thank you for coming! Overall, the dance was a success, and everybody looks forward to this year's Holiday Dinner Dance. Remember, tickets sold out quick for last years dance, so make sure you don't wait too late this year!

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COMMENTS AND
INFORMATION

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a comment or request information
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GO BUILDERS!



A Perspective of Wrestling

By X31 Derrick Gillmer

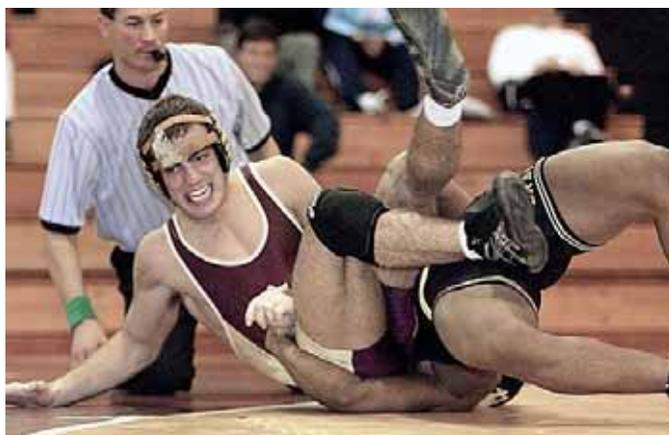
I hope you all have been able to come out to some games recently to see the Builders in action. This particular focus is on the wrestling aspect of Builder sports. I recently had a chance to communicate with the wrestling coach, Jeff Rusak, and he gave me some insight on his hopes and ambitions for the team. "[We've] had a few ups and downs so far this season...right now [we] have five apprentices with more than ten wins" and continually racking up more.

Confidence, mental toughness, and dedication will be the devices needed to further the success of the team for the rest of the season. The power of the team comes from "the confidence in the builders own abilities and strengths, knowing that they can compete with anyone," states Rusak. Each Builder wrestler is dedicated

to the sport and has set personal goals for themselves.

In addition to possessing the "mental toughness to wrestle through times of injury and struggle," this team has a passionate drive to triumph over any obstacle that they may encounter. Coach Rusak, along with assistant coaches Matt Butler and Ron Vecchione, see a lot of potential in this young team and encourage apprentices to come out and show their support.

If you have not had the chance to dedicate your time to the Apprentice Builders, you should take the time to do so. Not only with wrestling, but also with men's and women's basketball, who are all wrapping up this seasons games, and could benefit from the extra support. **COME OUT AND CHEER ON YOUR FELLOW BUILDERS!!!**

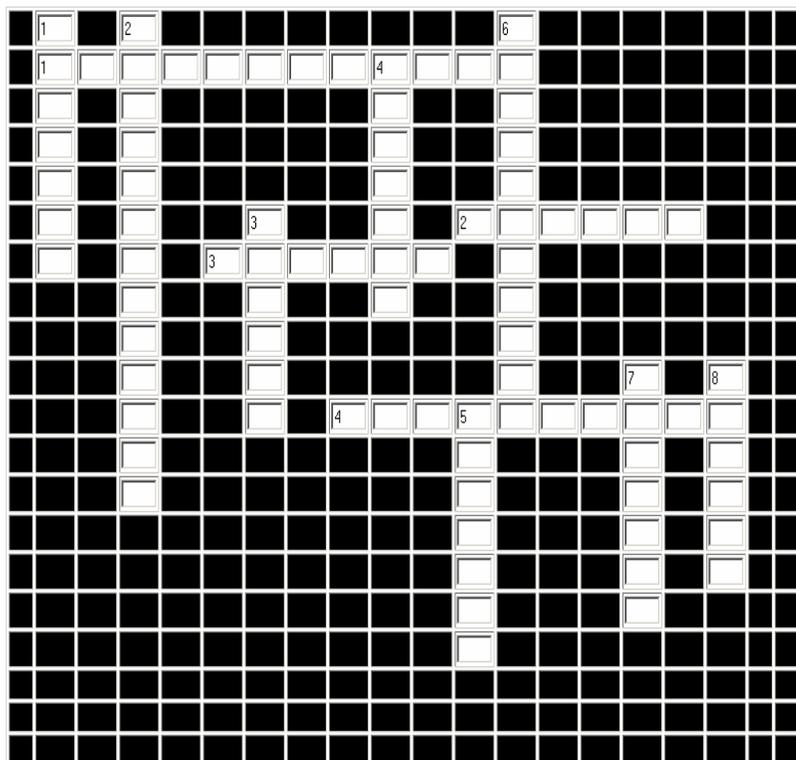


November 23 — NNAS vs. UNC Pembroke

The NCWA MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

will be hosted by The Apprentice School on February 17-18, 2006.

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

1. The traditional song that is sung every New Years, means "Good Old Days".
2. The _____ Calendar was the first to have January first as New Years.
3. The _____ were the civilization that changed New Years to January 1.
4. Every year the ball drops in _____.

DOWN

1. The celebration of New Years goes all the way back to ancient _____.
2. Some parts of the US believe this legume is good luck to eat on New Years.
3. The Dutch believe it is good luck to eat this circular treat on New Years.
4. Millions try to quit _____ as a promise every New Years.
5. The New Year used to be celebrated on the first new moon after the vernal _____.

Sadly enough this will be the last crossword that I will create for the Bulletin, but I'm moving on to bigger and better things like being the '06 Treasurer for the ASSA. Thanks to anyone who tried to solve these puzzles.

-Chris Guthrie

ANSWERS

Across: 1. Auld Lang Syne 2. Julian 3. Romans 4. Time Square
Down: 1. Babylon 2. Black-Eyed 3. Peas 4. Donuts 5. Smoking 6. Equinox 7. Resolutions 8. Cabbage 9. Weight