

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 22, 2003

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	1-9608 (Commission File Number)	36-3514169 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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29 East Stephenson Street, Freeport, Illinois (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	61032-0943 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (815) 235-4171

Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.

On January 22, 2003, the Registrant issued a press release announcing the appointment to its board of directors of Dr. Thomas E. Clarke, president, new business ventures for Nike Inc. The Registrant's board of directors appointed Dr. Clarke to fill a newly created vacancy and will nominate him for election at the Registrant's annual shareholders' meeting May 7 in Chicago. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements, Pro Forma Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number -----	Description -----
99.1	Press Release dated January 22, 2003.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

NEWELL RUBBERMAID INC.

Date: January 22, 2003

By: /s/ Andrea L. Horne

Andrea L. Horne
Vice President - Corporate
Development

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Press Release dated January 22, 2003

PRESS RELEASE DATED JANUARY 22, 2003

NEWELL RUBBERMAID APPOINTS
NIKE'S THOMAS CLARKE TO ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FREEPORT, Ill., January 22, 2003 - Newell Rubbermaid Inc. (NYSE: NWL) today announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas E. Clarke, president, new business ventures for Nike Inc., and an executive with broad experience in the consumer products industry, to its board of directors. Newell Rubbermaid's board appointed Dr. Clarke to fill a newly created vacancy and will nominate him for election at the company's annual shareholders' meeting May 7 in Chicago.

In announcing his appointment, Newell Rubbermaid's chief executive officer Joe Galli cited Dr. Clarke's extensive global brand management, marketing and product development expertise and organizational development experience.

Dr. Clarke, age 51, joined Nike in 1980 after completing his PhD in Biomechanics from Pennsylvania State University and has spent his entire professional career with the company. In his current role with Nike, Dr. Clarke is responsible for the recently created new business ventures operation, which targets new product markets and diversification efforts for Nike Inc. worldwide. During his six-year tenure as president and chief operating officer, Nike more than doubled revenue, progressing from \$3.8 billion to over \$9.0 billion. Most notably during this time period, Nike increased business outside the U.S. by 20% per year, grew apparel almost fourfold to a \$3 billion worldwide business and established credibility in the most important global sport, football.

"We are very pleased that Tom has agreed to join us and look forward to the extensive brand development and marketing expertise he brings to our board of directors," said Mr. Galli. "Tom played an integral role in the globalization of Nike and will be instrumental in contributing to the strategic direction of Newell Rubbermaid."

About the Company

Newell Rubbermaid is a global marketer of consumer products with 2001 sales of nearly \$7 billion and a powerful brand portfolio including Sharpie®{R}, Paper Mate®{R}, Parker®{R}, Waterman®{R}, Colorific®{R}, Rubbermaid®{R}, Stain Shield™{TM}, Blue Ice®{R}, TakeAlongs™{TM}, Roughneck®{R}, Calphalon®{R}, Little Tikes®{R}, Graco®{R}, Levolor®{R}, Kirsch®{R}, Shur-Line®{R}, BernzOmatic®{R}, Goody®{R}, Vice-Grip®{R}, Quick-Grip®{R}, Irwin®{R} and Lenox®{R}. The company is headquartered in Freeport, Ill. And employs approximately 48,000 employees worldwide.

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