

Tuesday, April 13, 1999

Discovery rolling over to VAB on Thursday for final launch prep



Space Station being readied by Houston for STS-96 rendezvous

▲ **Space Shuttle Update** — **May 20** is now targeted for the launch of Shuttle Discovery on mission STS-96. Discovery will transfer from OPF bay 1 to the Vehicle Assembly Building Thursday, April 15, and then roll out to launch Pad 39B on April 21. Columbia, currently being stored in the VAB, will be moved to OPF bay 1 to complete STS-93 orbiter prelaunch preparations.

▲ **Space Station Status** — Flight controllers in Houston and Moscow have determined that the Unity module on the International Space Station (ISS) can be adequately heated prior to the Space Shuttle's arrival. Heating is required before the Shuttle docks to the station and the crew climbs inside. Engineers and managers have overseen the first of three tests scheduled to be completed prior to the launch of Discovery next month. The next test aboard the ISS will begin April 14 and involves repositioning the station for further power tests.

◆ **Environmental and Energy Awareness Week Celebration** — During the week of April 19-23, NASA and the Air Force have combined efforts to plan several environmental and energy awareness activities in recognition of **Earth Day, April 22, 1999**. Everyone is encouraged to be involved and contribute in Earth Day 1999 by attending the kick-off celebration at the Visitor Complex on Monday, April 19, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The celebration features a wide range of environmental and energy related exhibits. On April 20, the display will be at Hangar F, and on April 21 at Patrick AFB. Selected exhibits will also be displayed in the lobbies of the Headquarters, OSB, SSPF buildings and at CCAS on April 22. In addition, there will be presentations from local environmental groups in the Training Auditorium throughout the day. Watch for further details.

◆ **UCF Summer '99 Course Offerings** — The University of Central Florida will be offering graduate and undergraduate engineering and engineering technology courses for the Summer 1999 semester at its Florida Space Institute branch campus. All classes will be held in Building AM at Cape Canaveral Air Station. Registration for current admitted students is now in progress. For a listing of courses, please contact Carol Spears at (407) 730-2603, (cspears@mail.ucf.edu) or visit the Web sites: (fsi.ucf.edu and www.ucf.edu). For information concerning research opportunities at FSI, please contact Robert Crabbs at (407) 730-3305, (rcrabbs@mail.ucf.edu).

◆ **Did You Know? The Locksmith Has Relocated.** The CMT locksmiths are now located at Cape Canaveral Air Station, Hangar R&D, Rooms 121 and 122. The phone number remains the same; however, the new fax number is 853-3787. For more information, please contact Kimberly Scott at <mailto:Kimberly.Scott-1@ksc.nasa.gov>

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