

JANUARY

BUILDER BULLETIN



AN APPRENTICE'S NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

- 1) ATTEND MORE
SCHOOL FUNCTIONS
- 2) SUPPORT MY BUILDER
SPORTS TEAMS
- 3) WASH MY COVERALLS
- 4) STAY WARM
- 5) STUDY HARDER

LET'S GO SKIING

FEBRUARY 2ND, 2003

AT WINTERGREEN

TICKETS COST \$35 PER PERSON

LIMIT TWO TICKETS PER APPRENTICE

- INCLUDES SKI RENTAL
- LIFT TICKET
- 1 LESSON
- BUS RIDE

BUS LEAVES AT 8 AM FROM THE APPRENTICE
GYM

SNOWBOARD RENTALS ARE AN EXTRA \$10

BE THERE OR BE SQUARE

TICKETS ON SALE NOW UNTIL JAN. 24TH.

SEE DEBRA CROSS FOR TICKETS

DON'T FORGET: GRADUATION

WHEN: JAN 24, 2003 6P.M.

WHERE: HERITAGE H.S.

GRADUATION PICTURES WILL BE
TAKEN THERE AS WELL AS
PICTURES FOR THOSE WHO WISH
TO SEE THEMSELVES IN THE
YEARBOOK

COME AND SUPPORT THE
FUTURE

INSIDE THE BUILDER BULLETIN:

TIMMY THE APPRENTICE SPILLS THE
DIRT ON THE NEW STUDENT COUNCIL

JEFF WRIGHT: WHAT YOU DIDN'T KNOW

NOSIDAM'S PLAYHOUSE

DINNER DANCE REVIEW

HELLOS AND GOODBYES

CROSSWORDS

FUN! FUN! FUN!

Last Words

By: Art Bittner

All things, regardless of significance or circumstance, must come to an end. It is in this fact I must express an overall feeling of progressive closure concerning the end of my service as Publications Chairperson. It's been a great year. I would not venture to label it as perfect, but maybe even more of a complement would be to say it was a large step towards decent. I admire the relentless effort put forth by all who served on the executive council for the school year of 2002. It was never hard to spot a council member at any event this year and as this chapter comes to an end I see a fair amount of stones accumulated on this endless path. Each of these stones was placed there by motivated council members with a vision of their own. However, the time has come to send in the new recruits and hope that the path does not retreat.

I wish that I had seen this bigger picture 5 years ago when I first started the apprentice school. However, without the experiences I have shared along the way I would have no way of knowing. All I have now is the hope that steps, no matter how small, will be taken to help return the Apprentice school to a more cohesive and involved student body. I believe we can have a student body which is allowed to exercise and operate under a more open philosophy. I look forward to seeing Mr. Creps address this issue with his broad platform of increased involvement and accountability.

Regarding the bulletin, this issue has been published by David Dunn who will be your 2003 Publications Chairperson. I wish him the best of luck and expect to see an even more diverse and relative product arriving in your mailbox each month.

In closing I would like to leave you with these thoughts from the new Pearl Jam album (Riot Act) "I know I was born and I know that I'll die. The in between is mine. I am mine."
It's all up to you!

From the President:

To start, I hope every one of you had a happy and safe holiday. I hope you enjoyed every minute of the time you were able to spend with family and friends

The start of another new year always brings with it the opportunity to learn from the past and to prepare for the future. That's exactly what your 2003 ASSA Executive Council is doing. We have a busy January with the Annual Awards Banquet and Graduation fast approaching. February will see the return of our ski trip and a lot of home games for our Men's and Women's Basketball teams.

For the upcoming year I hope to see a lot of involvement from the student body in all the events we work hard to put together. We are working to come up with some new and exciting things to do this year. I plan to have the ASSA more involved in community outreach projects to show the area our support and to let them know what goes on at The Apprentice School.

I look forward to serving as the 2003 ASSA President and I encourage all of you to come to me with any questions or ideas you may have. Feel free to approach me any time – either up at school, in the yard or any place you may see me! If you ever need to contact me, don't worry – I won't bite, please call me at 380-2838 (W) or 343-9694 (C).

ASSA President
Doug Creps

Nosidams Play House

This is a place for me to tell you useless things, or it may be for me to play around. But here is the skinny. There are three articles, 2 true, 1 false. Can you tell which is which? Answers are in the back of the bulletin.

By: Adam Madison

All choked up!

1.

LA, U.S.A. --The relatives of a New Orleans man have sued the owners of the fire and ice, grill and bar for \$675,000. They claim that Frank Morgan choked to death on the free peanuts that are given to their patrons as long as they meet the 4 drinks per hour minimum. They also claim that because of this drink minimum that he got intoxicated and forgot to swallow. They claim that since the peanuts were free they do not fall under the "purchaser responsibility clause" that was issued in 1963. So the bar is responsible for the peanuts and anything that happens as a result of consumption of the peanuts.

2.

Hungry? Try a "Fat in Chocolate"

KIEV, Ukraine — A Ukrainian candy company has begun marketing what may be the stickiest, richest and most fattening treat on the market: pure pork fat covered in chocolate.

Cracking open a finger-sized stick of "Fat in Chocolate" reveals exactly that: a vein of white fat. The dark chocolate product pokes fun at the traditional Ukrainian snack of salo, or salted pork fat, usually consumed with vodka and pickles.

3.

Who gets to blow out the candles?

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. — Expect a big birthday party next year in the Greco household. Suzanne and Michael Greco celebrated their shared birthday Saturday by welcoming their first child, 8-pound, 8-ounce Maxwell Allen Greco. "We're wondering what the odds are of having the whole family born on the same day," said Vicki Greco, Michael's mother. "It's just amazing."

MATH CHALLENGE

By: Adam Madison

Let us say that the price of a can of soda is \$.50. And that, can holds 12-ounces of soda. Now assume that a 20-ounce bottle cost's \$1.00. You now spend \$300 dollars on either cans or bottles. Since you want the most for your money which would you buy? What is the difference in gallons between the two options?

AN APPRENTICE RISES TO THE TOP

Some of you may know Jeff Wright as an X11 APPRENTICE CRAFT INSTRUCTOR. I sat down with him to chew the fat and some things you may not know about him will be disclosed in this exclusive interview.

Jeff has been with the company for 9 years in the X11 department. Jeff said, “I came to the company fresh out of high-school. The most attractive thing about the company was the fact that I could continue my wrestling career and make money at the same time.”

It took Jeff only 8 years to become an X11 Craft instructor. When I asked him the secret to his success he stated, “I had average grades in school, on the job is where I excelled. I worked hard for every foreman that I had and I worked overtime when I was asked.” Jeff tried his hardest to make every foreman that he worked for want him back. He showed them he was the man for the job time and time again by producing quality work in a timely manner. These qualities, along with the fact that he had never been written up for anything, especially attendance, aided in his rise to the top. In reference to the attendance Jeff offers, “Attendance is looked at really hard when these kinds of choices are being made.”

I asked Jeff which instructor had the biggest impact on his apprenticeship and he said, “All of my instructors were excellent but the one who had the most profound impact on my APPRENTICESHIP was Mark Barker. He was a sharp and smart man. Mark instilled in me the work ethics required to have a successful career here at NNGN and the ability to achieve goals.”

Jeff’s goals for the future include continuing his education and moving up further in the company. During his leisure time Jeff says he supports athletic events, spends time with his family, and tries to do a little fishing.

Jeff’s advice to all of the apprentices is, “Follow the rules. Network your abilities while backing that up with your actions, and most definitely further your education beyond The Apprentice School.”

INTERVIEWED BY: DAVE DUNN

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH THE COMMUNITY

The Apprentice School carried on its’ annual tradition with The Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center in December. For the past 28 years The Apprentice School has provided food and drinks at their annual Christmas party held at The Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center for the mentally challenged. X33 Donny Taylor played Santa Claus and handed out candy to his newfound friends. They visited him and told him what they would like for Christmas. There were about 225 people there to dance and sing in celebration of the season. There was one lady there who could sing like nobody’s business. It was a real treat to hear her and see the sea of smiling faces as they danced the night away.

This charitable event was a good time for all involved and I would suggest to anyone who likes to help others to sign up with The Sarah Bonwell Hudgins Center to help with one of their weekly sock-hops. They have one every Monday from 7-9p.m. You can really make a difference in someone’s life just by volunteering these few hours. Even if you volunteered only one time each year it would make a world of difference to the people who work hard every week to do this. Any extra help they can get would be a blessing.

ARTICLE BY: DAVE DUNN

An Exciting Evening at the Christmas Dinner Dance

The sold out evening of great food, fun and excitement was the final big apprentice function of the year. The Dance was held at the Marriott hotel in Williamsburg. Everyone from 1st term apprentices to apprentice instructors and General Foreman had a spectacular evening at the dance. For me the best part of the evening was the food and the conversation with other apprentices and their dates. At the dance, over thirteen hundred dollars in prizes were given away, the winners included: James McBride who won a DVD player, Mrs. Cross who won a DVD VCR combo, David Culpepper who won a 27" TV, Mrs. Lewis who won a stereo, Will Sage who won a digital camera, Tracy Johnson who won a home theater system, Mr. Bivens who won a 27" TV, John Bishop who won a telephone, Mr. Hall who won a VCR-DVD player combo, David Batdorf who won a phone, and Derrick Hicks who won a DVD player. There was also a 50/50 raffle with a \$125 cash prize. Ryan Stevens was the big winner who walked away with the cash. Every one who did not attend the dance should consider coming to the dance next year. It's an inexpensive way to have a great time.

Article By: David McDade
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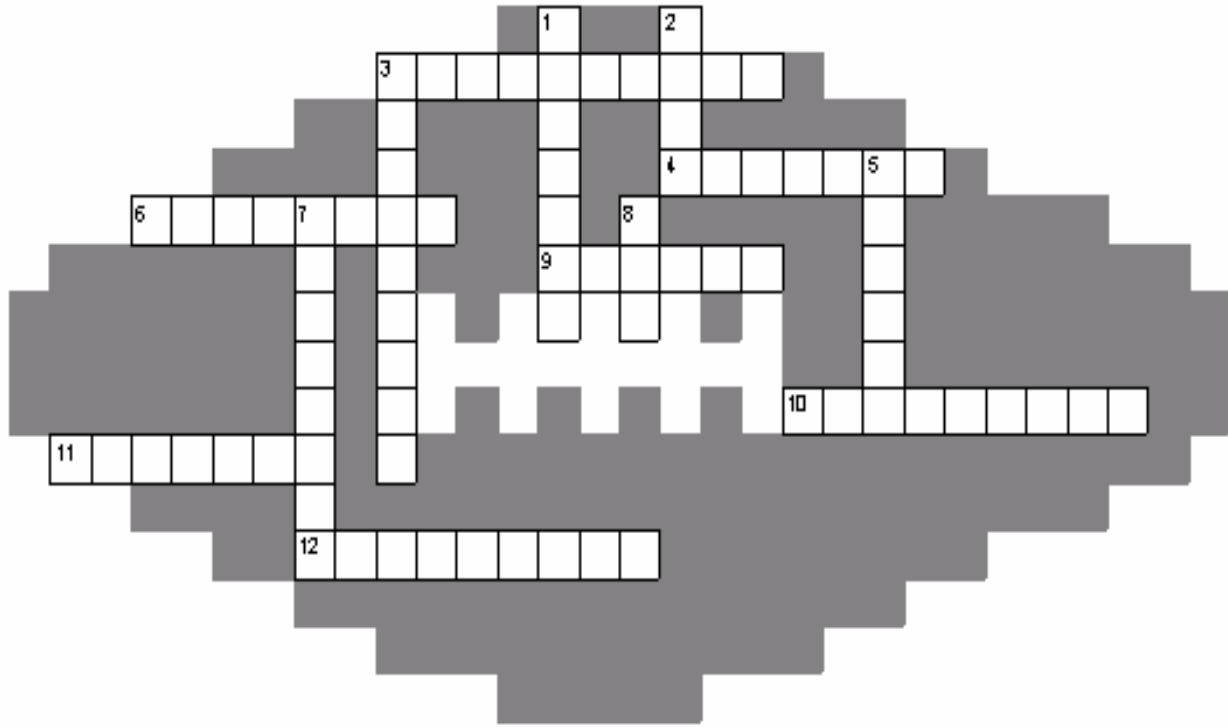
The Newly elected executive council is set to take over running the ASSA. I talked with some of them to find out what their plans for 2003 are.

President Doug Creps would like to increase attendance at ASSA events. He says the way to do this is less but better events like the ski trip, Rock and Bowl, and a fishing trip. Doug also wants the ASSA to try selling new types of food at the concession stands and do more charitable events/outreach programs like Habitat for Humanity. To fund all of these events he hopes to get an increase in the ASSA annual budget.

Secretary Jin Raines is looking forward to working with everyone in 2003 and wants to encourage everyone to attend ASSA events. She is also in charge of cheerleading and anyone interested in joining should contact her. TEL: 596-3038

Vice President Judy Shreves and Treasurer John Bishop were not available for comment.

By: "Timmy the Apprentice"



ACROSS

- 3) A SPECIAL KIND OF PASS THAT AMASSES THE INTERIOR LINEMEN WITH FAKE BLOCKING
- 4) BEGINS THE FIRST AND SECOND HALF
- 6) TO RELINQUISH POSSESSION OR CONTROL OF THE BALL TO THE OTHER TEAM
- 9) A TEAM IS AWARDED TWO POINTS FOR ACCOMPLISHING THIS UNUSUAL FEAT
- 10) YOU GET THREE POINTS FOR THIS
- 11) 11 PEOPLE TRYING TO SCORE
- 12) THIS IS WORTH 6 POINTS

DOWN

- 1) 11 PEOPLE TRYING TO STOP THE OTHER TEAM FROM SCORING
- 2) TACKLING THE QUARTERBACK BEHIND THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE
- 3) THE BIGGEST GAME OF THE YEAR
- 5) DROPPING THE FOOTBALL ON THE GROUND AFTER YOU HAD CONTROL OF IT
- 7) SOMEONE ON THE OPPOSING SIDE OF THE BALL
- 8) ACRONYM FOR THE BIGGEST PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE IN THE U.S.A.

BOTH BASKETBALL TEAMS

RANKED #1 IN USCAA

Newport News, Va. - The men's and women's basketball teams from The Apprentice School received early Christmas presents today as it was learned they are ranked number one in the United States Collegiate Athletic Association.

This marks the second year in a row that the men earned the number one ranking right before Christmas. The women earned a number one ranking in February last season.

The ranking is based off a formula that keys strongly on strength of schedule, basing points on winning on the road. That helped both teams as they have played eight of their first nine games on the road.

"While it is nice to be recognized, it's a little early to be ranked like that," said Apprentice School women's coach Judi Overbey. "Until this past weekend we had not put together 40 minutes of Lady Builder basketball. We are getting there, but we need to be consistent."

"Being ranked number one is awesome for our program," said men's coach Bill Tose. "We've had a grueling schedule and it is paying off for us. I know the guys are happy about the ranking and we just want to keep it going for us like last year."

Both teams are off now through Christmas. The men's team (4-5) will next see action on December 27 in the Rio Grande (Oh.) Classic. The women's team (6-3) will start a six-game homestand on January 4 against Division II Virginia Union University at 2 p.m.

For more information, please contact Sports Information Director Jim Heath at 688-4935.

THREE BUILDERS NAMED TO VASID ALL-STATE FOOTBALL TEAM

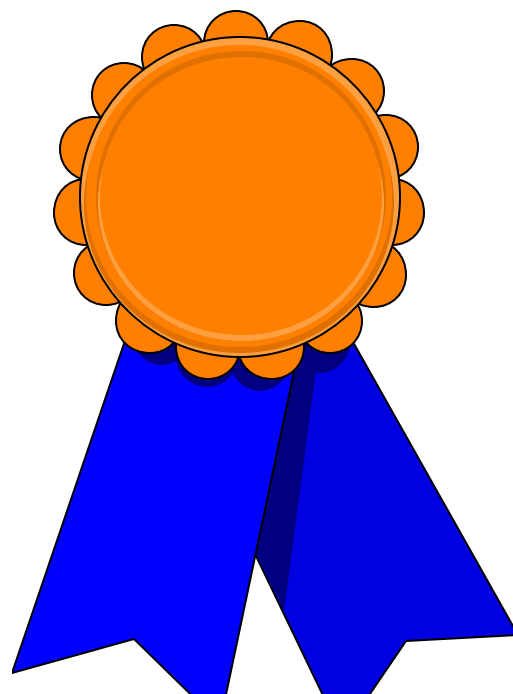
NEWPORT NEWS, VA. -- Three Apprentice School football players were named to the Virginia Sports Information Directors Association All-State College Division team today.

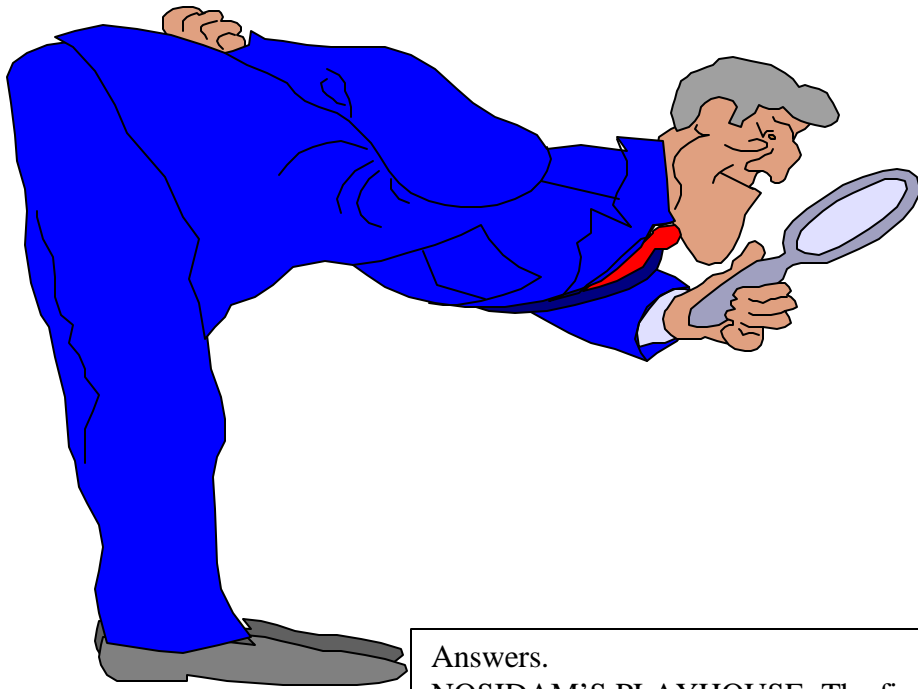
Sophomore Fred Canady (Atlanta, Ga./South Atlanta) earned first team defensive line honors. Canady set a school record this season for sacks with 12. He had five in one game this year against Chowan College. Canady also earned first team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference honors.

Freshman tight end Michael Thornton (Norfolk, Va./Granby) earned honorable mention honors. He was second on the team in receptions with 21 for 232 yards. Thornton's best game came against Averett University where he caught five passes for 55 yards and recovered a fumble in the end zone for the eventual winning points.

Freshman wide receiver Shawn Jackson (Gloucester, Va./Gloucester) also earned honorable mention honors. He led the team in receptions with 42 for 742 yards and eight touchdowns. His best game came against Methodist College catching seven passes for 178 yards and one touchdown. He also ran a punt attempt back 86 yards for the final touchdown in that victory. Jackson was named first team All-Atlantic Central Football Conference at wide receiver.

For more information, please contact Sports Information Director Jim Heath at 757-688-4935.





Answers.
 NOSIDAM'S PLAYHOUSE: The first article
 MATH CHALLENGE: 9.375 gallons.

CROSSWORD
ANSWERS:
ACROSS
 3) SCREENPASS
 4) KICKOFF
 5) TURNOVER
 9) SAFETY
 10) FIELDGOAL
 11) OFFENSE
 12) TOUCHDOWN

DOWN
 1) DEFENSE
 2) SACK
 3) SUPERBOWL
 5) FUMBLE
 7) OPPONENT
 8) NFL

MEN'S SCHEDULE

January

2	at Va. Wesleyan	7 p.m.
6	at UNC Pembroke	7:30 p.m.
8	at Shepherd	7 p.m.
11	at Bethany	8 p.m.
18	SAVANNAH A&D	3 p.m.
25	at St. Vincent's	8 p.m.
29	VA. WESLEYAN	7 p.m.

February

4	ROANOKE BIBLE	7:30 p.m.
8	at Savannah A&D	3 p.m.
11	at Southern Va.	7 p.m.
14	at Pitt-Greensburg	7 p.m.
15	at Mount Aloysius	2 p.m.
18	at Roanoke Bible	7:30 p.m.
22	SOUTHERN VA.	2 p.m.

WOMEN'S SCHEDULE

January

4	VIRGINIA UNION	2:00 p.m.
7	MARY WASHINGTON	5:30 p.m.
10	SAVANNAH A&D	6:00 p.m.
11	GALLAUDET	3:00 p.m.
17	SOUTHERN VA.	6:00 p.m.
19	MT. ALOYSIUS	2:00 p.m.
21	at Va. Wesleyan	7:00 p.m.
25	at Mt. Aloysius	2:00 p.m.
28	at Meredith	7:00 p.m.

February

1	at St. Joseph's, N.Y.	7:00 p.m.
2	at Rutgers-Camden	2:00 p.m.
4	ROANOKE BIBLE	5:30 p.m.
8	at Southern Va.	1:00 p.m.
13	at Eastern	6:00 p.m.
15	MEREDITH	2:00 p.m.
18	at Roanoke Bible	5:30 p.m.