



## Talk from the Top

*John W. Townsend Jr*

*Q: We've heard from several people that Building 26 has asbestos insulation above the ceiling panels. The constant maintenance work above the ceiling creates large amounts of dust that cover everything. What's the extent of asbestos use in Goddard buildings?*

*A: Building 26 contains some sprayed-on insulation above the dropped ceiling. The Health and Safety Branch tests of this insulation material indicate that it contains a cellulose-type fiber and not asbestos. Without the asbestos concern, the dust created from disturbing the material is not considered a health hazard. The majority of the asbestos used at Goddard is limited to pipe insulation which is not hazardous until it is cut into or damaged. When it is determined that this pipe insulation must be worked on, a licensed asbestos contractor is used to safely remove and dispose of it. And, of course, Health and Safety monitors their operations.*

*Q: I collect the aluminum cans within the building. Is there any recycling program or drop-off location at Goddard?*

*A: Goddard has no recycling program for aluminum cans.*

*Q: It's dangerous to obey the speed limit at the back gate! Speeders rush up and may rear-end crash into you; or they pass on the right and then swerve in front of you just beyond the gate. Recently, at the front gate, the guards left one of those plastic cones in the center of the double-lane exit; and it properly slowed exit traffic—with or without a guard standing by it. . . why not try using the traffic cones [at the back gate]?*

*A: Your idea for the traffic cones will be tried for at least one week. If it works, it will become a regular feature. Thank you for your idea.*

*Center Director John W. Townsend, Jr. wants to hear from you! Send your questions to: TALK FROM THE TOP, Code 130.*

# Fun Run Brings Record Numbers to Compete at Goddard

by Jane Jellison



**ON YOUR MARKS**—This spring's Intercenter Fun Run saw a record number of entries—521 runners and walkers came out to compete for Goddard and to raise money for cystic fibrosis.

A fine spring day brought out a record 521 participants in Goddard's semi-annual two-mile fun run, sponsored by the Goddard Running and Orienteering Club (GROC) on April 12. There were so many, in fact, that the race committee was caught short—the runner numbers ran out, the finish ribbons ran out, the water at the water stop ran out, and the finish chute backed up over the finish line for a while!

The event is part of an ongoing intercenter competition (this is the 27th) in which two-mile and ten-kilometer races are held at the various field centers and the results combined for NASA-wide ranking. The intercenter scoring is based not only on speed, but also on number of finishers and percentage of the center's population participating. As an added attraction this spring, fun runners had the opportunity to gather pledges to support the campaign against cystic fibrosis, thanks to the organizational talents of Carol Kulwich, Code 253.

Ed Boggess, Code 401.1, was the winner in a course record time of 9:32, followed by Mark Baugh, Code 727.3, in 10:05 and Richard Fulton, Code 612, in 10:37. The first three women were Melanie Jones, Code 247.1, 13:15; Julie Deutschmann, Code 554.1, 13:42, and Jackie Hogle, 14:51.

Two team trophies are given by GROC—one for the fastest team, based on the place finishes of their top five runners, and one for the team with the largest number of finishers.

Speed & Snooze, organized by Jack Koslosky, Code 511.1, won in both categories, edging out by one finisher—56 to 55—an enthusiastic Facilities Engineering Division (Code 270) team under the

direction of Karen Flynn, and topping The TBDs (Code 700) in the point score total by a margin of 43.59 to 59.00. A total of fifteen teams competed, with a combined team membership of more than 300 people.

The Fun Run could not take place without the help of many volunteers under the leadership of Race Director Therese Madden, Code 287. Of special note this year is the dedication shown by GROC's chief sparkplug, Gincy Stezar, of the Fitness Lab (Code 205.9). She motivated people to come out for the event, made sure the team captains had their lists in on time, and assisted at the registration table until the start of the race. Then, and only then, she admitted it was time to pack up, go the hospital, and deliver her son, who arrived that evening!

Mother and baby are doing fine, and no his name is not GROC, it's Alex.



**WIN, PLACE AND SHOW**—Congratulations to the top three finishers in Goddard's annual Intercenter Fun Run (from left to right): Rich Fulton (Code 612), third place; Mark Baugh (Code 727.3), second place; and Ed Boggess (Code 401.1), first place.