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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 11

Averett University at the shipyard informational session/registration B 500/2 3 p.m. - 5 p.m.

March 12

Norfolk Admirals vs. Hershey Bears 7:15 p.m. Norfolk Admirals special discount for Northrop Grumman Newport News employees. Show company ID at the Norfolk Scope box office or Ticketmaster outlet and get \$2 off all seats

March 18

St. Leo University at the shipyard, registration for spring II B500/2 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

March 19

Learning Resource Center Open House B 500/2 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

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☛ Society of Women Engineers conference

The Hampton Roads Section of the Society of Women Engineers is hosting the first combined professional and student Mid-Atlantic Region E conference on March 28 - 30, 2003 at Hampton University. The conference will encompass a variety of workshops and panel discussions directed at fulfilling the society's mission of stimulating women to achieve their full potential in careers as engineers and



Suzanne Beckstoffer



Deborah Martin



Suzanne Jenniches



Margaret Blackwell



Jennifer Boykin

leaders. The conference will also expand the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in the quality of life and demonstrate the value of diversity. To that end, the Hampton Roads Section selected a conference theme, "*Pressing Forward While Reaching Back*," to address the role of mentoring in achieving the society's mission at both the student and professional levels. Northrop Grumman employees undertake a strong role in promoting the society's mission and will undertake a strong leadership role at the conference. Suzanne Jenniches, a vice president within Northrop Grumman's Electronic Systems, is a featured speaker. From Newport News, Jennifer Boykin, director of Facilities and Waterfront Support, and Suzanne Beckstoffer, manager Program Support, will serve as panelists on mentoring. In addition, Deborah Martin, engineering supervisor, will conduct a leadership workshop and Margaret Blackwell, director EEO/Diversity and Community Relations, will conduct a workshop on understanding minority issues. The Hampton Roads Section is optimistic its efforts will have positive impact on the development and growth of the engineering profession on a regional and national level. For more information, go to <http://www.swe-hr.org>.

☛ USCAA victory for Apprentice School men's basketball

The Builders took a second straight USCAA Title with a victory over RHEMA Bible College in Broken Arrow, Okla. The tournament's most valuable player was Charles Holiday, who helped lead the Apprentice School team to an 80-60 victory for the USCAA National Championship. "This team did one thing better than even last year's championship team," Apprentice School assistant coach Chris Fox said. "They came together out here in the nationals and did all the necessary things to win this title again." Coach Bill Tose echoed those sentiments: "We played such team ball this weekend against three outstanding teams and answered every challenge thrown at us. I am so proud of these guys."



MVP Charles Holiday

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❖ Apprentice School Wrestling conference championship

The Apprentice School wrestling team participated in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Northeast Conference Championships and won the tournament for the second straight year. The Builders amassed 144 points to outdistance 17 other teams in the tournament. Apprentice School had four individual champions and all were freshmen. They are: Adam Bessinger, Andy King, Rudy Leming, Larry France. Coach Mike Clayton was named conference coach of the year as well.

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❖ Yolanda King addressed Northrop Grumman employees

Northrop Grumman welcomed Yolanda King (*right*) to its Los Angeles headquarters on February 27. King's topic was "Achieving the Dream," in reference to her father's vision of an America in which his children would not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character. "I have to make one thing perfectly clear — I am a 100 percent, dyed-in-the-wool, card-carrying believer in The Dream," she said, also pointing out that her father's hope for a truly free society is "still just that — a *dream*." And the roadblocks to making this dream a reality, King said, are those who are "bystanders" in society. King, a Los Angeles based actress, writer and speaker, concluded her remarks by clarifying what her father's dream means. She said a mistake is to interpret her father's dream as a call for colorblindness. "That's not the solution — that's naïve, unrealistic, and probably unhealthy. We don't want to ignore our color, our differences — we must celebrate them, and also move beyond.... We must focus on difference until difference doesn't make a difference."



❖ Photo Library

Did you know the Northrop Grumman Newport News photo library includes more than 700 images? For the past five years, the photo department in Communications has been satisfying customers with this archive system. It's updated at least eight to 10 times annually and includes products, people and even an historical category. Photos, which can be used in presentations, are shot by Communications Staff Photographers, obtained from the Navy, other corporate sectors and other defense contractors. In addition to Newport News images, the library includes photos of other sector's products such as the Burke-class destroyers and various aircraft. Most recently, the department added more *USS Carl Vinson* (CVN 70) pictures and new photos of the *USS George Washington* and the *USS Harry Truman* from Enduring Freedom. Pictures are backed up with even higher resolution files. Prints can be made. Go to Yardnet to access the photo library. For more information contact, Mike Dillard of Communications at 0-4681.



Among pictures in the photo library. Above: a Ship Systems' Burke-class destroyer. Below: Integrated Systems' Pegasus carrier-based unmanned air vehicle.

