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Apprentice School Carnival 2007

by Takiyah Bailey X18

On Saturday, September 8, the Apprentice School Student Association (ASSA) hosted a carnival to benefit "An Achievable Dream" at the Apprentice Field during this year's Homecoming Festival. The DJ was rockin' as attendees were treated to a variety of amusements for children of all ages. The young children enjoyed events such as chasing each other through the inflatable caterpillar and bouncing around in the moonwalk. There was a face painting booth with balloon animals done by Kenya the Clown. Kenya also gave out free snow cones, and what is a carnival without cotton candy? There were carnival games that the kids could play as well for a chance at winning some cool prizes.



Laura Brown, right, presents the crown to Iyawwna Still.

For the adults, you could take your chances riding the bull, or go head-to-head with a friend in the joust pit. By far, the coolest attraction was the dunk tank with Apprentice School Instructor Mr. Costa. It seems the apprentices couldn't get enough of watching one of their instructors take a plunge at the hand of his students. Maybe next time he'll grade on a curve! The carnival raised over 3,400 dollars for "An Achievable Dream," a specialized school established to reach at-risk primary and

secondary students and ensure they develop the tools they'll need to succeed in the real world.

The Apprentice School Chapter of the JAYCEES vandalized an old car with the logo and mascot of the Frostburg State University Bobcats, the Builder's foe in the Homecoming football game. They sold swings to contestants who could take their turn destroying the car dubbed the Smash'R. The JAYCEES, a community service and leadership development organization, raised over 250 dollars with the Smash'R to help in funding their various public service and training projects. The Apprentice School chapter is the first collegiate chapter of the Junior Chamber of Commerce in the nation.

The student association also crowned Iyawwna Still this year's Homecoming Queen. Last year's winner, Laura Brown X11, was on hand to present the crown. Ms. Still is a first year Design Apprentice in department E06. She is also the Chairwoman of the Apprentice School Student Association's Yearbook Committee. When he heard she had won, ASSA Treasurer Kareem Solomon E06 was quoted as saying, "It couldn't have gone to a better person. She's involved in the school, and whenever she takes on a project she always sees it through. Oh yeah, and she's also a beautiful lady!"

The Builders beat the Bobcats 17-7 to secure a victory in their first conference game of the season. At the end of the third quarter, the Builders were down 7-3, but 14 fourth quarter points off of turnovers lifted them to victory. The Builders travel to Emory, Va. for their next game where they will face Emory & Henry College on September 22 at 1 pm. For more information on the football team and all of the Apprentice School Programs visit their website at: <http://www.apprenticeschool.com>.

Apprentice School Drumline

by Al Melton O22

The Apprentice School is proud to announce today's debut of the newly established Apprentice School Drumline. The Drumline was proposed as a new student activity in 2006 by Apprentice Greg Bone and Lead Instructor Al Melton. The idea was quickly picked up and supported by the Apprentice School Student Association, Training Manager Danny Brookman and Athletic Director and Manager of Student Affairs Bill Casto.

The Drumline Captain is Greg Bone. He is assisted by Alfonz Chisholm. Ameiko Perry is Snare Drum Captain and she is joined by Valarie Gray, Carlyn Swanson and Kyle Simmons. Valentino Crawford is Captain of the Bass Line and he is assisted by Jamile Donovan, Alfonz Chisholm and Vince Warren. Rounding out the unit is Max Graifer and Katie Barndt on Cymbals. Al Melton is the Faculty Advisor for the Drumline.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the Drumline at our future athletic events. The Drumline will be performing at selected home games during the Builder Football and Basketball seasons. They also plan to perform at selected local parades and civic events in the next few months.



Builder fans enjoying the drumline debut.

APPRENTICE SPOTLIGHT

By Loren Armas X11

This month I had a chance to sit down with Amanda Strohmeier, an O43M in her first rotation. Amanda is currently working in Bldg 103.

What semester are you in?

I am in my first semester.

When did you start your apprenticeship?

I started my apprenticeship on July 9th of 2007.

What trade did you choose when you began your apprenticeship?

I am in the O43M Maintenance Machinist program.

What inspired you to apply to the Apprentice School?

It had the best education and great benefits. Where else can you go and get paid to pursue your college education?

What part of the yard are you currently working in?

I'm working in the O43M Maintenance Machine Shop in Bldg 103.

What has been your first impression of the shipyard?

The shipyard is a place where I can develop a long term career and spend many years doing the things I enjoy.

What do you plan to use your apprenticeship for?

I plan on getting a great education and planting the seeds of a career that I hope to build on in the future.

What part of your current job do you enjoy most?

I enjoy finding my measurements and doing my job well.

Harrell's Highlights

by Shakirah Harrell X18



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I would like to take a moment to tell you about this month's "NOW & THEN" person. This person was the first ASSA Public Relations Chair. Mr. Bruce White has been in the yard for over 16 years. He came straight into the Apprentice School as an X31 electrician and graduated in 1997. In his career he has held many positions including: X31 Electrical Apprentice, Design Apprentice, Designer, and Senior Designer. He is currently serving in E06 as the lone Craft Instructor for the Design Apprenticeship Program. His words of wisdom to every Apprentice are:

"Every day you should give your best possible effort; the rest will come with time."

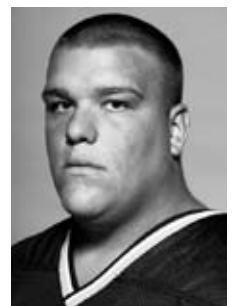


Apprentice School 1997

Freshman Named ACFC Rookie of the Week

by Jim Heath O22

Apprentice School freshman defensive lineman Mike Kinder (Zanesville, OH, Philo High School, Heavy Metal Fabrication X15) was named Atlantic Central Football Conference Rookie of the Week for the week ending September 1. The 6-foot-5, 380-pound lineman had seven tackles with 2.5 coming for a loss of three yards as the Apprentice School lost 3-0 to Division II Fairmont State University. The Builders held Fairmont to 266 yards of offense and the Falcons got to inside the 20 on three occasions, only scoring on a 34-yard field goal in the second quarter.



Mike Kinder

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Upcoming Activities

THE ASSA IS ORGANIZING AN INTRAMURAL FLAG FOOTBALL LEAGUE. DETAILS ARE STILL BEING WORKED OUT. ANYONE INTERESTED IN REFEREEING OR PARTICIPATING MAY CONTACT ROBERT McNEELY X42, ERIC KILNER E06 AT 534-4108, OR KAREEM SOLOMON E06 AT 380-4732.

September

29TH BUILDERS AT SALISBURY STATE UNIVERSITY ACFC CONFERENCE GAME

29TH ORIOLES GAME

COME ON OUT TO THE BALLGAME AS THE ORIOLES HOST THE NY YANKEES IN A LATE SEASON CONTEST THAT MAY HAVE PLAYOFF IMPLICATIONS AT STAKE. THERE ARE 46 TICKETS AVAILABLE AT \$30 PER PERSON. LIMIT OF 2 TICKETS PER APPRENTICE. THE BUS WILL LEAVE AT 8:00 AM. TICKETS WENT ON SALE IN THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL MAIN OFFICE MONDAY JULY 16TH. FOR MORE INFO CONTACT ERIC KILNER E06 AT 534-4108.

October

6TH TRADES' DAY BUILDERS HOST MORRISVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY

THE SHIPYARD CREDIT UNION IS SPONSORING THEIR ANNUAL TRADES APPRECIATION EVENT AT THE APPRENTICE ATHLETIC COMPLEX. THE BUILDERS WILL BE PLAYING MORRISVILLE STATE UNIVERSITY, A REMATCH OF A GAME THE BUILDERS WON LAST YEAR BY A SCORE OF 21-13. ADMISSION AND FOOD IS FREE FOR ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRADES.

13TH BUILDERS HOST WESLEY COLLEGE ACFC CONFERENCE GAME

27TH ROCK-N-BOWL

THE ROCK-N-BOWL IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 27TH AT YORK LANES AT 9:00 PM. WATCH THE BUILDER BULLETIN AND LOOK FOR POSTERS IN THE APPRENTICE SCHOOL FOR MORE DETAILS.



Record Setting Weekend for ACFC Defensive Player of the Week

by Jim Heath O22

Apprentice School senior defensive back Tony Scott (Norfolk, Va., Norview HS, Outside Machinist X43) was named on Monday as the Atlantic Central Football Conference Defensive Player of the Week for his performance in Saturday's 17-7 Apprentice School victory over Frostburg State. Scott had six tackles, one interception, one pass breakup and one blocked kick as the Builders held Frostburg State to 208 yards. His interception with 35 seconds left sealed the victory and gave him his 11th career interception to set the modern-era career record. He shared it with Anthony Watson who played from 1992-95. That was his second interception of the season. His blocked punt in the fourth quarter with 13:07 left was the 10th of his career which set the school modern-era career record. That was his second blocked punt this season.



Tony Scott

Apprentice Hull Trades Fishing Tournament

by Stephen Bonneau X11

The sun was shining and the fish were biting at the Annual Apprentice Hull Trades Fishing Tournament. There were 18 fishermen and women participating in 9 boats. The winner with the biggest fish caught was Jason Ipock X32 at 6.9 pounds. He also took the win with the most fish caught, followed by Brad Redden X18. If you're interested in participating, be on the lookout, they're planning another tournament for the fall.



Tournament participants taking a break from the action.

Food, Friends and Fun

by Kesha Claiborne X31

This passed August 18 the ASSA sponsored its annual Apprentice Family Picnic. It was a hot beautiful day at Gosnold Hope Park, a perfect day for a picnic. The ASSA hired The County Grill in Hampton to cater the food for the event this year. This gave everyone a chance to fully enjoy themselves with no one have to man the grills. The menu included pulled-pork BBQ with seven different flavored sauces, barbecued chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad and baked beans. "The food was delicious" said Paul Politi X31, "it was wonderful."

There were games, prizes, and balloon animals for kids of all ages. For the big kids there was football, and might I say that the Apprentice School Football team can beat these guys with there eyes closed. Eric Kilner E06 was seen gasping for air after running only 10 feet. The young kids had a great time as well. Julie Lane E06 from the Apprentice School Chapter of SNAME was on hand to make balloon animals for kids and adults alike. There were four different piñatas: a Spongebob Squarepants, a Spiderman, a treasure chest, and a horse. Each was full of sweet treats for the kids to fill up on just in time to go home with their parents (Oh Boy!). The children had a ball racing all the candy, it was hysterical.

Tickets handed out to everyone when they arrived raffled off the door prizes. The ticket numbers were randomly drawn from a bucket at three different intervals throughout the day. The prizes consisted of \$25 gift cards from Best Buy, Golden Corral, and Circuit City just to name a few. Everyone, family, friends, and even man's best friend had a great time. For those of you that missed it, we hope to see you next year.



"What'd you say about my mama!?!"



"Whatcha doin...?"

"Chillin'?"



"How you doin'?"



"I'm gonna get that wascowy wabbit!"

Rollin' with the Tides

by Courtney L. Pope X42



Apprentices and their families

It's Saturday, July 28th, 7:15 p.m. and here's the opening pitch. The crowd continues to pour into Harbor Park to see the Norfolk Tides face the Ottawa Lynx. The stadium is filled with fans, and the special guests tonight are the students of the Northrop Grumman Apprentice School, their families, and their friends. It's Tides Night for the Apprentice School.

As the innings roll by, the apprentices and their guests soak in the atmosphere. The weather is slightly overcast and the game is exciting. On the brink of the seventh inning stretch, the home team is up 5-2. No matter the outcome, these students are here for the love of the game.

With a final score of 7-4, the Tides go on to win the game, and secure another victory in the Minor League pennant race. For the Apprentices and their guests, having a night out at the baseball park was a win any way you look at it.