

VOYAGE OF *DISCOVERY*

Space Shuttle *Discovery*, shown just before sunrise on Launch Pad 39A at Kennedy Space Center in Florida, is readied for its last trip into space. At the time *Frontiers* went to press, *Discovery* was set for a launch to the International Space Station in late February. *Discovery* already has logged 352 days in space over 38 missions—totaling more than 5,600 orbits around Earth. NASA plans to retire the shuttle fleet and has tentatively planned two more shuttle missions after the *Discovery* launch. Space Shuttle *Endeavour* and *Atlantis* would fly later this year. Boeing and its heritage companies developed the fleet of space shuttles. PHOTO: NASA

