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An Apprentice's Passion

By Derrick Gilmer

As apprentices, we are bogged down with the grueling tasks of work, school, and, for some, sports and extra curricular activities. This busy schedule can take a substantial amount of time out of our day. It is common that we don't have those extra minutes to spare with everything we have to do, but there are ways to make time. X42 apprentice Kirk Allen, or K.A as some of you may know him, has found a way and has become a successful musician during his tenure at the Apprentice School. Born in Hattisburg, Mississippi, K.A moved to Virginia at the age of five. Soon after, he started singing in the second grade and has not stopped since. In middle school, K.A. was selected to sing in the Madrigals(a select group of the top performers) and he continued in the group throughout high school. He recently completed his first album titled "24 hrs" and it is in stores around the local area. Currently, K.A. is working on his sophomore album with a projected release date slated to be late half of 2005. Some highlights of his work include: a music video for his first single, "Put It in Drive" that has been aired on TV, several songs played on the radio and his album in stores. We knew that you would want a copy after reading this so you can pick one up at any local DJ's Music or Sam Goody's in the Coliseum Mall. With all these accomplishments K.A has achieved from his hard work, he shows us that we can still do the things we cherish most, and endeavor to become better people. He exemplifies how the willingness we give to achieve and the sacrifices we commit can manifest our dreams into reality. Rest assured, that in K.A's case, the best is yet to come. Keep up the good work and good luck.

Pictured below is the 2004 Homecoming Court



Time for Homecoming

By Chris Guthrie

Every year around the start of September, the Football team has its Homecoming game at The Apprentice School field. One of the major traditions that goes along with the game is the crowning of our Homecoming Queen. The winners for the last two years were Jajuan Warren, X43, in 2003 and Linda McMillan, X31, in 2004. Linda had the honor of having Dr. Leber present her with the tiara.

In order to be eligible to run for Homecoming Queen there's some criteria you have to meet. Sorry guys, but you have to be a female to run. I know a lot of you are disappointed but that's just the way it is. Oh, one more thing, the lucky lady has to be an apprentice, no outside competition because it's already hard enough to choose as it is right now. Once all the nominees are in, the delegates who represent the student body votes for who will win the tiara. The winner is announced and crowned at a ceremony at the Homecoming Game.

Tony Jones is currently taking applicants as you read! Lady apprentices, if you're interested, go see Mr. Jones as soon as possible. The deadline is August 19, so there's not much time. See if you have what it takes to be recognized as The Apprentice School Homecoming Queen. If you win, you'll reign all by yourself because there's no King! Good Luck!

HEADLINES

3 On 3 Ends On A Swish

By Kareem Solomon

It was early on the morning of June 4 as teams started showing up for the 3 on 3 Tournament. The sound of dribbling basketballs filled the gym as they hit the court for warm-ups. There were two faculty teams among the lineup of sixteen teams. Though they held their own, having to play back-to-back games proved to be difficult when trying to keep up with the young apprentices! Moments were tense in the close games, but the referees kept the teams in order and the games flowing smoothly. After about 4 hours of continuous play it came down to the final game between team Runnin Rebels and team X32. The game was close all the way and it looked like the Runnin Rebels were going to be beat. They hadn't lost a game all morning and team X32 had to win twice in order to take first place. The Rebels were down by one in the closing seconds 13-14 when team captain Kelby Saunders hit a turn around two point shot to win the game 15-14. An uproar of "oh's!" filled the gym! There was a great turnout for the event and all the teams played hard. In the end, three teams took home the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies. Check out the pictures of the winners:



2005 Tournament Champs Team Runnin Rebels



2nd Place Team X32



3rd Place Team Dip Set



ACTIVITIES

Have you ever wondered what your Apprentice dues were paying for? Well that is why I am here! I did some investigating and found out the master plan for the dues. The Apprentice School uses the dues for various activities, such as sports and events hosted by the Apprentice School Student Association. The A.S.S.A. uses our dues to help offset the cost to Apprentices for events like the Ski Trip we had in February. Here is a list of some of the upcoming events that Apprentices can take advantage of:

Spirit of Norfolk

The Spirit of Norfolk has consistently been a popular event every year. The ASSA has organized this cruise event for the past few years. Apprentices take a three hour cruise on the Elizabeth River with fine music, food, and drink. Tickets went on sale in June and have already sold out! Coming August 6, apprentices will be sailing the night away on this popular local cruise. Look for the September Builder Bulletin for pictures and details on how the event turned out. If you didn't get tickets this year don't worry, I'm sure there will be another one planned for next year. Be sure to keep up with current event information for details.

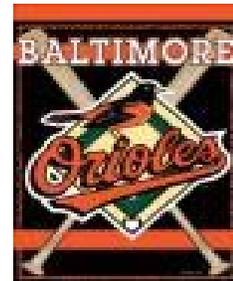


Reminder:

ASSA event tickets are only available to current apprentices unless otherwise specified, and most events are two (2) tickets per apprentice.

Orioles Baseball/Baltimore Trip

On September 24 it's the Baltimore Orioles vs. the Boston Red Sox. Tickets went on sale Monday, June 13 and were sold out in 2 weeks! There will be a bus trip provided to the game for 50 passengers and the cost was \$25 per apprentice. Those who wanted to drive only paid \$20. Because this is an A.S.S.A event, the tickets were offered at a reduced rate! Due to some great event planning we'll be sitting near third base this year instead of the "nose bleeds"! As if that wasn't enough of an incentive, we will be arriving in Baltimore around noon and the game doesn't start until 4:35p.m.. That means there will be plenty of time to check out Downtown Baltimore and visit such places as the Aquarium and ESPN Zone.



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Christmas Dinner Dance

December 3 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriot. Tickets are currently on sale at The Apprentice School. **Purchase your tickets before November 1 for \$10. If you wait, they will cost you \$15.** You can call the Marriot to reserve a room for the evening. The cost will be \$82. You will also be required to pay for parking.

SPORTS

Q and A with Eric Lybarger
By Derrick Gilmer

This year has seen some of the best athletic performances by The Apprentice School Builders all across the board. Success in their specific sport as well as academics is one of the trademarks of an apprentice builder. After a great wrestling season, I had a chance to sit with Eric Lybarger for a short Q and A in an effort to enlighten the rest of us as to what he wants to do, both now, and when he graduates The Apprentice School.

What trade are you in?

X31 - Deck Electrician

Where have you worked in the Yard?

I have worked on the Ike in the Arresting Gear, and up in the Island House. On the Bush, I have worked in the Aft Diesel Room, and in the Shaft alley. Currently, I am working for Vince Dobyms in the Forward Diesel.

What brought you to The Apprentice School?

It all started in high school, I knew I wanted to be an electrician and I also wanted to wrestle in college. To do so, I would have to go to college and get a degree and then attend a two year apprentice program. One day my coach came to me with a recruiting flyer and I realized that this was what I wanted to do.

Who was the biggest influence in your life?

My Dad, he taught me everything I know.

What were your favorite things about this season?

The new coach, Jeff Rusak, has been exceptional. He came in and worked with us to get us prepared for nationals. We also got some new freshmen that were great wrestlers. I also liked the fact that Ron Vecchione came back as assistant coach.

What are your future goals when you graduate?

After I graduate I will do my best to climb up the company ladder or maybe pursue a personal business venture.

Do you have any advice for up and coming apprentices?

One thing: Just stick through it. Some days you will come to practice or work or school and you will feel low, but just stick to it. I had some rough times at practice, but I came out with 2nd place at nationals. Your apprenticeship will get you places if you just stick to it.

A Diamond In The Rough

By Derrick Gilmer

Apprentices, we are an unusual sort. Unusual because we receive our education while working for a multi-billion dollar military contracting company. We get paid to go to school and we have a great athletics program as well as extracurricular activities. Our uniqueness allows for us to engage in activities with greater effort and yield better results both on the waterfront and in the academic/athletic arena. One exceptional individual that validates this concept is Darrell Taylor, X31. He has definitely been a positive influence both on and off the baseball field. Darrell hails from Waverly, VA, and led the team with a batting average of (.414), on base percentage (.510), and stolen bases at 18. Darrell also was named to the first team Academic All-District through the College Sports Information Directors Association and was also named Academic All-American in June. He finished his career as the school record holder in games played (152), hits (178) and batting average (.378), and was named to the *ESPN The Magazine* Academic All-America College Division Third Team, becoming the first Apprentice School athlete, in any sport, to be named to it. He has displayed, in every sense, exactly what an apprentice is: Greatness. Darrell says he came to The Apprentice School because it offered him job security and allowed him to play baseball on a college level. When asked how long he had been playing he responded with a grin, "Oh...I don't know...all my life!" Darrell also adds that his greatest influence is his aunt, Ann Beale, who works in X33. He aspires to one day become VP of Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard and his hard work and dedication to his job shows he has what it takes to become a future leader of this company. Congratulations on a great season!



Pictured is Fred Canady (left) and Darrell Taylor (right) at the awards banquet. Check next months bulletin for Fred's feature article.

Fun pages

Monthly Quiz Rules

In order to provide fairness to the monthly quiz submitters, a drawing will be held every month for everyone who submits a correct answer to the quiz. The deadline to submit your answers will be the 15th day of each month. If that day falls on a weekend, you will have until the following Monday. **Only current apprentices will be eligible for the prizes.** Remember to turn in your answers to Debi Cross or email them to me at kareem.solomon@ngc.com. There are a lot of great prizes to win! The Apprentice School instructors are providing us with the quizzes! So let's see if you remember some of what you learned here at The Apprentice School, then maybe it will pay off after all! Good Luck to all.

Solution to June Quiz

The hot water can freeze faster than the cold, really due to two effects. First, the hot water does actually lose heat faster initially since the temperature difference between the hot water and air is greater than that between the cold water and the air. However the second effect, evaporation is the critical feature. More evaporation will occur from the hotter water container, reducing the amount of water in the container. With less water to cool, the hotter water can actually freeze before the cold water.

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- 7.Hawaii
- 8.Nemo
- 9.Charles De Gaulle
- 10.San Antonio

July Quiz

Grammar Quiz

1. This matter is between
 - a. she and I.
 - b. her and me.
2. Neither of the men
 - a. has a tire gauge.
 - b. have a tire gauge.
3. Each of the apprentices has
 - a. his or her permit.
 - b. their permit.
4. The students or the teacher
 - a. have to win this case in court.
 - b. has to win this court case.
5. A series of unexplained disappearances
 - a. has occurred in the past five months.
 - b. have occurred in the past five months.
6. Leslie explained the process to
 - a. whomever he could get to listen.
 - b. whoever he could get to listen.

Write the correct answer.

_____ (Its, It's) not the best time to test _____ (its, it's) durability because _____ (your, you're) _____ (too, to, two) preoccupied with _____ (your, you're) position and _____ (there, their) perception.

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