

# Currents

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March 17 - 21, 2003

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 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.

### March 20

Apprentice Athletics  
Baseball vs. Southern  
Virginia University 1 p.m.  
War Memorial Stadium

### March 22

Apprentice Athletics  
Baseball vs. Tufts University  
12:30 p.m.  
War Memorial Stadium

### March 27

Red Cross Mobile Unit  
East of B 103  
7:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  
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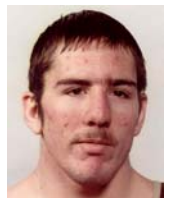
### ✳ Craig Byrum appointed engineering director for CVN 21

Craig Byrum (*right*) has been appointed to the position of engineering director in the CVN 21 Program. Byrum will be responsible for the design of the new generation aircraft carrier CVN 21. Byrum will report to Matt Mulherin, vice president, CVN 21 Program for Northrop Grumman Newport News. "Craig's considerable design management experience will be a significant asset in the design and engineering of the future class of carriers," Mulherin said. Byrum has more than 33 years of shipbuilding experience. He began his career with Newport News in 1969 as an Apprentice in the Piping Design Department. He has held progressively responsible management positions in Submarine Engineering, Commercial Engineering, Process Innovation, Engineering CAD/CAM Development, Carrier New Construction Engineering, and CVN 21 Propulsion Plant Engineering. A resident of Yorktown, Byrum graduated from the Northrop Grumman Newport News Apprentice School in 1974 with a five-year certification in piping design.



### ✳ Builders finish second at national championships

The Apprentice School wrestling team finished second in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association National Championships held last weekend in Easton, Pa. The Builders scored 138 points in the 47-team tournament. Eight wrestlers earned All-American honors: Adam Bessinger (125 pounds, 2nd place), Mikey Valdeperas (133 pounds, 6th place), Andy King (141 pounds, 3rd place), Ron Vecchione (149 pounds, 2nd place), Rudy Leming (157 pounds, 3rd place), Jovon Butler (165 pounds, 3rd place), Larry France (235 pounds, 4th place) and Daryl Stackhouse (285 pounds, 2nd place). That is a school record for All-American honors. Vecchione (*right*) also set a school record for single season victories with 36.



### ✳ Employees highlighted in special Community Relations supplement

Be on the lookout in Friday's Daily Press for a special eight-page Community Relations insert that highlights employees who have volunteered in the community. The supplement features numerous employee photos and stories about their contributions to the community in 2002. Also, Northrop Grumman Newport President Tom Schivelbein and Mike Petters, vice president, Human Resources, Administration and Trades, offer personal thank you messages to employees for helping build a great company and great community. A limited number of extra copies of this insert will be available next week at certain gates and by contacting Communications. Look for more details then.

### ✳ Win \$1000 Visa Gift Card with OFI idea

Got an idea that will prevent waste, improve a process, or reduce cost? We want to hear about it, and for each suggestion submitted from March 11-29 employees will earn one drawing entry to win a \$1000 Visa Gift Card. The winner will receive the card at the end of the month. The first 1000 participants submitting a valid OFI in 2003 will receive a **FREE embroidered baseball hat** whether the idea is approved or disapproved. For more information or to obtain a copy of the OFI form, go to <http://yardnet/divisions/qualtech/OFI/index.stm> or call Yasmine Robinson at 0-2428.

# Currents continued

## ☛ Teamwork by employees, supplier key to purchase of transporters

Northrop Grumman Newport News recently acquired four ship section transporters from TSP LLC. The manufacturer is Scheuerle Fahrzeugfabrik GmbH located in Pfedelbach, Germany. The transporters arrived from Germany to Newport News last month and were unloaded from a barge using the shipyard's 900-ton crane. General Foreman Phil Saunders of X36 Waterfront Services, other X36 employees and a team of employees from other departments oversaw the unloading of the new transporters. Saunders said the older transporters at the shipyard were mainly intended to be used on the construction of the *Los Angeles*-class submarines. Crane Rigger Eddie Shook, who received training to operate the transporters, said the new machines will improve efficiency. "We'll be faster and that will save money," he said.

The four transporters together will carry up to 1,150 metric tons at one time. With an expected service life of 20 years, these ship section transporters will provide transport capacity never before known at the shipyard. These transporters successfully passed an inspection at the shipyard soon after their arrival. They were coupled together and lifted a test load of 1,431 metric tons -- the heaviest lift in the history of the shipyard. There was also a week of factory training for Northrop Grumman Newport News operators and maintainers. Afterward, the transporters were fully commissioned and placed in operational use -- five days prior to the original contracted delivery date of March 4, 2003. This successful procurement is the direct result of the coordinated cross functional team efforts from the supplier TSP LLC, the manufacturer

Scheuerle Fahrzeugfabrik, and Northrop Grumman Newport News departments 051 Sourcing, 041 Plant Engineering, X36 Waterfront Services and 043 Facilities Maintenance. Sourcing Director John Jordan said, "One of our core values at Northrop Grumman is to regard our suppliers as essential team members. This value was clearly demonstrated during the recent procurement of the transporters. Sourcing and Facilities worked hand-in-hand with TSP LLC and Scheuerle Fahrzeugfabrik to plan, execute, and deliver essential, quality equipment, on time, and under budget." **Suppliers are the focus of one of the company values. Go to Yardnet and click on "Our Values" to learn more about the values.**

## ☛ Employees support NATO conference

Employees from Northrop Grumman Newport News and Information Technology gathered January 20-22 to help facilitate the NATO Open Road 2003 conference held in Portsmouth. Seven representatives from Newport News and three from Information Technology facilitated 10 discussions among senior NATO military officers, Partners for Peace nations, and USJCOM Military officers and their representatives. The Newport News facilitators were Nita Scarlett, Robert Downing, Hugh Hays, Dan Mussatti, Ken Rogers, Bob Bender and Mike Thornburg. They guided discussions on such topics as Joint Experimentation, Exercises and Assessments and Joint Education and Training. The theme for conference was "U.S.

Transformation - Implications for the Alliance." More than 300 of NATO's senior military staff members met to discuss areas of cooperation, improved capabilities and the military transformation of NATO. Some of the guest speakers were Newt Gingrich, former Speaker of the House of Representatives; U.S. Secretary for Defense Donald Rumsfeld; Minister Krohn Devold, the Minister of Defense, Norway; and Minister Mircea Pascu, Romanian Minister of National Defense. Royal Navy Adm. Ian Forbes, NATO's Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic, referred to the Northrop Grumman employees as "a high-powered team of facilitators."

*Below left to right: Crane Rigger Eddie Shook and X36 Production Foreman Dwayne Heaster*



*By Jim Hemeon*



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*Below from left to right: Kathy Stolley, L Ryan, Mike Thornburg, Nita Scarlett, Hugh Hays, Ken Rogers, Brian Baxter, Dan Mussatti, Robert Downing, and Bob Bender*

