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The Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge

By X06/X89 David Nicholas

Junior Achievement is a growing number of volunteers, educators, and parents who reach out to approximately 4 million students each year, in grades K-12. The non-profit organization is comprised of passionate people behind a movement that seeks to educate and inspire the youth to value free enterprise, business, and economics to improve the quality of their lives. Backed by the support of corporate and


individual contributors, Junior Achievement provides programs and scholarships to students worldwide in hopes of preparing them for future economic and workforce issues they may face.

The Apprentice School's Director of Education and Workforce Development, Dr. Bob Leber, is an active advocate of the organization. Dr Leber and four other representatives of the Apprentice School recently participated in the "Junior Achievement Stock Market Challenge" that took place at the ODU Ted Constant Convocation Center. The purpose of the event was to raise awareness and funds to benefit the program. Instructors, John Maxey and Tony Jones, joined students, Dave McDade and Ron Hendrickson, to form the Apprentice School's team in the challenge. Each team started with \$500,000 to purchase initial stock from fictional companies such as "Tarbucks". They traded stocks through mock brokers in competition much like Wallstreet. Teams

looking for an advantage in the contest could purchase packages containing hot stock tips and news releases with real cash that contributed to the Junior Achievement Fund. First, second, and third place teams walked away with trophies and other prizes. Although the Apprentice School placed tenth in the challenge, Ron Hendrickson stated, "It was a fantastic opportunity to raise funds for a great cause while having a good time." For more information about volunteering for Junior Achievement contact JA of Greater Hampton Roads, Inc. or log onto hamptonroads.ja.org.



From left to right: 022 Academic Instructors John Maxey and Tony Jones, E06 Dave McDade, X06 Ron Hendrickson

	
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UPCOMING EVENTS	
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL	
DECEMBER 22 @ 4PM	
JANUARY 14 @ 2PM	
JANUARY 21 @ 6PM	
MEN'S BASKETBALL	
GREAT SHIPS INVITATIONAL	
JANUARY 6 @ 7:30PM	
JANUARY 7 @ 3PM	

A Tribute

By X31 Derrick Gilmer

For those of you who are just beginning your apprentice career, you have probably envisioned where you will be in the next 20 to 40 years. It is a question that requires a lot of thought, and the journey can be difficult to endure. In 1962 Paul D. "P.D." Saunders began his journey as a helper in the pipe department at the age of 17. Now, after 43 years of great service, he ends that journey and retires.

After starting his career as a pipe fitter, he was accepted into The Apprentice School 10 month's later working in the same trade. While dealing with the rigorous study and training program of an apprentice, P.D. also participated on the track team as a pole vaulter and set a school record of 13' 6" and received the Gold Athletic Award. After his graduation he became a planner on March 25, 1968. In 1971, P.D. became a pipe fitter craft instructor and at that time worked on the USS John F. Kennedy. In 1984, he was promoted to lead craft instructor (training administrator), and maintained that position until his retirement on September 30th, 2005. During his tenure at The Apprentice School, he's helped over a thousand apprentices accomplish their goals, and through indirect actions, affected many more. He will now be able to enjoy his free time with his wife, Betsy and live out his retirement well. P.D. has two children, Angela and Paul III, and five grandchildren. Paul III is a 1998 graduate of The Apprentice School and is currently a pipe fitter supervisor on the Bush.



Influential people will always come and go. If you have the opportunity to cross paths with one, you have a duty to carry the lesson you learn to others. Now that P.D. has moved on, he should be honored for all the good influences that he brought to The Apprentice School, the yard, and the company as a whole. If you've had the opportunity to cross paths with P.D., you can honor him by taking the lessons you've learned and passing them on. The Apprentice School is grateful for the service that Paul D. Saunders has given through the years.



Winter Sports

By X06/X89 David Nicholas

As winter moves into the Hampton Roads region and major holidays employ the hustle and bustle of the season, the Builders' winter sports schedule spotlights the Apprentice School's athletic scene. Judi Overbey and the Lady Builders tipped off the women's basketball season on November 18th as they hosted the Great Ships Invitational. The annual Invitational showcases four collegiate teams in a double-header. This year's competition featured the Lady Builder's facing off against Randolph-Macon Women's College. The team is prepared to improve on last season's 10-14 record with the leadership of key returners Whitney Lassiter, Ashley Barlow, Brandi Coffey, Upenda Morton, Dayna Twyne and, assistant coaches, Keisha Pexton and George Hampton.

The men's squad embarked upon this year's competition on the road versus Montclair State University. Coaches Bill Tose and Cliff Coleman are looking for Charles Holiday, Michael Dunston and Terrence Bryant to pilot

the Builder's crew to a successful season. Be sure to catch some of the action at the men's Great Ships Invitational on January 6th and 7th, as these are two of only four scheduled home dates.

Finally, the Apprentice School rolled out the mats in preparation for the Builder's 2005-06 wrestling season. Returning NCWA All-Americans include Jon Glavin, Brad Glavin, Eric Lybarger, Cecil Lee and Josh Flint. The coaching staff, composed of Jeff Rusak, Matt Butler and Ron Vecchione, anticipates on sustaining last year's 3-0 conference record. The Builders came to grips with Sierra Community College of California in early November to launch the season, but if you'd like to witness the grappling at home, check out www.gobuilders.com and mark your calendar. Take shelter from the cold this winter, relax and enjoy some indoor excitement by supporting your Apprentice School Builders.

Apprentices Make Presentation to Ron Sugar

By X31 Derrick Gilmer

I remember when my second apprentice instructor announced the news that Ron Sugar was becoming CEO of Northrop Grumman, and I thought to myself "I will never meet that guy." Until recently, I didn't realize how wrong I was. We've always been told that our apprenticeship will take us places and introduce us to people, but I never considered the possibility that I would get to meet the CEO of our great company.

Shortly after my arrival in VASCIC for a job rotation, I was told that we were going to brief Ron Sugar on the program we are working on. X31 apprentice, Joe Viars was assigned the

task of navigating him through the event. Despite being a little nervous, Joe showed exemplary skill and talent when he briefed Ron Sugar and a host of VIPs on the processes. X42 apprentice, Racheal Sterrett and I were present to assist Joe and we got the opportunity to shake hands with, and meet, Mr. Sugar. The presentation itself went quite well, as most of the people on the tour seemed very intrigued at the ideas that had been formulated.

I greatly appreciate the opportunities that my apprenticeship has given me. This experience has shown me first hand that your apprenticeship can take you places if you let it.

Trades Day

By E06/E24 Chris Guthrie

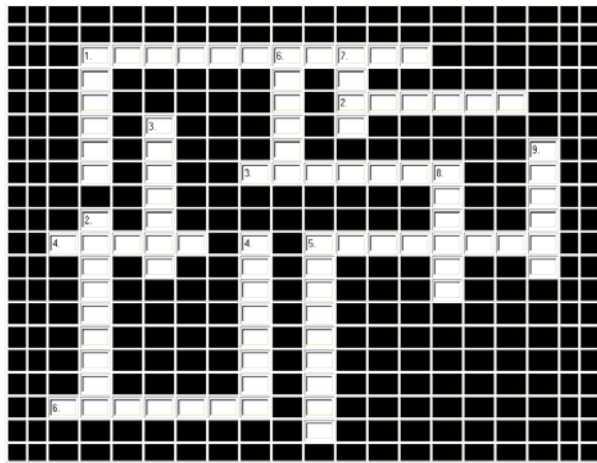
The Apprentice School kicked off its annual Trades Day Celebration on Saturday November 5th. The day started off with a tailgate party for lunch around 11:00 am. There was face painting and activities for the kids. There was also plenty of food and plenty of NGNN employees and A-School Alumni serving it up to all comers. Larry Koeck smiled and inquired how I was doing as he served me a spoon full of coleslaw. Some other familiar faces included Mike Petters and Danny Hunley, if you don't know their job titles, where have you been? The sun was shining bright, everyone had a good time, and we got to watch some good football too!

After everyone stuffed themselves with some barbecue, hotdogs, and chicken, the Trades Day Football Game started. The Builders were facing off against the Seton Hill Griffins. The

game got off to a slow start with a scoreless first quarter. After that the Builders took the lead at 7-0 and held the lead for the rest of the game while adding to their score. The Builders held off the Griffins attempt at a come back and won the game with a score of 14-10. The Trades Day Game marked the end of the season for the Builders, but finishing with a 4-6 record is an improvement on previous seasons. Though the Builders lost some close games, they played some of their best football and had some great accomplishments such as their first conference game victory in school history!

Trades Day was a huge success. Not only was there some good food and good company, but there was a good game and a great finish to the football season. Hope you all are looking forward to next years'!

CROSSWORD



ACROSS

1. On December 3rd we had the Holiday _____.
2. OH NO!! Someone spiked the _____.
3. The four sided top made out of clay around Hanukkah.
4. The fourth reindeer that Santa calls when he takes off.
5. Hope you have your _____ hung on the fireplace.
6. The 9 branched candelabrum used to celebrate Hanukkah

DOWN

1. The seventh reindeer that Santa calls when he takes off.
2. Stand under this and you may receive a kiss.
3. The eighth reindeer that Santa calls when he takes off.
4. The Festival of Lights.
5. Another name for good old Santa Claus.
6. The first reindeer that Santa calls when he takes off.
7. A song and another name for Christmas.
8. Potato pancakes made around Hanukkah.
9. Santa's ride of choice.

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Letter From The Editor

As the year draws to an end, the countdown to 2006 has a very special meaning for me other than "holiday shutdown." If you have already guessed, yes, this is my last issue of the Builder Bulletin. As I prepare to pass the torch on to another qualified and eager apprentice, I also prepare for my new job as Apprentice School Student Association (ASSA) Vice President. This year has been a great learning experience for me and I plan to take that into next year. I am grateful for the opportunity to have provided you (the readers) with this reading experience. Personally I would like to thank Dr. Bob Leber, Tony Jones, and Joyce Wright for their wisdom, confidence, and help with making the Builder Bulletin what it is today. I would also like to thank Sally Krystyn for your creative ideas and editing assistance. I can't thank the 2005 ASSA staff enough for their support and I also thank the ASSA for giving me the opportunity to develop into a leader (still learning). My staff has also been a great help this year and I would like to thank them for their hard work. I could not have done it alone! Last but not least, I thank everyone I have pestered for information this year and the readers who took the time to do the crossword puzzles, answer the monthly quizzes, and read the articles. If I did not mention your name or you do not fall under a group that I thanked, please know that your help and influence will not go unnoticed. Thank you! I am confident that the 2006 Publications Chair will continue to bring you a quality and professional publication with great reading material.

Sincerely,

Kareem Salomon
X11 Apprentice
Apprentice School Student Association
2005 Publications Chairman

When your work speaks
for itself, don't interrupt.
Henry J. Kaiser

DOWN

Down

1. Donner
2. Mistletoe
3. Blitzen
4. Hanukkah
5. Saint Nick
6. Dasher
7. Noel
8. Latkes
9. Sleigh

Across

1. Dinner Dance
2. Eggnog
3. Dreidel
4. Vixen
5. Stocking
6. Menorah

Grammar Quiz

1. I think _____ the best student at Dave's ESL Cafe!
you're or your
2. _____ dictionary is this?
Who's or Whose
3. _____ wife is beautiful.
Your or You're
4. I like English _____.
two or too
5. The _____ is fair and sunny today.
whether or weather

6. Albie the dog knows _____ name.
its or it's
7. The students took _____ test at home.
their or there
8. I'm not sure _____ I can attend your class.
weather or whether
9. The _____ is the head of the school.
principle or principal
10. I wrote the letter on perfumed _____.
stationery or stationery



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HOLIDAY SHUTDOWN

Thursday	December 22	Last Day of Work
Friday	December 23	Christmas Eve Celebrated
Monday	December 26	Christmas Day Celebrated
Tuesday	December 27	Floater
Wednesday	December 28	Leave Time*
Thursday	December 29	Leave Time*
Friday	December 30	New Years Eve Celebrated
Monday	January 2, 2006	New Years Day Celebrated
Tuesday	January 3, 2006	Return to Work

*Hourly employees may elect to take Annual Leave or to be docked

