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Anne Arundel County, Md., school students (left to right) Kelly Jones, Katie Anderson, and Kate Clowes are shown in the process of de-integrating their SEM-Satchel experiment at Wallops on November 16. The satchel spent several months on-board the International Space Station and was returned by the space shuttle Discovery in August 2005.

**Patent Awarded for the SAFS System**
A patent was recently awarded for the Standard Autonomous File Server (SAFS) system designed by Sue Semancik, NASA Wallops Information, Technology and Communications Office, and Annette Conger, Raytheon.

SAFS is being used as an autonomous intermediary between ground stations and their data customers who have requirements that cannot be managed by media distribution.

SAFS improved automated file transfer capability is used at NASA Ground Network sites at Svalbard, Norway; Poker Flat Research Range, Alaska; Wallops Orbital Tracking Station, Va.; and McMurdo, Antarctica as well as the Alaska SAR Facility and at the central SAFS site at Goddard Space Flight Center.

QuikSCAT was the first project supported by SAFS. Several other projects, including ADEOS II, SAGE III, and EO-1, are currently using the SAFS. Discussions are ongoing with other projects for potential SAFS support.

**Combined Federal Campaign Ends December 2**
The Combined Federal Campaign, (CFC), has been extended to Friday, December 2. No further extensions are anticipated. Goddard employees have given generously this season. We have reached over 80% of our monetary goal of $500,000. More than 811 of our employees have submitted gifts so far, more than half of those gifts received through WebTADS.

If you have not already submitted a pledge, consider making a donation. Even $1 per pay period ($52 per year) can help get vaccinations to hundreds of children in need. Your gift can make a world of difference.