



Cavalier by Name, Not by Nature

Long-time industry powerhouse aiming for fresh, modern image

The name “Cavalier” might be viewed as peculiar for a company – Cavalier Construction – which considers itself the flagship of the Bahamian construction industry. But, in fact, it comes from the Bahamian founder of the business, Godfrey E. Lightbourn, who attended the University of Virginia.

The school’s nickname: Cavaliers.

The actual origin of the nickname comes from what

was going on during the 17th century, when an English civil war pitted supporters of the parliamentary system of government against King Charles I, who asserted absolute power. The word Cavalier, too, predates the formation of the United States, with a very similarly spelled version used by William Shakespeare in Henry IV.

Shakespeare used the word to describe a swashbuckler not unlike the current Virginia mascot, which de-