

Tuesday, June 29, 1999

STS-93 payload stored in Columbia's payload bay



Crew of STS-96 to present mission video for KSC employees

▲ **Space Shuttle Update:** The primary payload on mission STS-93, the Chandra X-ray Observatory, arrived at Launch Pad 39B

June 24 in the payload canister (right) and was installed in Columbia's payload bay June 27. The interface verification test of electrical connections is scheduled for June 30. The test verifies the ability of the astronauts to command the payload from Columbia's flight deck.

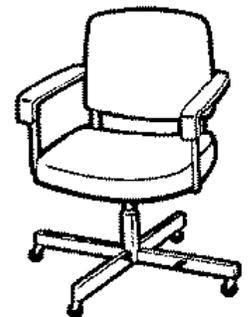


▲ **All KSC employees** are invited to attend a presentation by the STS-96 crew on Thursday, July 1, from 1 to 2 p.m. in the Training Auditorium. The astronauts' presentation will include a mission video and slides. STS-96 crew members are Commander Kent Rominger; Pilot Rick Husband; Mission Specialists Tammy Jernigan; Dan Barry; Ellen Ochoa; Julie Payette, representing the Canadian Space Agency; and Valery Tokarev representing the Russian Space Agency.

STS-96 was the second Space Shuttle flight dedicated to the assembly of the International Space Station.

◆ **Topics To Be Presented:** On June 30, Dr. Don Devincenzi from Ames Research Center will speak on "Life in the Universe," a topic of increasing interest to NASA. The presentation will be in the Training Auditorium starting at 9 a.m. The following week, on July 8, Dr. Victor Convertino will speak on the biomedical aspects of space flight, particularly the effects on the human cardiovascular and musculature systems. This should be of interest to all in NASA considering the recent historic reflight of Senator John Glenn. KSC has an active biological research and development effort and anyone wishing to explore possible involvement should contact Drs. Ray Wheeler or John Sager at 853-5142.

◆ **Did You Know?** Broken or excess furniture **must not** be placed in the hallways while waiting pickup. To begin the excess procedure, first, submit a completed **KSC FORM 7-49**, then call Jessie Dublin at 867-4892 to schedule removal, and then store items *in the office area* out of the aisles. Remember "Safety and Health Go Hand-in-Hand." For more information, contact John Knight (NASA) at [John.Knight-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:John.Knight-1@ksc.nasa.gov) or Jessie Dublin (JBOSC) at [Jessie.Dublin-1@ksc.nasa.gov](mailto:Jessie.Dublin-1@ksc.nasa.gov).



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