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VETERANS LEAD BUILDERS INTO NEW SEASON

By Stephen Bonneau X11

With a record of 7-3 last year, the Apprentice School Builders are in high spirits for the new season. They have 15 returning starters including six All Atlantic Central Football Conference performers. As Coach Janaro says, "We will do the best we can consistently and improve consistently. Always improve as the season goes on."

This year seem to be one of record breaking. First off X43 Tony Scott broke the school career modern-era records for interceptions (11) and blocked kicks (10). Scott is continuing to raise the bar for the players of tomorrow. X31 Travis Reid broke the modern era school career touchdown record with 21 and is 28



receptions and 550 yards from the career records in those categories as well.

Franako Smith pics off a pass against SUNY Morrisville.

Quarterback Kyle Franklin of M53 is back again this season after his fantastic performance last year which earned him second team All-ACFC honors. With X31 Jon Gladden and X43 Josh Baker blocking for him, there will be no stopping this offense. Senior Jon Gladden also earned Academic All-District honors from the College Sports Information Directors Association last year. Senior Josh Baker earned second team All-ACFC offensive line honors last year.

Returning defensive leader X36 Quentin Forbes takes the secondary to another level of playing. A fellow X36, Joseph Bruce, also comes back bringing the skills that produced a return for a touchdown in the waning seconds of the win against N.C. Wesleyan. X33 Franako Smith, a two-time All-ACFC defensive back, is right behind Scott in career interceptions with nine.

This year's team is full of talent and looks to see another winning season. The players are taking leadership roles by playing well and keeping good attitudes even with less playing time. Even players like X42 Travis Moultrie, who's out with a hip injury, still comes to every practice and game to help out his teammates. As Coach Janaro says to his



Tony Scott shuts down a SUNY Morrisville receiver.

team, "One practice at a time, one day at a time, one game at a time, then you look back to improve."

Come on out and support your builders. For game schedules, box scores, and roster information on all Builder athletics, go to <http://www.gobuilders.com/landing/index>.

THREE SHIPS PRESENTATION

By Takiyah Bailey X18

In May of 2007, the Apprentice School Jaycees put on their Leadership presentation of the Three Ships (Craftsmanship, Scholarship, Leadership). None other than Apprentice School Instructor Colonel Costa himself was the guest speaker. It was a topic he knew something about after his distinguished career in the Marine Corps.

In September we had the honor of Danny Hunley the Vice President of Trades, Education, and Training, speak to us on Craftsmanship. The first year apprentices enjoyed listening to the experiences of an apprentice graduate. When asked, what was the inspiration for the three ships presentation? Charles Williamson

X43 responded, "It was a challenge made to the Jaycees by Dr. Hughes and Dr. Leber, but our overall goal was to utilize the Jaycees as a leadership organization. Also to relay the message to all the apprentices of the honor it is to have this opportunity to work for this great company."

Williamson is a 3rd year ASOC apprentice currently working in an O26 office rotation. He is the Individual Development Vice President of the Jaycees, a member of the ASSA Publications Committee, and a writer for the Builder Bulletin. Charles played the role of Chairman for his three ships presentation, organizing and executing the event with the

assistance of a number of other JAYCEES. His introduction for Danny Hunley was well-organized and very natural.

The Jaycees selected the first year apprentices as their audience, "to catch them as they first come in, and give them armor to carry out to the waterfront" says Charles. Charles relays that the Jaycees would like the apprentices to understand the history behind shipbuilding. Feedback from the presentation has been sensational. Charles Williamson and the rest of the Jaycees serve as a wonderful example of what it means to be a leader.

APPRENTICE SPOTLIGHT

By Loren Armas X11

This month I had a chance to sit down with Rodney Huffman, a fellow member of our writing staff and an apprentice in his first rotation. Rodney is currently working in X31. He's a new member of the ASSA Publications Committee that produces the Builder Bulletin, and enjoys working the many events hosted by the Apprentice School and the ASSA.

1. What semester are you in?

I am in my first year here at the Apprentice School.

2. When did you start your apprenticeship?

I started late this year at the beginning of August 2007.

3. What trade did you choose when you began your apprenticeship?

My first choice was as an X31 Electrician.

4. What inspired you to apply to the apprentice school?

I was encouraged to apply by my grandfather M.S. Williams. He thought it was a good way to get an education.

5. What part of the yard are you currently working in?

Currently I'm working in the MOF located in Mid Yard near the 46th Street Gate. My current supervisor is X31 Foreman Scott Spangler.

6. What has been your first impression of the shipyard?

My first impression of the shipyard is that it's a great company with lots of opportunities for advancement. Where else can you go to school and get paid to earn your degree.

7. What do you plan to use your apprenticeship for?

I plan to use my apprenticeship to progress myself through the shipyard. It's a great way to get valuable training and networking opportunities.

8. What part of your current job do you enjoy most?

I enjoy hooking up boxes. It's a challenge to read the wiring diagrams and arrangement drawings to make sure they're installed properly.

AN EVENING TO REMEMBER

By Shakirah Harrell X18

On Aug 4 2007, the Apprentice School Student Association hosted their annual Spirit of Norfolk boat cruise. The evening was full of dancing, conversation, laughter and wonderful food. The boat pulled off the pier at 7:45 pm and that's when the entertainment began. The performers did four songs. For one they pulled volunteers out of the crowd to perform the 1970's hit song "YMCA" while dressed up in costumes. All throughout the night, many guests took time to enjoy the view of the aircraft carriers built at Northrop Grumman Newport News docked along the river at Norfolk Naval Base. Aside from that wonderful view, the guest got a chance to look at the brightly lit waterfront skyline of many of the Seven Cities. This was a wonderful night to just sit back, relax, and look at the starry night sky.



Kenny Weeks X31 and his best girl.



Robert McNeely X42 and his better half.

HARRELL'S HIGHLIGHT

By Shakirah Harrell X18

This month's Harrell Highlight focuses on an Apprentice named Jeri Flak. She was raised in York County and that's where she graduated high school in 2002. Two years later she gave birth to her daughter and that's when she started looking for a career. Jeri heard about the Apprentice School from Tom Swankler and Gary McCormick, two of the welding instructors at the Peninsula Work Force Development Center. Ms. Flak started in July of this year as an X18 Apprentice welder. Before coming to the Apprentice School she worked in the restaurant business for a little over 4 years. In the first 3 months of her Apprenticeship, Jeri hasn't yet had the pleasure to work in the yard. But in the little bit of time she's spent in the welding school she says, the only thing she would change would be starting sooner than she did. Ms. Jeri Flak was recently chosen to do an interview with WAVY-TV 10 on how she went through the Peninsula Work Force Development Center and got into the Apprentice School Welding Program. Keep your eye out for Ms. Jeri Flak.

A COMPELLING DAY AT KINGS DOMINION

By Rodney Huffman

September 22, King's Dominion hosted many of the employees of Northrop Grumman's local sectors. Many of the Newport News and Electronic Systems employees took advantage of the exclusive park rental and impressive discounted cost of 20 dollars per ticket offered at the shipyard credit union. The ASSA and the Apprentice School further reduced the price to 10 dollars on a limited number of the tickets.

Waterworks Water Park had been closed for the day, but no one seemed to mind. King's Dominion was packed to the gills with children and parents taking advantage of the amusement park's restricted access. For information concerning other events being hosted by the shipyard, visit the employee page of their website: <http://www.nn.northropgrumman.com/news/internal/YardNews.html>. You can access postings of events hosted by the Apprentice School and the ASSA through the <http://www.nnaprentice.com> website.

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BUILDER BROADCAST UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE

THE ASSA IS ORGANIZING AN INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE. DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. TEAMS WILL BE 7-ON-7 WITH A MAX 10 MEMBERS/TEAM. REGISTRATION WILL BE \$5 PER PLAYER. THERE WILL BE A TROPHY AND PRIZES FOR SEASON CHAMPIONS AND RUNNERS-UP. ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO SIGN A WAIVER PRIOR TO PARTICIPATING. INDIVIDUALS WITH EXPERIENCE IN REFEREEING ARE ALSO NEEDED. ANYONE INTERESTED IN REFEREEING OR FORMING A TEAM MAY CONTACT ROBERT MCNEELY X42 AT 570-2859, ERIC KILNER E06 AT 534-4108.

20TH MARINER'S CLASSIC

BUILDERS AT MARITIME COLLEGE OF NY
APPRENTICE SCHOOL 60 MARITIME COLLEGE 0

27TH BUILDERS AT SOUTHERN VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY

APPRENTICE SCHOOL 45 SOUTHERN VA. 14

3RD BROCKPORT STATE UNIVERSITY AT BUILDERS

BROCKPORT STATE 18 APPRENTICE SCHOOL 14

10TH 58TH ANNUAL OYSTER BOWL

CHOWAN UNIVERSITY AT BUILDERS
1PM

11TH FLAG FOOTBALL

THE ASSA AND THE NHCOP ARE HOSTING AN INFORMAL PICK-UP GAME AT SYMS MIDDLE SCHOOL AT 1 PM. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT JEFF HALBAUER E06 AT 534-0119 OR Jeffrey.Halbauer@ngc.com, OR BOBBY MCNEELY AT 570-2859.

8TH HOLIDAY DINNER DANCE

THE ASSA AND THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL IS HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE AT THE MARRIOTT IN CITY CENTER. THERE ARE A LIMITED NUMBER OF DISCOUNTED ROOMS AVAILABLE. MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW WHILE ROOMS LAST. FROM 6:30 PM THERE WILL BE A SOCIAL AND DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 7:30 PM. TICKETS ARE \$20/PERSON AND 2 FOR \$35 UNTIL NOVEMBER 12TH. AFTER NOVEMBER 12TH TICKETS WILL BE \$25/PERSON AND 2 FOR \$45. TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW IN THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE. FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT KIMBERLY JORDAN X33 OR CAMERON VAUGHT E06 AT 688-9255.

10TH SARAH BONWELL CHRISTMAS PARTY

THE ASSA IS HOSTING THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR SOME OF HAMPTON ROADS' MOST SPECIAL INDIVIDUALS, THE RESIDENTS OF THE SARAH BONWELL HUDGINS CENTER IN HAMPTON. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME YOU MAY CONTACT BOBBY MCNEELY X42 AT 570-2859.



ATTENTION FUTURE APPRENTICE WRITERS

By Kesha Claiborne X31

The Bulletin will consist of a new column called KESHA'S KORNER. This column will consist of short stories, poems, or thoughts that are written by apprentices. One submission will be posted every month. The criteria are: length: varies, (poems-one paragraph, short stories-one page), overall content: has to be appropriate (apprentices and faculty will be reading this). Most importantly your submission has to be an original. NO PLAGARISM IS ALLOWED!! The Builder Bulletin reserves final approval on all stories and/or poems to be printed in the bulletin. Rest assured that every single poem and/or short story submitted to me will be carefully reviewed, to ensure it meets the established criteria. Poems and stories can be submitted to me by either email or in person. My email addresses is as follows: nic_23_kes_76@hotmail.com or Kesha.N.Claiborne@ngc.com.

REMEMBERING DICK BROAD

-Introduction by Eric Kilner E06 / Feature by Bill Lee

Only by building upon the foundation of the past, can we complete the construction of our future. This year, a man who helped shape the pasts of both the shipyard and America has passed. In honor of Dick Broad, an Apprentice School graduate, Pioneer of Nuclear Power, and former Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Company Vice-President, the Builder Bulletin would like to take a moment to remember a man who serves as an example of the potential all apprentices possess inside of them. An excerpt shown below is from a tribute written by Bill Lee. Bill is a fellow apprentice graduate and former NNS Shift Test Engineer., Mr. Broad's personal and professional contact with Mr. Lee during and after the time he spent in the Nuclear Test Department helped shape his life and career. You can find the rest of the tribute online at: http://www.nnapprentice.com/alumni/letter/Apprentice_Remembering_Dick_Broad_082007.pdf

Richard Broad, Jr. was a native of Hampton, Virginia. He graduated from the Apprentice School in 1942, completing his apprenticeship in the Outside Machinists' trade. While in 'his time' he was the President of the Apprentice School's Honor Council.

By 1952, he had acquired an engineering degree from the University of Michigan, and had returned to work in the shipyard. Then, that August, his life changed forever.



He was one of six young engineers hand-picked by shipyard president J. B. Woodward to go to the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology for a year to study nuclear physics. The selection of this handful of shipyard pioneers in nuclear power, sometimes called 'The Original Oak Ridge Boys of NNS', was approved by a then-obscure Navy captain by the name of Rickover.

Returning to NNS a year later, Dick served as a nuclear technician in Engine Tech before joining the newly created Atomic Power Division in 1954. In 1958, he pioneered the concept of an innovative Quality

Inspection Program for nuclear work at Newport News. He had to overcome considerable in-house opposition, but persisted and was instrumental in making NNS a leader in naval nuclear ship construction. That success attracted Rickover's attention for a second time, and in 1963 Dick Broad was named the yard's Vice President of Nuclear Power. He served in that extremely demanding capacity for a quarter of a century, retiring in 1986.

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During his long tenure as the head of nuclear power operations at NNS, Dick Broad had the unenviable task of serving as the shipyard's lightning rod for the constant complaints and harsh criticisms of Rickover. For years, Dick fielded calls seven days a week, twenty four hours a day from the Father of Naval Nuclear propulsion, his subordinates, both in Washington, DC and his field representatives stationed within the confines of the shipyard. He also had to frequently meet with the dozens of never-satisfied Prospective Commanding

Officers that passed through Newport News during the heyday of nuclear ship construction and overhaul at the shipyard.

Consequently, and understandably, his moods often shifted rapidly and unpredictably between irritability, irascibility and irrationality. His 'vocal volcanoes' – often following a demanding or accusing call from Rickover - are legendary. Anyone who was in the aisle quickly scattered when he burst, red-faced, from his office on the second floor of Building 123; hell-bent for a confrontation

with someone in the local Naval Reactors' office at the opposite end of the building. He was not real popular, in those days. But many an employee in APD – including me – badly misjudged him, back then.

For in his retirement years, Dick Broad – finally relieved of the tremendous pressures of his position – became a pleasure to know. He even found his own past tirades humorous. But I don't think he ever apologized for any of them!

LANICA WILLIAMS NAMED APPRENTICE SCHOOL HEAD WOMEN'S BASKETBALL COACH

By Jim Heath 022



Former Woodside High School and Lenoir-Rhyne College standout Lanica Williams was named the Head Women's Basketball Coach last month at The Apprentice School by Director of Athletics Bill Casto. She comes to the Lady Builders after serving two years as an assistant coach at her alma mater.

"It was an extensive search that had excellent candidates

which gave us a tough decision," said Casto. "Lanica is one of the most impressive young women I have spoken to in quite awhile. She has excellent organizational skills, solid recruiting experience and is a hometown girl. We feel Lanica is absolutely the right fit for our program at this time."

Williams was a three-year starter for the Bears after transferring from Alabama A&M University. She was a key cog in Lenoir-Rhyne's first South Atlantic Conference Tournament Championship and NCAA Division II Tournament berth in 2002-03, when she averaged 20 points per game in the SAC Tournament. Her college coach at Lenoir-Rhyne was former Apprentice School coach Karen Barefoot.

She was also named to the All-SAC first team and tied the

Lenoir-Rhyne single game record with seven three-pointers against Newberry College on February 12, 2003.

An outstanding student, Williams was named to the South Atlantic Conference Commissioner's Honor Roll and graduated in May of 2006 from Lenoir-Rhyne with a bachelor's degree in athletic training.

"I am extremely excited about becoming a head coach and to have it in my hometown is all the more special," said Williams. "To have the support of family, friends and the community will be excellent."

Her roots to Newport News run deep as she was a key component to Woodside High School's success (1997-2001). She started as a freshman on the second girls basketball team at Woodside and was part of a group that went from 8-10 as freshmen to back-to-back

20+-win seasons. Her junior season the team advanced to the Virginia Group AAA Quarterfinals ending with that 24-3 mark. She earned All-State honors as a senior when her team finished 21-6.

As a Wolverine, her coach Mike Tallon saw a player who he knew one day was going to be a college coach. "She's going to be a very good college coach," said Tallon. "I always considered her a coach on the floor. She is very knowledgeable, has a solid background and has an incredible passion for the game. I feel the Apprentice School couldn't have made a better decision."

The Lady Builders will open the 2007-08 season on November 16 facing Morrisville State College in the opening round of the Great Ships Tipoff Tournament.

BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to all those apprentices who made the selection to the Apprentice School Advanced Programs. The challenge has been set before them not only to succeed, but to excel in all they do. Good luck ladies and gentlemen.

ADVANCED PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Program Selection	ASOC		
Name	Dept.	Discipline	
Anderson, Emily R	X31	Electrical	
Gray, Kyle P	X31	Electrical	
Hopkinson, Michael A	X31	Electrical	
Muhammad, Sadiq A	X31	Electrical	
Amrozowicz, Micah D	X18	Hull	
Baskerville, Bruce T	X36	Hull	
Boyce, Jason A	X11	Hull	
Weeks, Ches J	038	Hull	
Carlson, Nicholas M	043M	Machinery	
Lugo, Marcus M	X42	Pipe	

Program Selection	Design		
Name	Dept.	Discipline	
Brady, Sean P	X31	Electrical	
Hobbs Jr., Robert V	X31	Electrical	
Jackson, Devon J	X31	Electrical	
Lehto, Michael R	X31	Electrical	
Lester, James W	X31	Electrical	
McFarland, Renard S	X31	Electrical	
Meador Jr., Robert A	X31	Electrical	
Smith, Christopher A	X31	Electrical	
Swanson, Carlyn B	043W	Electrical	
Weeks, Kenny E	X31	Electrical	
Center, Patrick K	X15	Hull	
Farley, David	X11	Hull	
Palmer, Carlos D	X11	Hull	
Wells, Michael E	X33	Hull	
Brunschon, Matthew A	X43	Machinery	
Keatts, Christopher K	M53	Machinery	
Miller, Jeremy R	M53	Machinery	
Naumann, Tracey A	M53	Machinery	
Powell, David L	X43	Machinery	

Rust, Jacob R	X43	Machinery
Hunter, Bryan G	X42	Pipe
North, Jason W	X42	Pipe
Riley, Timothy A	X42	Pipe
Wills Jr., Stephen W	X42	Pipe

Program Selection	Planner		
Name	Dept.	Discipline	
Jones, Chauncy L	043E	Electrical	
Lewter, Rahshann L	043E	Electrical	
Walton, Joseph M	X31	Electrical	
Greer, Timothy A	X32	Hull	
Bruce, James A	X43	Machinery	
Aitken, James P	X42	Pipe	
Program Selection	M & S		
Name Dept.	Discipline		
Gilliam, Nakeesha C	043E	Electrical	
Deibler, Daniel J	X11	Hull	

Program Selection	NTT		
Name	Dept.	Discipline	
Tanner, Joshua M	X31	Electrical	
Burnett, Joshua A	X43	Machinery	

