

DAILY PLANET

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS

Wednesday, November 19

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Columbia Poised for Launch

The Marshall-managed fourth U.S. Microgravity Payload mission is scheduled for launch aboard the Space Shuttle Columbia at 1:46 p.m. Wednesday. The launch will be broadcast live on NASA TV. The 16-day STS-87 mission will feature a wide variety of research into subjects ranging from improving semiconductor materials to developing stronger metal alloys, and understanding the effects of fires in space. It will also include an experiment with technology for automated spacecraft rendezvous and capture.

**Spacelink Demo,
Educator
Resource Center
Open House,
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Thurs. at Space
& Rocket Center**

'97 CFC Total Exceeds Goal

The final total for this year's Combined Federal Campaign is \$445,738, surpassing the goal by nearly \$11,000. Eighty-four percent of employees contributed to the campaign. The average gift per participant was \$188.

Bachtel to Speak at AIAA Meeting Noon Thurs. at Huntsville Marriott

Rick Bachtel, manager of Marshall's Space Transportation Programs Office, will speak at the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics meeting Thursday. It will be held at the Huntsville Marriott, 5 Tranquility Base. A social will begin at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at 11:30 a.m., and the program at noon. The cost is \$13. For reservations, **contact:** Alfred Wright, 876-8037.

Gates 1, 8, 9 Open 24 Hours During STS-87 Mission

During the Marshall-managed STS-87 mission, Gate 1 on Martin Road East and Gate 9 on Rideout Road will be open 24 hours a day, Tuesday, Nov. 18, through Friday, Dec. 5. As usual, Gate 8 on Goss Road will also be open 24 hours a day.

**Earned Value
Management
Broadcast,
12:30 - 3 p.m.
Thurs. in Bldg.
4200, Room 715
and Bldg. 4202,
Room 300F**