

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY  
Dept. of History/Dept. of Modern Languages  
and

IGAR, INSTITUTE FOR GERMAN AMERICAN RELATIONS/GWA, GERMAN WORLD ALLIANCE

Invite you to attend the celebration of the scientific achievements of the great  
German rocket physicist and astronautics engineer,  
**Freiherr (Baron) Dr. Wernher von Braun**,  
known as  
the "father of the United States space program," on the fiftieth anniversary  
of the launching of the first American satellite, Explorer I.

The event will take place at Duquesne University  
Friday, September 26, 2008, at 6:30 P.M. in the "Duquesne Room" of the Student Union.  
Open to the university community and to the public.

**Dr. Agnes H. Várdy**, Mistress of Ceremonies:  
Duquesne University & Director. IGAR

"Welcome to Duquesne University"  
**Dr. Albert C. Labriola**, Distinguished Professor & Acting Dean, Liberal Arts

L E C T U R E S:  
"German Mind and Creativity in History "  
**Dr. Steven B. Várdy**, McAnulty Distinguished Professor & President, IGAR

Introducing the Speaker:  
**Dr. Dan Wagner**, Vice Chairman, IGAR

"A German Scientist Helped the USA into Outer Space"  
**John Troan**, Retired Editor, The Pittsburgh Press

**Keynote Address:**  
Introducing the Speaker:  
**Dr. Marianne Bouvier**, Executive Director, IGAR

"Remembering Wernher von Braun and the German Rocket Team"  
Ed Buckbee, Director Emeritus, U.S. Space & Rocket Center

Concluding Remarks  
**Dr. Edith Krause**, Professor and Chair, Modern Languages Department, Duquesne University  
"German American Cooperation - Deutsch Amerikanische Zusammenarbeit"

Social Hour and Refreshments to follow at 8:15 P.M.  
To make the necessary arrangement with respect to seating and refreshments:  
Call Wolfgang Rihmland, Tel. 412/367-4107; Fax: 412/364-1539 E-mail: [wrihmland@msn.com](mailto:wrihmland@msn.com)