

Currents

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March 1 – March 5, 2004

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8

Bloodmobile
Building 600
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Appointments: Call Bonnie
Yacconi at 8-8939

March 9

Bloodmobile
Building 902
8 a.m. – 11 a.m.

B902-903 employees, call 8-
4792. B901-905, call at 8-0308.

March 10

Open House

Learning Resource Center
Building 500/2
1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Meet the staff. Learn more
about the center's services.

March 16

St. Leo University will visit
shipyard to advise and register
students for the spring
semester that
starts March 29.

Building 500/2 (Training
Conference Room)
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

March 22

The Florida Institute of
Technology will visit to advise
and register students for the
summer semester that starts
April 26.

Building 500/2 (Training
Conference Room)
2 p.m. – 5 p.m.

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✿ Hawaii module heads to Electric Boat

Northrop Grumman Newport News sent the Auxiliary Machine Room (AMR) module for the *Hawaii* (SSN 776) to General Dynamics Electric Boat last week. The AMR was the most complete module to date, which indicates continued improvement as the Submarine Program matures. This is the first of six modules Newport News is building for *Hawaii*. All of the Newport News-built modules are expected to be delivered this year to Electric Boat, Newport News' *Virginia*-class program partners. *Hawaii* is the third of the *Virginia*-class submarines. It is expected to be delivered to the Navy in 2006. To the right, X36's **Percy Wilson** speaks on the radio to give directions to the transporter operator as they prepare to load the AMR module on a Sea Shuttle headed to Electric Boat in Connecticut. In the picture below and to the left, Submarine Program Vice President **Becky Stewart** speaks with X36 General Foreman **Jerry Owenby** as the AMR makes its way to the Sea Shuttle. Stewart is also pictured below right talking about this milestone to (*from left to right*) **Lawrence Hill, Juan Beckett, Larry Simmons** and **Marvin Hardy**, all of X31.

Great Products



Photos by John Whalen



✿ CVN 21 vice president speaks at National Engineers Week banquet

CVN 21 Program Vice President **Matt Mulherin** spoke at a Peninsula Engineers Council Annual Banquet for National Engineers Week on Feb. 28 at the Point Plaza Suites and Conference Hotel in Newport News. He explained that the CVN 21 program takes a "single leap" from *Nimitz* to the next generation aircraft carrier. He described key elements of CVN 21, including an increased sortie rate, increased electrical capacity, and manning reductions. He said the program is working to meet the requirements that call for the carrier to include such features as improved weapons handling and new integrated island concepts. In addition, Mulherin described the need to hire engineers, designers and planners to meet the program's scheduling challenges.

Great People



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Great Results

🌀 Apprentice School athletics excel

Apprentice School athletics saw great success last weekend. The wrestling team (*below left*) dominated action in the National Collegiate Wrestling Association Mid-Atlantic Conference Championships on Saturday by winning six individual titles and the team crown with 158.5 points. **Sean Gray** was named Conference Coach of the Year. The baseball team is off to the best start in the modern era. As of March 2, the team record is 11-3. The team won the Builder Invitational Feb. 29 for the first time ever by defeating Kutztown University 9-2. On March 2, the team defeated Elizabeth City State University 14-2. Sophomore **Justin Vias** (*pictured below right with other winning players*) was named the Builder Invitational's most valuable player. This marks the second tournament won by the Builders baseball team this year. The baseball team took the Chowan Invitational title – also for the first time – February 20-22. Women's basketball senior Anita Allen was named United States Collegiate Athletic Association All-American for the third time on Sunday night at the pre-tournament banquet in Maine. This makes her the first three-time All-American in the history of the association.



By Chris Oxley

Front row from left to right are **Kendall Ridenour, Charles Owusu, Nick Reed, Ron Vecchione, Pat Parizo, Leroy Bracey**. Standing from left to right are Coach **Sean Gray, Jovon Butler, Larry France, BJ Pruitt, Daryl Stackhouse, Jeff Davis, Coach Matt Butler**. Not pictured: **Ben Brown**.

🌀 Apprentice School alumni banquet

The 72nd Annual Apprentice Alumni Banquet will be held March 26 at 6 p.m. at the Hampton Radisson Hotel. Tickets for this event are available by calling the departmental Apprentice Alumni delegates or through the Apprentice School by calling Judy Hester of O22 at 8-2512. Tickets are also available by calling Glen Davenport of Teagle Insurance at 595-8000.

🌀 Night School registration underway

Spring 2004 registration for Night School is now underway. Classes are scheduled to begin the week of April 5 and run through June 12. The application deadline is March 12. Register today!

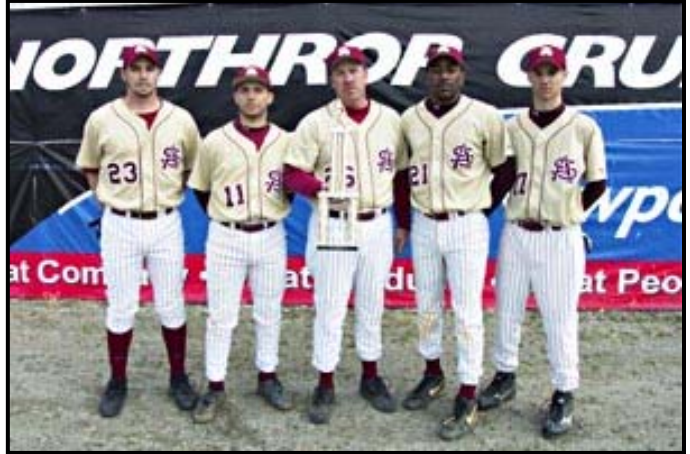
🌀 Win a free \$1,000 Visa Gift Card

Employees can win a \$1,000 Visa gift card for submitting valid OFIs written during the promotional period of March 11 through March 29. On April 15, one name will be drawn from the pool of employees who submit valid OFIs. Whether an idea is approved or disapproved, employees can still qualify for the gift card. There are also many other awards for valid OFIs, including the new \$20 Olive Garden/Red Lobster dinner certificate. Employees can view the promotional cards on the home page of Yardnet.

🌀 Reminder: Discounted tickets to Admirals hockey games available to shipyard employees

Remember, Northrop Grumman Newport News employees can receive discounted tickets to certain Admirals hockey games. Employees must show their company identification at the Norfolk Scope box office to receive \$2 off all seats for Norfolk Admirals Hockey games on those special game nights. The next discounted game is March 12 vs. The Penguins. Ticket prices with the discount are: Gold Level – \$14.75; Blue Level – \$10.75; White Level – \$7.75. A flier with more information is available on the home page of Yardnet. Also for more information, call 757-363-1900 x232.

Photo by John Whalen



From left to right are **Ben Jones, Justin Vias, Coach Bryan Cave, Darrell Taylor, and Ryan Scott**. On Feb. 29 at the Builder Invitational, Jones, Taylor and Scott were named to the All-Tournament team while Vias was named most valuable player. Cave is holding the tournament trophy.

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✿ **2004 Summer Intern Program**

The Newport News Summer Intern Program for 2004 will again include salaried and hourly jobs for college students. This program provides the company with productive workers during the summer months, as well as excellent candidates for future employment. Applications will be accepted until March 23 and should be made to the Summer Intern job in the Newport News job list at the Newport News external careers Web site: <http://www.nn.northropgrumman.com/careers/index.stm>. Preference will be given to applicants who have education in engineering or business disciplines that could lead to full-time employment at the shipyard in the future. In addition, Newport News prefers applicants who have successfully completed summer work here in the past, dependents of employees, and candidates who will help build the diversity of the work force. All summer interns need to successfully complete a physical examination, drug screen and background investigation.

✿ **New Careers Web Site to debut on Northrop Grumman Internet**

Most employees are aware of Horizons, Northrop Grumman's Web site devoted to companywide job postings. However, for many people outside the company, the Horizons name has not necessarily been associated with a "career" Web site. As a result, work has been under way to redesign the site. "Essentially the functionality will be the same as the current Horizons site, but the look and feel is very different," said Tara Buniel-LaDouceur, Staffing and Operations manager, who oversees the project at Integrated Systems on behalf of the corporation. John Krakowski, employee relations director at the Northrop Grumman corporate office, explained, "From an external standpoint, we have always maintained a separate 'College' Web site, linked off the Northrop Grumman home page, as a tailored recruitment tool that is designed specifically to address the needs of college grads and to spotlight entry-level positions." He added that now the corporation has taken that concept further "to create an overall career site that is more user-friendly for our potential employees as well as our current employees." The new Careers site – both internal and external versions – will go live the week of March 8. Both sites include helpful pages devoted to Northrop Grumman's history, an FAQ section, a description of what makes Northrop Grumman a preferred employer, and overviews of each sector and the corporate office. Another link takes users to a list of career-related events, such as job fairs at which Northrop Grumman has a presence. The new Careers Web site is also embellished with colorful graphics of Northrop Grumman products and programs as well as actual testimonials from employees at each sector. The revamped internal site will also be launched at the same time.

✿ **Northrop Grumman Advanced Materials Forum hosted by Space Technology**

The third annual Northrop Grumman Materials Forum will be held in Redondo Beach, Calif., on June 16 and 17 at the Space Technology Presentation Center. This is a meeting where all sectors are invited to tell about material technologies or innovations they are investigating. Subjects to be discussed include metals, composites, polymers, electronic-photonic materials, nano-engineered materials, coatings, environmental technologies, and program advanced material needs. Abstracts are due March 19. Please visit the following link for further information: http://mp.sp.trw.com/tech_dev/adv_mat_forum.php. The contact for Northrop Grumman Newport News is David Rice at 688-1762.

✿ **ConSern Education Program Announces 2004 Sweepstakes With \$1,000 Tuition Prizes**

Employees of Northrop Grumman and their family members may register for a chance to win a \$1,000 tuition prize through the Wells Fargo ConSern Scholarship Sweepstakes, made available through the ConSern Education Program. Last year, seven Northrop Grumman employees (or family members of employees) were among the 75 winners selected out of more than 24,000 people who applied for the \$1,000 tuition prize. Award recipients must apply their funds, which will be awarded by Aug. 31, toward education-related expenses such as tuition, room and board, or books and supplies. All the winners must attend a regionally or nationally accredited two-year or four-year college or university during the 2004-2005 academic year. To enter, simply enroll online at www.collegiate.org by April 30. To learn more about how the ConSern Education Program can help finance an education, visit www.consern.com (password: SOSLOAN) or call 800-SOS-LOAN (800-767-5626).