JSC's goal rises for annual CFC

With JSC Director Gerald D. Griffin leading the effort for this year's Combined Federal Campaign parade at Metro Park in Houston area, the center's goal for giving is rising from last year's total of $3,000,000 to $2,200,000 for 1985. Houston's Combined Federal Campaign, which benefits United Way agencies, kicks off on JSC on Thursday, Oct. 17. The center has long led Federal agencies in the Houston area for per capita contributions by employees.

As Chairman of the Gulf Coast Combined Federal Campaign, Griffin will be working to see that Houston's Federal employees continue to be the most generous in the nation. Last year, the local Federal workforce gave $1 million to help the less fortunate through this annual charity endeavor.

Part of the impetus comes from goals set by the different agencies and from challenges they issue to one another.

At the Houston kick off meeting for CFC, slated for Oct. 11 at Tranquility Park, the directors of every major Federal agency in the Houston area were scheduled to gather to see these leaders were expected to issue a number of challenges to one another.

The biggest involves JSC, whose lead in employee per capita giving is being seriously challenged this year by the Houston employees of the U.S. Postal Service. Postmaster Sam Green Jr. has issued a challenge to the center to keep with the 24 percent increase Postal Service employees have set for themselves—a whopping goal of $600,000.

"NASA and the Postal Service have the same creed — We Deliver," Green said.

This year, JSC employees will be visited by group solicitors and asked to fill out donation envelopes. The theme of this year's motto is "Team Up—Work Wonders." Some 2,000 Federal agencies are slated for participation in this year's campaign, including JSC,

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NASA announced Oct. 1 the payload specialists for Space Shuttle Challenger, a mission called STS-7, an astronomy mission known as the Ultraviolet Astronomical Observation System, or UACS. The payload will be launched March 6, 1986.

Dr. Samuel T. Durrance, associate professor of Physics at the University of Arkansas, Little Rock, and Dr. Ronald A. Parise, manager of Advanced Technology Programs at the Science Applications Corporation, Silver Spring, Md., will assist the Challenger mission. They will perform observations which will permit Harley's Comet observations.

Dr. Donald H. Nordsee, associate professor at Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., Madison, will serve as backup in the event either Durrance or Parise cannot participate in the flight. As an alternate payload specialist, Ms. Linda A. Anten will fly into space from Washburn University, Topeka, Kan., Madison, will serve as backup in the event either Durrance or Parise cannot participate in the flight. As an alternate payload specialist, Ms. Linda A. Anten will fly into space from Washburn University, Topeka, Kan.

The payload specialists are experienced astronomers, who have previously flown on previous Shuttle missions since they will be making decisions to ensure the best possible scientific data return.

New features have been added to the Week-By-Week Prognostic System (PROFS) and NOMAD.

In September, forced password expirations were added to PROFS system for improved security. Each user will be assigned a password. After 45 days, the system will issue a message: "Your password has expired. Please enter a new password.") and require the user to change passwords. Users will not be locked out of the system due to a missed password expiration.

In August, a new feature called automatic age/purge capability was added. The system automatically deletes or removes any print files that are over 14 days old and any files over 90 days old. Read only files include those notes or documents sent to a user that have not been read into the system. It is important to remove these notes. A new feature called "new menu" was added to the system. This feature allows users to set up and log off from the system.
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