

Thursday, March 23, 2000

SPACEHAB module at pad, ready for transfer to Atlantis



▲ **Shuttle Update:** The SPACEHAB Double Module, the primary payload on mission STS-101, was transported to the Payload Changeout Room at Launch Pad 39A Tuesday (see photo). Space Shuttle Atlantis is scheduled to roll out to Launch Pad 39A Saturday morning starting at 7 a.m. STS-101 will be the 21st flight for Atlantis and the 98th Shuttle flight overall.

▲ **Silver Snoopy Winners:** On March 17, astronaut Jerry Ross presented the Silver Snoopy Award to five NASA employees. This prestigious Space Flight Awareness award is presented to less than 1 percent of the work force each year. Congratulations to the following recipients: *Lori Weller (NASA/JP)*; *Bob Pirkle (NASA/OP)*; and *Perry Becker, Marie Reed, and Jorge Rivera (NASA/PH)*.

◆ **Upcoming Live IMAGE Webcast** – A Boeing Delta II rocket will blast into the afternoon sky above the Air Force Western Range with NASA's IMAGE spacecraft at 3:34 p.m. EST, Saturday, March 25. A **pre-launch event** is planned at 1 p.m. EST about the mission to image the Earth's inner magnetospheres. Viewers will have the opportunity to connect with seven NASA experts associated with the mission. For more information, including a list of the seven experts, see http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/lrc/poetry_image/index.html



Five KSC employees receive Silver Snoopy Awards

◆ **Florida Tech Summer Classes:** Registration for the May 1 summer session at Florida Tech begins Monday, March 27. The KSC site for Florida Tech classes is in the NASA Education and Training Center, corner of 2nd St. and B Ave. in the Industrial Area. Florida Tech at KSC offers M.S. degree programs in management, computer information systems, space systems, engineering management, and acquisition and contract management. For a catalog or new student application packet, please call 453-2030 or 784-2045.

◆ **A Joint KSC/CCAFS Communications Technology Show** is being held Tuesday, March 28, at the KSC Training Auditorium. It will feature more than 20 different product vendors and suppliers plus eight different technology seminars presented throughout the day. The event has been organized by the KSC/CCAFS Joint Transmission Systems Working Group. All interested persons from KSC, CCAFS, and PAFB are invited to attend. Parking is available at the O&C and KSC Headquarters Building parking lots near the Training Auditorium. For further information and a seminar schedule, visit the Network and Transmission Engineering home page at: <http://usago2.ksc.nasa.gov/apps/usago/Orgs/Ids20/52-220/>; or call Hank Fulton (KSC), 867-2889, or John Leavitt (CCAFS), 853-0696.

◆ **Did You Know?** Self-righting life rafts, now widely used on fishing boats, pleasure craft, rescue vessels and as rescue equipment for the Coast Guard and the Navy, were developed from **NASA technology** to provide a stable craft for Apollo astronauts while waiting to be picked up after ocean landings. ☆

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