"High Flight"

Oh, I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings:
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds — and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared and swung
High in the sunlit silence: hov'ring there,
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, the long, delirious, burning blue
I've topped the windswept heights with easy grace
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —
And while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high unrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touched the face of God.

John Gillespie Magee, Jr.
Black History Club
Annual Dinner and Entertainment

February 21, 2004
5 p.m. to Midnight at the Cropper Center

Tickets are $25 each and must be purchased by February 13.
Contact Rebecca Beach, x1559; Karen Lewis, x2163 or Freda Johnson on x1466.

GSA Issues Task Order For “One NASA” Access Card

The U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) recently awarded a $93 million task order to Maximus, Inc, Reston, Va., to assist NASA in developing a state-of-the-art smart card for agency employees and contractors to access facilities and information systems.

GSA awarded the task through its Smart Access Common ID Contract managed by the Federal Technology Service’s (FTS) Center for Smart Card Solutions.

The “One NASA” smart card will enhance physical security for NASA facilities by authenticating an individual’s identity and provide a higher level of identity assurance for the agency’s information technology systems.

“NASA plans to run a small field trial in May at Marshall Space Flight Center. If that is successful, the trial will be expanded to 2,000 employees,” said NASA’s David Saleeba, Assistant Administrator for Security Management and Safeguards.

“If the field trials are successful, and we receive the approval of the Office of Management and Budget, we plan to deploy over 100,000 smart cards before the end of the 2005 fiscal year,” he said.

With the “One NASA” smart card, employees and contractors need only to swipe it across a reader to access NASA center or facility.

Similarly, using the same card to access their personal computers will increase computer security. Cardholders need only to insert their card into a desktop reader at their workstations.

EEO Required Training

During January and February, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center will be fulfilling the mandatory Equal Employee Opportunity (EEO) training requirement for all supervisors and managers as required by the Class Action Settlement Agreement.

This training is an opportunity that will provide a number of benefits. It will:

1. Examine roles, responsibilities and expectations for Goddard’s management personnel;
2. Analyze problems you face or could face as a supervisor and provide tools and techniques to help you recognize and resolve workplace issues before they grow into larger problems; and
3. Enable us to identify and provide better management practices and decision making in support of our efforts to strengthen our workforce and accomplish the NASA Mission.

The registration process can be completed online at: http://phr.gsfc.nasa.gov/EOTraining/

Register now to confirm a date that is convenient for you. There will be one session held at Wallops Flight Facility on Feb. 6, 2004.

If you have any questions, contact Kathy Dinsmore by email: Kathryn.L.Dinsmore@nasa.gov or Pam Guzzone, by email: Pam.Guzzone@nasa.gov.

Application Deadlines

The application deadline for the Summer High School Apprenticeship Research Program (SHARP) is February 9. The application deadline for the Space Club Scholars program is February 25. For further information, call Ed Parrott on x 1861.

Attention Basketball Players

The Wallops Fitness Club is restarting the basketball league. If you are interested in joining or forming a team please contact:

Desi Harmon on extension 5270 or 2222 (Wallops), 665-5270 or 665-7744 (home) or 757-709-8082 (cell)

Carolina vs New England

Sunday, February 1, 2004
F-3, The Rocket Club
Doors open at 5 p.m.

Bring a dish to share!!

All security requirements apply.

EAP Lunch & Learn

Join Tom Northing, our Employee Assistance Program counselor, for this month’s presentation - Resolve Resolutions

GOAL: How to maintain your resolve and be accountable for the New Year.

WHEN: Tuesday, January 27, 2004
WHERE: Williamsburg Room, Building E-2
TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

February 2 is Groundhog Day

Center Network Open House

By Curt Suprock
CNE Project Manager

The Center Network Environment Project cordially invites the Wallops Flight Facility community to attend an Open House on Thursday, January 29 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Building E2 Training Room. Our agenda is as follows:

1 p.m. - Introductions and Welcome
1:10 p.m. - Presentation/Overview of CNE Project
1:40 p.m. - Question and Answer session

Your participation is an integral part of our collective ability to support the Goddard user community as we work to consolidate the administrative network function under Code 291.