

Tuesday, February 9, 1999

**Space Shuttle launch
schedule revised;
five launches planned
in 1999**



**Chandra X-ray Observatory
unloaded, moved to
Vertical Processing
Facility**

▲ **The launch schedule for upcoming 1999 Space Shuttle missions** has been revised. The targeted dates and missions are May 30, **STS-96**, second International Space Station (ISS) flight; July 9, **STS-93**, Chandra X-ray Observatory; Sept. 16, **STS-99**, Shuttle Radar Topography Mission; Oct. 14, **STS-101**, third ISS flight; and Dec. 2, **STS-92**, fourth ISS flight.

▲ The Chandra X-ray Observatory was unloaded on Saturday, Feb. 6, and transported to the Vertical Processing Facility (VPF). It arrived aboard an Air Force C-5 Galaxy aircraft at the Shuttle Landing Facility on Thursday, Feb. 4. At the VPF, the telescope will undergo final installation of associated electronic components; it will also be tested, fueled and mated with the Inertial Upper Stage booster. A set of integrated tests will follow.

◆ The Technology Programs and Commercialization Office reminds directorates to identify their **FY 2000 New Technology Projects** and contact Chuck Griffin at 867-6370 for a template. The approved listing and corresponding quad charts are due **Feb. 27**. Projects should support the KSC Center of Excellence mission and correlate to the Roadmap and/or Implementation Plan. Selection of appropriate projects for KSC will follow the process established in NPG: 7120.5A. For more information, please contact Chuck Griffin.

◆ **Looking for Science Fair Judges?** Each year local schools contact KSC employees to assist in science fair judging. Contacted employees should forward requests to their company Education Outreach Coordinator or Denise Coleman at 867-4444 or e-mail at denise.coleman-1@ksc.nasa.gov. The request will be placed on the "10 O'clock News." This is a great opportunity for KSC employees to reach out to the educational community. The schools provide a guide with judging instructions and most of the science fairs are at the third through sixth grade level. Also, please make sure you have your supervisor's permission before signing up to participate.

◆ **February Lunch and Learn** -- "Love your Heart" is the topic for the month. Sessions are being held at noon, Feb. 12, at Headquarters, room 2201; and at noon, Feb. 26, in the O&C, room 1159. Learn how exercise can help in fighting heart disease and what are its indicators. Please call 867-7829 to sign up.

◆ **Did You Know?** All workers employed at KSC at the end of 1998 numbered approximately 11,984, not counting the 1998 civil service buyouts. Federal employees totaled 1,801.

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