Five experts from industry and academia visited the NPS campus from October 21-23, 2007, to conduct the final interviews with faculty and students, and to deliver the exit report on behalf of the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology (ABET). The team from ABET met with President Daniel Oliver, Provost Leonard Ferrari, Dean James Kays and the Chairs of the departments of Astronautical, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering, and reported that neither deficiencies nor weaknesses were noted during the accreditation process. In short, three engineering departments received a very strong rating.

The Astronautical, Electrical and Mechanical Engineering departments submitted their completed self-study — which was written by each school and/or department with support from the Dudley Knox Library, Information Technology and Communications Services, the Office of Institutional Research and the Office of Academic Affairs — to ABET in June. Institutional strengths, such as the flagship status of NPS and the support of flag officers in the development and execution of curricula, were acknowledged both in the study, and by the team visiting from ABET.

Departmental strengths were also noted by the team from ABET: Astronautical Engineering was acknowledged for its faculty, students, interdisciplinary focus, high-quality theses, and the program changes that were made as a result of a curricular review. Mechanical Engineering was also acknowledged for its faculty and students — particularly their great interaction — and the division’s strong, continuous improvement processes that have resulted in a more effective program. Mechanical Engineering received notice for its students, the department’s good balance between the fundamental and applied research interests of its faculty, its choice of thesis topics and its strong departmental leadership.

On behalf of the entire campus, thank you to all those whose efforts helped the engineering departments to successfully complete the accreditation process, and to achieve the highest rating from ABET!

NPS Attains Highest Rating on Engineering Accreditation

IN BRIEF

• Adm. Jon Greenert has relieved Adm. Gary Roughead as Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces. Adm. Roughead is now the Chief of Naval Operations, a position formerly held by Admiral Michael Mullen, who is now Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

• The Space Systems Academic Group will host a talk on Thursday, Nov. 15, by Captain Michael Lopez-Alegria, NPS alumnus and U.S. record holder for time in space via Expedition 14 aboard the International Space Station from September 2006 to April 2007. The presentation will be from 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in Allison Hall and is scheduled for completion in early December. Full production is set for January, including the premiere of the new NPS television program “NPS in Review.” The program will air locally on Access Monterey Peninsula television as well as on the Pentagon Channel. Alan Richmond will be producer and host of the program.

• The Human Resources Office is now posting job announcements for GS positions on the NPS Intranet. To view the jobs available, see: http://intranet.nps.edu/HRO/GSPositions.xlsx.

• GSBPPS Acquisition and Logistics faculty are providing one-year graduate education and/or research solution to the Coast Guard by offering seven graduate education courses for up to 30 of the USCG’s managers. The first course for the USCG managers started this quarter. The Border Protection Office of the Department of Homeland Security recently finished discussing a similar program to begin in 2009.

• The Naval Audit Service (NAVAUDSVC) was at NPS for approximately two weeks in mid-October. The scope of the audit included follow-up on the prior NAVAUDSVC audit conducted in 2002 “Managing Sponsored Projects at the Naval Postgraduate School” and a review of internal controls for sponsored projects.
As most of you know, the Naval Postgraduate School is preparing for accreditation, which is a distinctively American innovation that has been established to ensure the continuation of quality in higher education. NPS is accredited by the Senior College Commission of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC), one of six national accrediting bodies that is recognized by the Department of Higher Education as having the authority to accredit colleges and universities. WASC accreditation certifies that the institution has the capacity to deliver the education equal to the institution’s status, and validates that proper processes of faculty, quality assurances, policies and systems are in place to measure student learning and educational effectiveness.

Since our last accreditation in 1999, WASC has moved to a 10-year accreditation cycle. The visit to accredit the capacity and preparatory aspect of NPS is scheduled for March 2009, and the visit from WASC that will measure educational effectiveness will occur in October 2010. President Daniel Oliver, Provost Leonard Ferrari, the NPS Board of Advisors, and campus leaders support the accreditation initiative. The WASC Steering Committee has been active since August 2006, and has worked with campus constituents to complete the self-study — which was submitted to WASC in October 2006 — and is currently working with subcommittees that are supporting the preparatory effort, including the assessment, evaluation and/or implementation of current practices and processes that not only are relevant to the accreditation process, but also to the improvement of campus-wide operations.

For more detailed information about the accreditation process, and periodic updates on the considerable preparations that are being undertaken for the visit, please see the WASC Accreditation website at: http://intranet.nps.edu/WASC/index.html. Any ideas, suggestions, comments or feedback that you may have on this important campus-wide project are welcomed by the WASC Steering Committee, whose contact information can be found on the WASC Accreditation website.

**New Hires: Staff**

- Taqir S. Alagha  
  Contracts and Grants Support Director  
  Research Office
- Sara Fleming  
  Office Automation Assistant  
  Computer Science
- Stephanie Hare  
  Purchasing Agent  
  GSOES
- Eric Hess  
  Office Aid  
  National Security Affairs
- Erika L. Mitchell  
  Office Aid  
  DRMI
- Michelle Wile  
  Student Trainee  
  Research Financial Analyst  
  Research Office

**New Hires: Tenure-Track Faculty**

Jeffrey Knoup has joined the School of International Graduates as an associate professor in the National Security Affairs Department. Knoup earned his Ph.D. from Stanford University and his research interests include arms control, non-proliferation, public opinion and foreign policy. He is the author of Domestic Society and International Cooperation: The Impact of Protest on U.S. Arms Control Policy published by Cambridge University.

**NPS Foundation Steps Up to the Challenge**

A Foundation plays a significant role in raising money to support the school in all university environments. This is true not only for private foundations, like Harvard, Stanford or USC, but also for publicly funded universities like the University of Texas (4th largest endowed university in the U.S.) or the University of California at Berkeley. Without their foundations, all these schools would be at a significant disadvantage in recruiting and retaining faculty; supporting important research; bringing other academics and distinguished individuals to the school; and building new facilities.

Although the NPS Foundation (NPSFI) has been in existence for 35 years, it has historically played a small support role in comparison to those of other institutions. After several years of planning, we are about to evolve into a more substantial Foundation, one that can assist NPS in important ways. This process will not happen overnight, but as we highlight NPS and its importance nationwide, we are getting a very positive response from business and civic leadership.

Fundraising is largely about doing three things really well: articulating a cause that people care about; establishing a relationship with people who ‘believe’ and show their results that matter. At NPSFI, we are talking to people about the leadership role NPS has in national security affairs, and the effect it has on the current Global War on Terrorism. Many people are surprised to learn of the importance and relevance of NPS. We are planning in the next three years to build a modest endowment that can help NPS — not as a substitute to public funding — but as an incremental source of support that can make a difference in the services of faculty, recruitment and retention; a CNO Distingushed Fellows Program; national security research; and an unrestricted endowment that can be used by the Administration.

We are grateful for all those faculty and staff at NPS who are members of the NPSFI. Your membership greatly helps our credibility with donors, but more importantly, indicates support for the initiatives we undertake to make NPS great. If you are not already a member, please join us in our efforts.

Please contact, Executive Director, retired Rear Adm. Merrill Ruck, at (831) 656-2427.

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**Calendars**

**Calendar Items** - Events and Visitors Schedule, http://www.nps.edu/Calendars/index.html

**November 1** - NFFE Local 1690 Union Employee Mixer at 5:00 PM in Spangdahlem 101, POC Pete Rauschroo at union@nps.edu Ext. 2400, Room Sp-101a

**November 4-7** - Cleaning House: Confronting I1licit Power Structures in the Post-Conflict World Workshop hosted by the Center for Stabilization and Reconstruction, POC Matt Vaccaro (831) 402-0987

**November 5** - ADM James G. Stavridis, USN, USSOUTHCOM to deliver SGL to the students, POC Protocol Ext. 2466

**November 5-16** - Principles of Procurement and Contracting Course hosted by the International Defense Acquisition Resources Management Program, POC Dr. Elisabeth Wright Ext. 2469

**November 12** - Veteran’s Day (Holiday)

**November 12-16** - Intelligence and Democracy Course hosted by the Center for Civil-Military Relations, POC Richard Hoffman Ext. 3171

**November 15** - Record-holding astronaut and NPS alumnus Capt. Michael Lopez-Alegria will speak to the Space Systems Academic Groups in the ME auditorium at 5 p.m. Faculty, staff and students are invited to attend.

**November 19-30** - International Defense Acquisition Negotiations Course hosted by the International Defense Acquisition Resources Management Program, POC Dr. Elisabeth Wright Ext. 2469

**November 22** - Thanksgiving (Holiday)

**November 27-29** - Strategic Communication Workshop, Sponsored by CNO; conducted in partnership with USCG, Annenberg School for Communication, To aid commands in the development and implementation of Strategic Communication planning, POC Gail Fann Thomas Ext. 2756 or Stoney Bangert at Ext. 3850

**Historical Highlights**

- **1951 Program cover**

The Naval Postgraduate School officially closed its doors at the Annapolis campus in November 1951 and began the final stage of its relocation to Monterey. Technicians disassembled radars and large wind tunnels and loaded these into boxcars with heavy machinery; lab test equipment, office furniture and thousands of books. NPS dropped approximately three million pounds of gear by rail, truck and air and nearly 500 students, faculty and military and civilian staff made the cross-country move with their household goods. The formal dedication ceremony for NPS Monterey was subsequently held in February 1952.

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