

## MOONSCOOP

In a cooperative spirit, the NASA Lyndon B. Johnson Space Center has lent us for these ceremonies a moonscoop with which to perform the symbolic act of groundbreaking.

What I have here is a training version of that famous shovel that performed the first manual excavation on another heavenly body. I am told it was used to collect and return on Apollo 11 about 21.5 kilograms of lunar material. This handle is the same later used by astronaut and sometime golfer Alan B. Shepherd in a futile effort to establish a new distance record for fairway shots.

This scoop, then, the product of the union of technology, science, government, and universities, is symbolic not only of the groundbreaking of this institution but of the partnership between the University of Houston at Clear Lake City and its neighbor NASA.