

November **BUILDER** **BULLETIN**

Christmas Dinner Dance



December 7th

It's that time once again!
This year's Christmas dinner
dance will be held at The
Williamsburg Marriott Hotel
on December 7th.

Get you tickets now from
Chana Duncan at The
Apprentice School.

\$7 per person

If you plan on sticking
around for the after party,
act now and reserve your
discounted rooms for \$69.00

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Don't forget picture day See pg 06

Apprentice Wrestling

November

2	<i>Fall SWING Fling Golf Tourney</i>	<i>Smithfield Downs</i>	<i>7:30am</i>
9	Green Terror Duals	Westminster, MD	10am
15-16	UNC-Pembroke	Pembroke, NC	Fri, Sat
16	Old Dominion Invitational	Norfolk, VA	All-Day
23	Builder Team Duals	HOME	10am

December

8 (Sun)	Penn State Open	State College, PA	All-Day
20	San Francisco Team Duals	San Francisco, CA	5pm
21	San Francisco Individual Tournament	San Francisco, CA	All-Day
27-29	Sunshine Open	Ft. Lauderdale, FL	All-Day

January

10-11	Virginia Duals (American Division Host)	Hampton, VA	All-Day
18	Virginia College D-1 State Tourney	TBD	All-Day
22	UNC-Pembroke Dual	HOME	4:15pm
25	Doug Cherry Team Duals	Easton, PA	All-Day

MEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-2003

NOVEMBER

22-23	Edgewood, Wisconsin. Tip-off UW-Lutheran, St. Thomas Aquinas	
27	AVERETT UNIVERSITY	7:00
29	Missouri Valley – Trip Sports Classic	6:00
30	LaGrange – Trip Sports Classic	4:00

DECEMBER

3	Averett University	7:00
6	Carthage College in LeMay/Carthage Classic	8:00
7	North Park in Lemay/Carthage Classic	2:00
11	Goucher College	7:30
27-28	Rio Grande. Ohio Tournament	

The Players Perspective

The big question I've been hearing around the A-School lately has been about the football team's excellent performance this year. There is much speculation amongst the apprentices about this sudden improvement, but no hard facts. After asking several football players, it seems to me that the common consensus points to one particular factor. In previous seasons the team played as individuals. No one was motivated to work as a team. The players say all of that changed this season. They stopped thinking only about themselves. Everyone came together as a team. The team won games. The team is on a roll now. I would wish the team good luck, but I think luck has nothing to do with it.

By: Tim O'Neil

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL 2002-2003

NOVEMBER

23-24	Frostburg State Tournament	TBA
26	ELIZABETH CITY STATE UNIVERSITY	5:30

DECEMBER

3	Averett University	5:00
6	Waynesburg College at Salisbury Tournament	1:00
7	Salisbury Univ/Lehman College at Salisbury Tourney	1/6:00
10	Chowan College	7:00
14	LaRoche College at Peace College Tournament	8:00
15	Peace College/LaGrange College at Peace College Tourney	1/3:00

FOOTBALL 2002

Nov. 2	Bethany College (W.Va.)	1:00 p.m.
Nov. 9	at Washington & Jefferson	1:30 p.m.

As always home games are in "Bold Print". For more information on the Builders Athletic Program, please contact Sports Information Director Jim Heath at 757-688-4935. Builder Sports Hotline: 928-1111 (Cat. 6672)

“GETTING TO KNOW YOU”

Who is Danny Brookman? I had a chance to speak with him and find out. Mr. Brookman has been with the company for 30 years. He has a twin brother Dave Brookman who is also employed at the shipyard. They both moved here fresh out of high school from the small town of Narrows, Virginia. Mr. Brookman served his apprenticeship as an inside machinist. After completing his apprenticeship Mr. Brookman was a mechanic for 1-1/2 years and obtained his specialist rating. From there he went on to become an Apprentice Craft Instructor, Production Foreman, General Foreman, Training Administrator in what is now 026, and eventually back to the School in 1986 as the Training Manager, Craft Training.



Mr. Brookman said, “His Apprenticeship was the very foundation of his education.” After his Apprenticeship, Mr. Brookman attended Thomas Nelson, earning Associate Degrees in Mechanical Engineering Technology and Drafting & Design. He then attended ODU and earned a Bachelors of Science in Engineering & Technology. Finally Mr. Brookman attended Regent University where he graduated with a Masters in Education.

Mr. Brookman made this statement regarding education and advancement, “You need to prepare yourself for any opportunity when it arises”. He also offers, “The apprentice of the future will need to focus on continuing training and education to be in position for career advancement. This includes improving your computer, communications, technical job and trade skills.”

When I asked Mr. Brookman about the possibility of a new associate degree program being offered and that we all had heard rumors, he said, “...a proposal has been developed and will be presented to senior management for consideration.” If the proposal is accepted, apprentices will be afforded the opportunity to earn an associates degree from TNCC upon completion of their apprenticeship. Mr. Brookman also stated that when he graduated from The Apprentice School, he was only able to transfer five credit hours (quarter hours) to TNCC compared to today where an apprentice can receive up to 51 semester hours. He said the curriculum has expanded since he attended. Today’s curriculum focuses more on business processes and technical communications.

Mr. Brookman said that his experience as an Apprentice Craft Instructor influenced him to take the position he holds today. Due to his experiences he has formed the opinion that apprentices are more motivated and interested in learning than most other shipyard hourly associates. He also said he enjoys working with the people involved in the apprentice school and that it is a great organization. Mr. Brookman said, “A key element in the operations of the school is the one element that differentiates our program from other apprenticeship programs. That element is the role that the Craft Instructor plays. Without them the program wouldn’t be nearly as effective in developing journeyman level craftsmen and future leaders. They are the glue that holds the program together.” It takes a special individual to be a Craft Instructor because of the responsibility of producing quality products while working with people who sometimes have little or no experience. “Not just anybody can do that.” “We feel like we’ve got some of our very best graduates on the School’s faculty. How do I know that? After we have worked with individuals for four years, we know who the very best are.”

I asked Mr. Brookman about the possibility of a new A-School building. He said some thought has been given to that and there are some plans out there but the school has also been looking at some alternatives such as utilizing offsite facilities such as the Peninsula Workforce Development Center at TNCC. Right now the Apprentice school has two major building maintenance requests submitted and under review. They are to replace all windows in school as well as upgrade the existing HVAC. Both are very much needed.

On a more personal note Mr. Brookman said in his spare time he likes to spend time with his family, go on canoe trips, and is very involved with the community. Mr. Brookman is a youth counselor at his church, a volunteer fireman with the Fox Hill Fire Company, youth soccer, softball, and baseball coach, and an assistant scout master for BSA Troop 84. This upcoming summer he is planning a high adventure 80-mile canoe trip for the scouts in his troop.

In closing Mr. Brookman says, “Make good choices, work and study hard, treat people fairly, and you will be fine.”

Pep Rally

On October 25th, The Apprentice School Student Association hosted the first annual Oyster Bowl Pep Rally at the Apprentice Athletic Center. Other sponsors included The Mariners Club, Propeller Club, May Club, Progressive Club, Apprentice Alumni Association, Apprentice Athletic Club, and The Newport News Shipbuilding Employees Credit Union. There was food, music, and plenty of activities to participate in. Each organization cooked-up there own special recipes and donated gifts for several raffles. But, Perhaps, The best part of the evening was the announcement of the total donations raised at the event. When all was said and done THE SHRINERS' HOSPITAL was presented with a check for \$3765.02 and everyone left with a warm smile on their face.

The ASSA has always taken an active role in community involvement; I encourage next year's council to continue to broaden these horizons.

By: Bittner & O'Neil

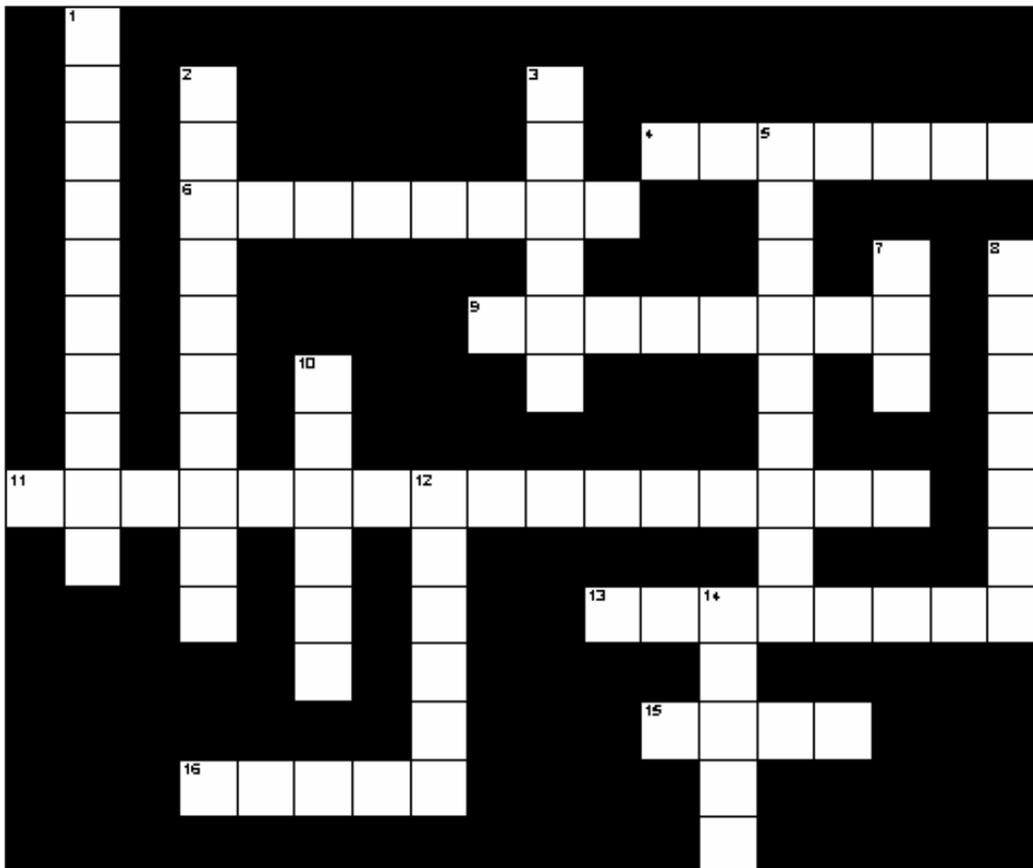
DOWN

1. HALLOWEENS FRUIT PUT INTO CRUST
2. THE SHOWED THE PILGRIMS THE WAY TO THE NEW WORLD
3. COLD SEASON
5. THE TRIBE THAT HELPED THE PILGRIMS
7. SMOKED HAND HELD FAIR TREAT
8. NATIVE AMERICAN WERE CALLED
10. WHITE MEAT
12. COVERED IN FEATHERS
14. NORTHERN FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYING ON THANKSGIVING

ACROSS

4. SOUTHERN FOOTBALL TEAM PLAYING ON THANKSGIVING
6. BREAD CRUMBS, SEASONING AND PLACED UNDER TURKEY RIBS
9. DESSERT
11. YEAR OF THE FIRST THANKSGIVING
13. MAYFLOWER
15. NOT THE BAND
16. IF THE BIRD IS DRY THIS HELPS IT GO DOWN

This month's puzzle by: Adam Madison



FOR SALE
1999 POLARIS
ATV
AUTOMATIC
TRANSMISSION
ON DEMAND
FOUR WHEEL
DRIVE,
GUN
RACK/WITH
GUN BOOT
LESS THAN 500
MILES
\$4100
599-4931
AFTER 6P.M.

-APPRENTICE PROFILES-



Kenny Logan is an Apprentice Craft Instructor in the Shipboard Electrical Department(X31). He is originally from South Boston, VA. After graduating from high school he spent four years in the U.S Marine Corps, Aviation Ordnance Department. Later, he attended Danville Community College for a year majoring in electronics. In 1982, he came to The Apprentice School in search for opportunities to continue his education and pursue a career at the same time. He graduated from The Apprentice School in 1986 as an X31 electrician. In 1996, he transferred from the X31 Department to the Engineering Department. Then, in 1997, he became a subcontract manager. Finally, Mr. Logan accepted his current position as a Craft Instructor. He is working hard to lead his Apprentices in the right direction. Presently, he has 13 people in his crew overseeing the mess hall, pump rooms 1&2, the 1&2 A.C. plants, and the avionics shop. Mr. Logan encourages new apprentices to use this opportunity to achieve as much as they can.

By: Hykeem Robinson

2003 ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

WINTER SEMESTER

JANUARY 6 - MONDAY	CLASSES IN SESSION
APRIL 18 - FRIDAY	
MARCH 3 - MONDAY	MID-SEMESTER BREAK
MARCH 7 - FRIDAY	
APRIL 21 - MONDAY	EXTENSION PERIOD
APRIL 24 - THURSDAY	
APRIL 30 - WEDNESDAY	ORIENTATION

SPRING/SUMMER SEMESTER

MAY 5 - MON	CLASSES IN SESSION
AUGUST 15 - FRI	
JUNE 30 - MON	MID-SEMESTER BREAK
JULY 4 - FRI	
AUGUST 18 - MON	EXTENSION PERIOD
AUGUST 21 - THURS	
AUGUST 27 - WED	ORIENTATION

FALL SEMESTER

SEPTEMBER 2 - TUES	CLASSES IN SESSION
DECEMBER 12 - FRI	
OCTOBER 27 - MON	MID-SEMESTER PERIOD
OCTOBER 31 - FRI	
DECEMBER 15 - MON	EXTENSION BREAK
DECEMBER 18 - THURS	
DECEMBER 17 - WED	ORIENTATION

2002 Holiday Schedule

Thursday	28-Nov	Thanksgiving Day
Friday	29-Nov	Day After Thanksgiving
Christmas Annual Leave Shutdown		
Friday	20-Dec	Last Day of Work
Monday	23-Dec	Leave Time
Tuesday	24-Dec	Christmas Eve
Wednesday	25-Dec	Christmas Day
Thursday	26-Dec	Floater Holiday
Friday	27-Dec	Leave Time
Monday	30-Dec	Leave Time
Tuesday	31-Dec	New Year's Eve
Wednesday	1-Jan-03	New Year's Day
Thursday	2-Jan-03	Return To Work

“TURKEY TALK”

- BB: What are your favorite things to eat?
MT: I like to eat a lot of food mostly plants, and bugs.
BB: How did you survive last year's holiday?
MT: Not only did I survive I got the gobbler of the year award for dodging all The hunters bullets and I received the Tom of the year award for getting a record breaking seventeen hunters' caps while they were wearing them.
BB: How do you feel about the upcoming holiday?
MT: I feel pretty good about this holiday because I have been working out in the off season and I have recently purchased a can of camouflage body paint.
BB: What is your main goal for this Thanksgiving Day?
MT: My main goal is to insure that hungry families of Northern America are turkeyless on Thanksgiving Day because the so-called hunter of the group spent all of his money on ammunition trying to shoot me, The Untouchable.
BB: What is your preplan strategy for this year's turkey hunters?
MT: Well you see me being the Master of the B.O.O.T.I. E. or “The Brotherhood Order Of Turkeys International Exclusive” is planning a raid, in which we flatten all truck tires, burn all trees stands, and steal all firing pins. This is only the beginning for what we have in store for them. This is in an effort to antagonize these lower human life forms and destroy their morals.
BB: Your strategy sounds very promising but what is the mission for actual hunting season?
MT: When hunting season comes we have a three-part strategy aimed for confusion and eventually the total annihilation of the hunter. The first part is to toy with their basic primitive needs. So we strategically placed beer taps 13.836518 feet from the road. Our statistics show that the average hunter starts looking for refreshment at that exact spot due to being out of shape. Part one also includes the fact that these beer taps are hooked up to a stun gun, which will leave the hunter helpless once, said hunter pulls on the tap. Part two is strategically placed stolen mannequins that are wearing lingerie all threw-out the forest. Third part is the unveiling of Turket Roboto who is a mechanical turkey that yields two fully automatic M-60 machine guns.
BB: Will the you ever reach a peace treaty with the turkey hunters?
MT: Peace talks have been held every year since colonial times and no agreement has been reached.
BB: In your own opinion what is the solution to the Thanksgiving dilemma?
MT: Mexico is one option for a temporary solution. The real question that keeps coming to my mind is “Why turkeys were designated the main course for Thanksgiving?” I just want a normal life instead of being a flying commando. I think the real solution is simple. If the hunters stop hunting us we will stop hunting the hunters. Go VEGAN!!!!!!

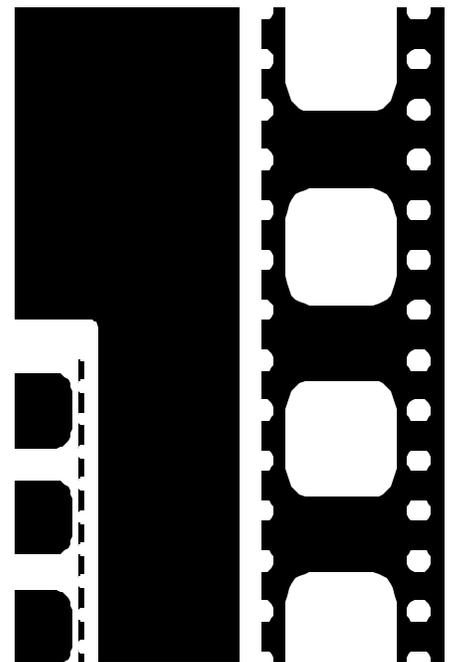


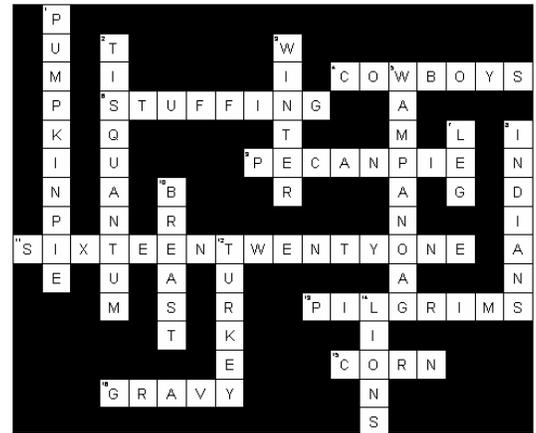
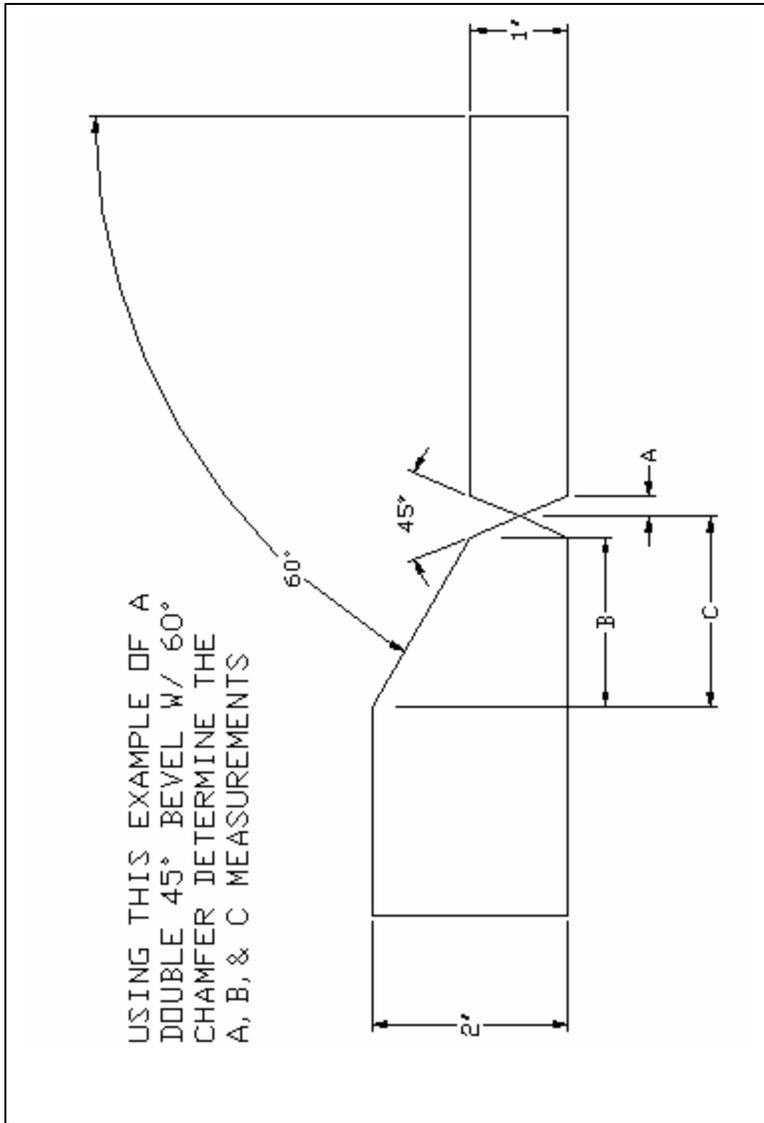
By: Madison & Stamper

2003 Yearbook Pictures

**Well folks, the time has come to
get those mug shots updated.
Both Seniors and Underclassmen
will be seated on the following
dates.**

**This is your last chance!
Pictures will be taken for the
2003 yearbook!
Nov. 19th & Dec. 9th
(3:30 to 6:00 pm)**

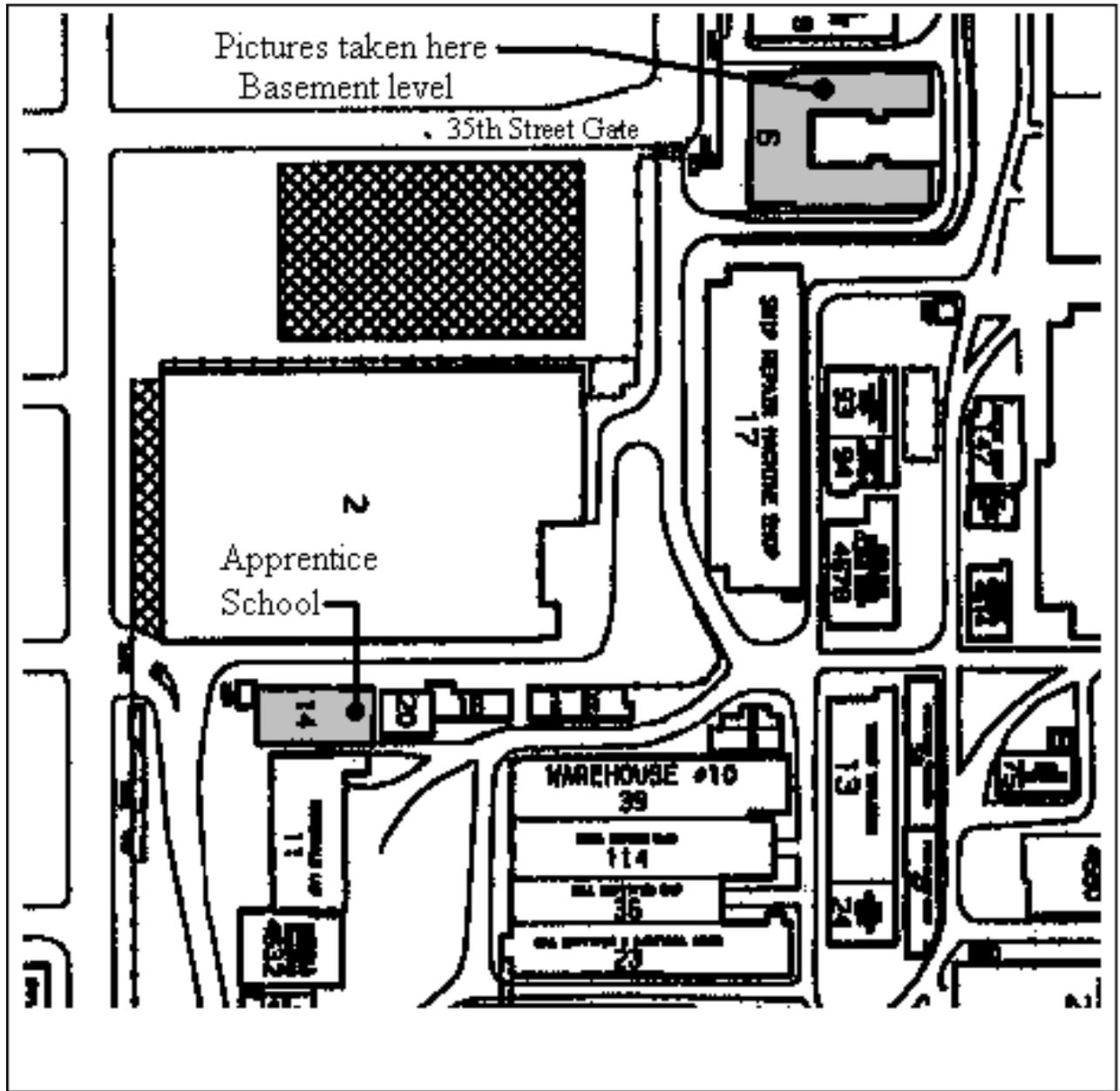




The solution must be accompanied by reasoning/work. A time submitted in the upper left corner is needed to determine a winner. Place answers in Mr. Jones in-box in the office.

October Math Challenge Answer

Answer to cheese riddle: If you inscribe the largest square possible in a circle, the areas *outside* of the square equals four segments, each of which individually equals exactly one fourth the circumference of the circle. Subtract the area of the inscribed square from the total area of the circle. The difference equals the area of the four segments. **Using ratios, the area of one segment will always equal 1/11 of the total area of the circle.** (It makes no difference what dimensions you use for the original circle.) Therefore, the weight of the cheese equal 2 times 11, or **22 pounds.**



Map to Photo Lab