

**BUILDER FOOTBALL
HERE COMES THE STEEL!**

By EO6 Eric Kilner



With sixteen returning starters, Apprentice Football may be on the verge of a breakout season. "We have one of the strongest teams we've fielded in a long time," said Apprentice Athletic Director, Bill Casto, "our only disadvantage is that we play in such a strong conference. We could put our best team ever on the field and finish with a 6-4 record."

First-Team All-Conference Defensive returnees Orlando Robinson and Tony Scott, who led last year's talented young defense to a conference third place and a number one position against the pass, will be back again to lead their team into battle. The Builder's fate this season however rests on the shoulders of the offense. Injuries last season prevented the unit from ever really developing a rhythm.

"Steel" resistance is what all opposing offenses will feel when they come to

Apprentice Field. The Builder's secondary possesses two shut down corners, X43 Tony Scott, and X33 Franako Smith, both of whom are previous All-ACFC performers. The two young men enjoy a friendly rivalry; each pushing the other to be just a little bit better. "We each have our strengths and weaknesses. We just try to learn from one another," explains Scott, who is currently tied for second with Franako on The Apprentice School Career Interception list.

Leading tackler, Lance Ross, heads up an experienced line backing corps that returns all three starters. The "Sack Man" Leroy Bracey of X32 strikes fear in the hearts of opposing quarterbacks, and fellow X32 Ronald Duncan cold works opposing running backs like a twenty pound maul. First Team Selection Orlando Robinson of X43 anchors an aggressive defensive line that returns three starters from last year's stellar front line unit.

A large part of the offense's future rests on the shoulders of M53 Kyle Franklin, the Builder's Quarterback. After going out with an injury during the third game of last season, he returns this year with a bright outlook and a one-game-at-a-time approach. One of the keys to this season will be his successful pass connection to X31 Travis Reid at wideout. If Kyle and Travis, who averaged over twenty yards per catch last year, can establish an on-field chemistry, it will definitely open things up for senior running back Bruce Freeman of X42. Freeman is a third-year starter whose largest goal is a strong, winning season. On the side he admitted, "I'd like to have a thousand yard season." He'll be running behind an offensive line that returns four starters from last year's squad. Second-Team All-ACFC Center Tom Gladden of X31 leads this group of earth movers into the trenches hopefully

paving the way for Freeman's physical style of running. With Coach Janaro's focus on a balanced offensive approach, the success of one would guarantee the success of all.

The outlook is bright for an experienced Builders Squad that seems on the brink of something special. As a seasoned team with something to prove, they look forward to a long and physical season. The entire team to a man agrees a winning season is possible, but none feel the need to speculate any further. Call it superstition, call it what you will, the players just want to maintain a loose and competitive atmosphere.

Come on out and support your Apprentice Builders. The season schedule is available at gobuilders.com



Pictured from left to right: Jacob Verbeck (022), Cameron Vaught (EO6), Chris Hartman (X31), Kareem Solomon (EO6), and Laura Brown (X11).

**Apprentice Jaycees Cash In
at State Convention**

Submitted by EO6, Kareem Solomon

The Virginia Jaycees held it's annual State Convention this past August 25-27 at Camp Virginia Jaycees, and The Apprentice School Chapter showed up in great spirits. Four apprentices, and new chapter Faculty Advisor, Jacob Verbeck (022), made the 220-mile trip to Blue Ridge, VA to participate in the event. The convention was a three day, two night event that consisted of leadership training and social meet and greets.

In addition, the event provided an opportunity to meet other state chapters, make new friends, mingle with the state officers, and get informed on what's going on around the state. The most rewarding part came during the Saturday night meeting when all four apprentices received certificates for participating in the First Timer's event that required you to display your networking skills. The chapter also won the Man-Mile Award for covering the most miles to arrive at the convention. Moreover, Chris Hartman (X31) won the Best First Timer Award and received a certificate along with a crystal trophy.

To learn more about The Apprentice Jaycees check out www.nnapprentice.com.

**FOOTBALL
TAILGATE
PARTY
A BIG HIT!**

By EO6 Betty Husted

On September 2, apprentices, alumni, friends and families piled into a bus and rode down to Rocky Mount, NC to celebrate and cheer on The Apprentice School Football Team in their first season game against NC Wesleyan College. In addition to those riding the bus, others drove themselves down; adding up to over 80 participants in the ASSA sponsored tailgate party. It was an excellent turnout for our Builders!

The 150-200 fans showed enthusiasm and excitement with every play,

every down and every point earned by our Builders. The party provided lots of cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, baked beans and drinks to enjoy while the fans waited for game time.

Congratulations to the Builders for their first win of the 2006 football season.

Please join the Builders at their first home game on September 23 at 1:00. **This game is also our Builders homecoming game.**

Good luck Builders! Hope to see you there!

**SPOTLIGHT**

By X18 Roger Miller

X31 Josh Tanner

This month's "Apprentice Spotlight" illuminates X31 Apprentice Josh Tanner. His craft instructor, X31 Vince Dobyms, recommended Mr. Tanner for the spotlight.

Josh was born in Alexandria, Louisiana and raised in Yorktown, VA. He attended Tabb High School and graduated in June 2005. A short while after graduation, Josh was accepted into The Apprentice School in February, 2006.

When asked why he applied to the school, Josh said that it was the idea of getting paid while going to school that attracted him the most. Josh is also a member of The Apprentice School Baseball team and plays in the outfield. He is currently working in Dry Dock 12 on the USS George H. W. Bush. His plans for the future are to graduate from The Apprentice School and then move up in the company, pursuing a career in management.

If you would like to nominate a fellow apprentice (freshman year only please) to be featured in The Apprentice Spotlight, please email Roger Miller at roger.b.miller@ngc.com





Great Company Great Products Great People Great Results
By XO6 David Nicholas



X18 Apprentice Craft Instructor Dirul Burrus

“...your here to better yourself”

This month's edition of "Great People" introduces X18 Apprentice Craft Instructor, Dirul Burrus. Born in Summit, NJ, Dirul relocated to Jackson, TN as a teenager. He graduated high school from Jackson Central Merry in 1994. Immediately following high school, Dirul enlisted in the United States Navy and attended boot camp in Great Lake, IL. Thereafter, he reported to his first duty station on CVN 71, USS Roosevelt. Burrus started as an elevator mechanic, working primarily on weapons elevators. He later studied to become an electrician and continued to service the weapons elevators. Burrus served two, six month cruises on CVN 71, touring Bosnia, Italy, Spain, France, and the United Arab Emirates. Dirul served three years on active duty, four years in the reserves, and met his wife while in the Navy.

While the Roosevelt was stationed at NGNN, Burrus became quite familiar with The Apprentice School by talking with various apprentices. He heard about the football program and after speaking with Paul Hoffman, he became eager to submit his application. "I couldn't pass up an opportunity to get paid to play football, learn a trade, and get an education," comments Dirul. He was hired into The Apprentice School as an X18 welder. Burrus remembers "a lot of hard work" on the construction of both USS Harry S. Truman and USS Ronald Reagan, as well as the overhaul of the Enterprise and the "Ike".

"Mechanics had a big hand in guiding me and helping develop my skills. George Scott, Landon Pierce, and Johnny Rainey influenced me the most during my

apprenticeship. They would talk to me and help me out with personal situations. It was nice to have a mentor to guide me and give advice. The football program allowed me to become a mentor to some of the newer guys in The Apprentice School."

Dirul was a running back his first year as a Builder and played defensive end the remaining three years. He says the football program helped him develop a love for competition and determination. Burrus graduated from The Apprentice School in 2002 and was promoted to Craft Instructor in 2004. Since then, Dirul has been teaching welding skills to apprentices and instructing the X18 theory class. He is currently responsible for the island house and frames 156 aft, from 07 level down on CVN 77, PCU George H.W. Bush. Burrus admits an Apprentice Instructor "wears many hats", one such being a motivator and source of encouragement. He reminds current apprentices, "The Apprentice School has been the backbone of the shipyard for a long time. It takes dedication, hard work, and a will to learn. As an apprentice, you're here to better yourself. Don't be lazy! Show others that you're here to learn." One of Dirul's main goals is to get back in school to finish his Associate's Degree and eventually he hopes to move on to obtain his Bachelor's Degree. In his free time he tries to spend as much time with his family as possible. Dirul Burrus worked hard and made the most of his apprenticeship. He is a great example to current apprentices and another valuable asset to The Apprentice School's staff.



ASK THE BUILDER

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Where are the yearbooks? The last one received was in 2002 for the class of 2001. What's going on?

After talking to Shakirah Harrell, the co-chair of the 2005 - 2006 yearbook committee, she stated that this year's committee was left with completing the yearbooks from 2002 through 2006. The yearbook committee has run across numerous problems. One of those problems is that most delegates serving on the committee were not in The Apprentice School from 2001 - 2005.

"On a better note," proclaims Shakirah, "we are in the final stages of finishing three of those books!"

"Please bear with us," she adds, "we are doing our best."

There are a few corrections from last month's article: Kyle Harrington is the Manager of O48 Crane Engineering and Quality - not O46. The mechanical upgrades for the 900-Ton crane will be performed by O43 - not O46. The O43 Apprentice graduate's name is Matt Causey. The builder would like to thank O43, Joe Dvorak for noticing these errors.

BUILDER CALENDER UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER 28TH

ROCK-N-BOWL

YORK LANES IN YORKTOWN, VA

9:30pm - 1:30am

TICKETS \$5 per person or \$20 per lane (5 ppl. per lane)

LIMIT 5 TICKETS OR ONE LANE PLEASE

OCTOBER 14TH

3 ON 3 TOURNAMENT WITH NHCOP

Raise money for the "For Kids" organization that helps homeless families with kids.

Apprentices can form teams of 3-4 players to participate

(Must be at least one apprentice per team).

\$125 per team

(includes registration, lunch, and t-shirt).



HELP THE LADY BUILDERS

The Apprentice School Lady Builders basketball team has a passion! "Our sights are set on getting back to the national tournament," explains Head Coach, Judi Overbey, "we don't talk about it [in practice] but it's our goal for the end of the year."

The trip would be well deserved for the hard-working team; however, players must raise money for the trip. YOU CAN HELP!

On **October 7, 21, and 28** Busch Gardens, Williamsburg is partnering with The Apprentice School Athletic Association in order to help players raise money. Participants can volunteer their time to work in the park on any (or all) of these dates, and in turn, Busch Gardens will pay The Athletic Association for their service.

This is a great fund-raiser opportunity for the Lady Builders, as well as the perfect chance for you to show your support for the team. **COME OUT AND VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME TO HELP SEND THE LADY BUILDERS TO HAWAII!**

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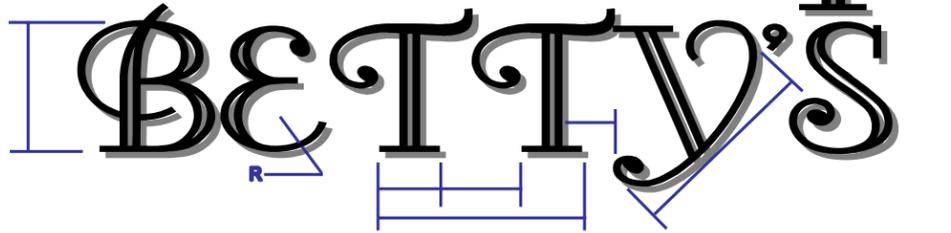
THE DANGER OF CONFINED SPACES

By EO6 Betty Husted

Atmospheric hazards are the cause of most deaths in confined spaces. Poorly vented spaces cause an accumulation of toxic gases or hazardous substances that replace the oxygen in the atmosphere. Most people rely on their sight, taste, and smell to determine atmospheric hazards instead of using the equipment that is provided for detecting hazards in the air. In a confined space the air can present respiratory problems and other physical types of distresses. Why? When there is very little oxygen, a person inhales the toxic gases, dusts, and fumes which cause injury or death.

You should never enter a confined space without the proper training. Take the necessary precautions by testing the oxygen levels with proper equipment. Be fully prepared before you ever enter a confined space with the proper personal protective equipment (PPE), and wear a lifeline if the job calls for it. Finally, have someone trained and equipped outside the confined space for communication and rescue purposes if it becomes necessary.

REMEMBER: The number of entrances and exits do not determine if a space is considered confined...it is the amount of oxygen that is in the air!



HOMECOMING GAME



September 23

AGAINST EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE

1:00pm

FIND OUT WHO THIS YEARS
HOMECOMING QUEEN IS

