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Shuttle crew begins TCDT with training on M-113 personnel carrier



Deadline July 2 for undergraduate studies applications

▲ **Shuttle Crew Training:** Part of Terminal Countdown Demonstration Test activities is emergency egress training from the launch pad on M-113 armored personnel carriers. The STS-93 crew below pose in front of an M-113 before beginning their test drives. Pictured from left are Mission Specialist Steve Hawley, Pilot Jeff Ashby, Mission Specialist Michel Tognini of France, Commander Eileen Collins and Mission Specialist Catherine Coleman. Collins is the first woman to serve as Shuttle mission commander. Their five-day mission includes the release of the Chandra X-ray Observatory, which will allow scientists from around the world to obtain unprecedented X-ray images of exotic environments in space to help understand the structure and evolution of the universe.



▲ **Kennedy Undergraduate Studies Program (KUSP):** The Human Resources Development Branch is now accepting **nominations** of full-time permanent NASA civil service employees of the Kennedy Space Center to participate in accredited degree-granting programs at local colleges and universities starting in the Fall of 1999. Applications must be submitted to the Human Resources Development Branch **by July 2, 1999**. For additional information or applications procedures, please contact Gwen Lewis, 867-2737 or Jim Norman, 867-2728. Also, you may visit the Web site at www-hm.ksc.nasa.gov/training/KUSP99.html for information.

◆ **New Service Considered for Hearing Impaired:** To provide optimum notification during an emergency, the NASA Protective Services Office is considering offering personal pagers to our hearing-impaired employees. The pagers will be used to transmit emergency messages to the employees who might have difficulty hearing audible pages or fire alarm/area warning alarms. If you feel that you may benefit from this service, please e-mail the KSC Emergency Preparedness Planning Officer at wayne.kee-1@ksc.nasa.gov or fax at 867-8102.

◆ **Did You Know? There is a Y2K Support Site** for personal computer users. Those worried about whether their devices can handle Year 2000 dates have a single industry-sponsored Internet site to turn to for answers. The site, www.pcy2000.org, has been set up by an alliance of the nation's largest PC manufacturers, including Compaq, Dell, IBM, HP, Acer and Gateway, and manufacturers of the BIOS (Basic Input/Output System) microchips that keep time when such computers are switched on.

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