

Ripped from the ROUNDUP

Ripped straight from the pages of old Space News Roundups, here's what happened at JSC on this date:

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The blackened interior of a long, high ceilinged building here at the Manned Spacecraft Center is where the astronauts will work to perfect the docking maneuver of two vehicles in space before they try it for real on one of the upcoming Gemini orbital flights.

Known as the Translation and Docking Simulator (TDS), the trainer, located in Building 260, simulates all the motions required to dock an actual Gemini spacecraft and Agena vehicle in space.

It has been designed to simulate the responses to the thrust of the Gemini Orbit Attitude and Maneuver System (OAMS) thrusters, which will move the vehicles in orbit.

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MSC Director Robert R. Gilruth commended the people and machines which made the Apollo 12 flight as "a magnificent crew, superb performance."

At a post-recovery press conference Dr. Gilruth said, "I would just like to express my profound admiration for the magnificent crew that accomplished all the objectives in this our most difficult mission yet."

Press inquired about some aspects of the flight which did not go according to plan. Some of the events which might have seemed to be mishaps actually gave the planners confidence for future missions. Conrad's spill, for example, gave reassurance about crew members' ability to handle themselves in adverse circumstances on the lunar surface.

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Five years ago (Nov. 19, 1969), two American astronauts placed and left on the moon a remote scientific instrument package. Five years later and over 21,000 Earth-to-moon commands later, this set of instruments continues to respond with data about the moon's seismic activity, the energy hitting the surface from the sun and the moon's weak magnetic field.

Original specifications for the Apollo Lunar Scientific Experiment Package or ALSEP 12 called for the instruments to last for one year after the return of Apollo 12 astronauts Charles A. Conrad, Alan Bean and Richard Gordon.



JSC Chapter of Alumni League contributes to NASA College Scholarship Fund



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Attending the check presentation, from left, are: Brewster Shaw (Alumni League), Mary O'Connell (Scholarship Committee), Doug Ming (Scholarship Committee), Guy Thibodeaux (Alumni League), Jim Jaax (Scholarship Board), Teresa Sullivan (President, Scholarship Fund), Norm Chaffee (Alumni League), Greg Hayes (Chairman, Scholarship Board), George Abbey (JSC Director), Chet Vaughan (President, JSC Chapter of the NASA Alumni League), Vernon Shields (Alumni League), Nancy Robertson (Scholarship Board), Lonnie Jenkins (Alumni League), Michael Richardson (Scholarship Board), and John Kemp (Vice President, Scholarship Fund).

Chet Vaughan, Brewster Shaw, Guy Thibodeaux, Norm Chaffee, Lonnie Jenkins, and Vernon Shields of the JSC Chapter of the NASA Alumni League presented a check for \$10,000 to George W. S. Abbey, JSC center director, and to Gregory W. Hayes, chairman of board of directors of the NASA College Scholarship Fund, Inc. This is the fourth contribution that the JSC Chapter has made to the Scholarship Fund and brings

its total contributions to \$50,000 since 1991. As Vaughan said, "It's the gift that keeps on giving to the NASA family."

Since the Scholarship Fund was originally endowed in 1982 by noted Pulitzer Prize-winning author James A. Michener, 84 scholarships have been awarded to dependents of NASA employees across the agency (15 of these have been dependents of JSC employees). These have been made possible because

of contributions from the JSC Chapter of the Alumni League, the Freedom Forum, and NASA employees who have contributed through the Combined Federal Campaign.

Six scholarships will be awarded next year. Each scholarship is for \$8,000 over a six-calendar-year period. Further information about the Scholarship Fund may be obtained from Teresa R. Sullivan at x31034. ■

Children participate in Halloween parade



FALL CARNIVAL COSTUME PARADE—On October 29, Information Systems Directorate sponsored the first annual Fall Carnival Costume Parade for the JSC Child Care Center. Three groups of children, approximately 45 in all, paraded through Bldgs. 1, 2, 12, 8, 7, and 4, ending at the Bldg. 3 cafeteria. Employees dressed in Halloween costumes gave treats to the parading children as they passed through each of the buildings. The children stored their treats in bags emblazoned with the NASA logo.

TICKET WINDOW

Exchange Store hours

Monday-Friday
Bldg. 3 7 a.m.-4 p.m.
Bldg. 11 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

All tickets are nonrefundable.
Metro tokens and value cards are available.
Franklin Planners now available.
For more information, please call x35350.

The following discount tickets are available at the Exchange Stores

General Cinema Theaters	\$5.50
Sony Loew's Theaters	\$5.00
AMC Theaters	\$4.75
Moody Gardens (2 of 6 events) (does not include Aquarium Pyramid)	\$10.75
Moody Gardens (Aquarium only)	\$9.25
Sea World	adult .. \$27.25 child (age 3-11) .. \$18.25
Space Center Houston	adult .. \$10.25 child (age 4-11) .. \$6.50 (JSC civil service employees free.)
Space Center Houston annual pass	\$18.75
Entertainment Books	\$20.00

November 25

Thanksgiving Day Parade reserved seating	\$16.00
Rockets Tickets available in Bldg. 11	
Sweet Water pecans for holiday baking	\$6.00

Please bring your driver's license to pay by personal check.