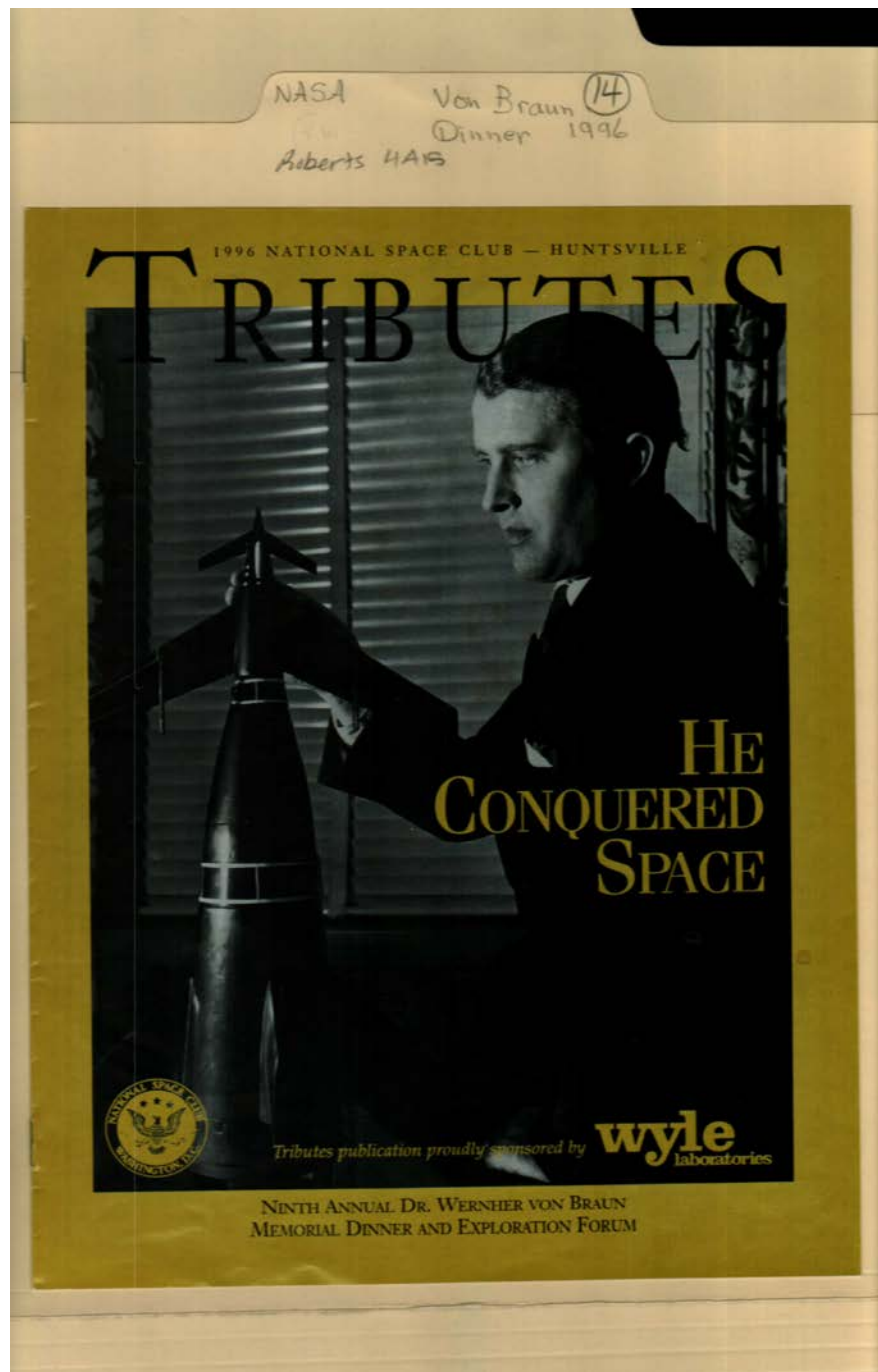


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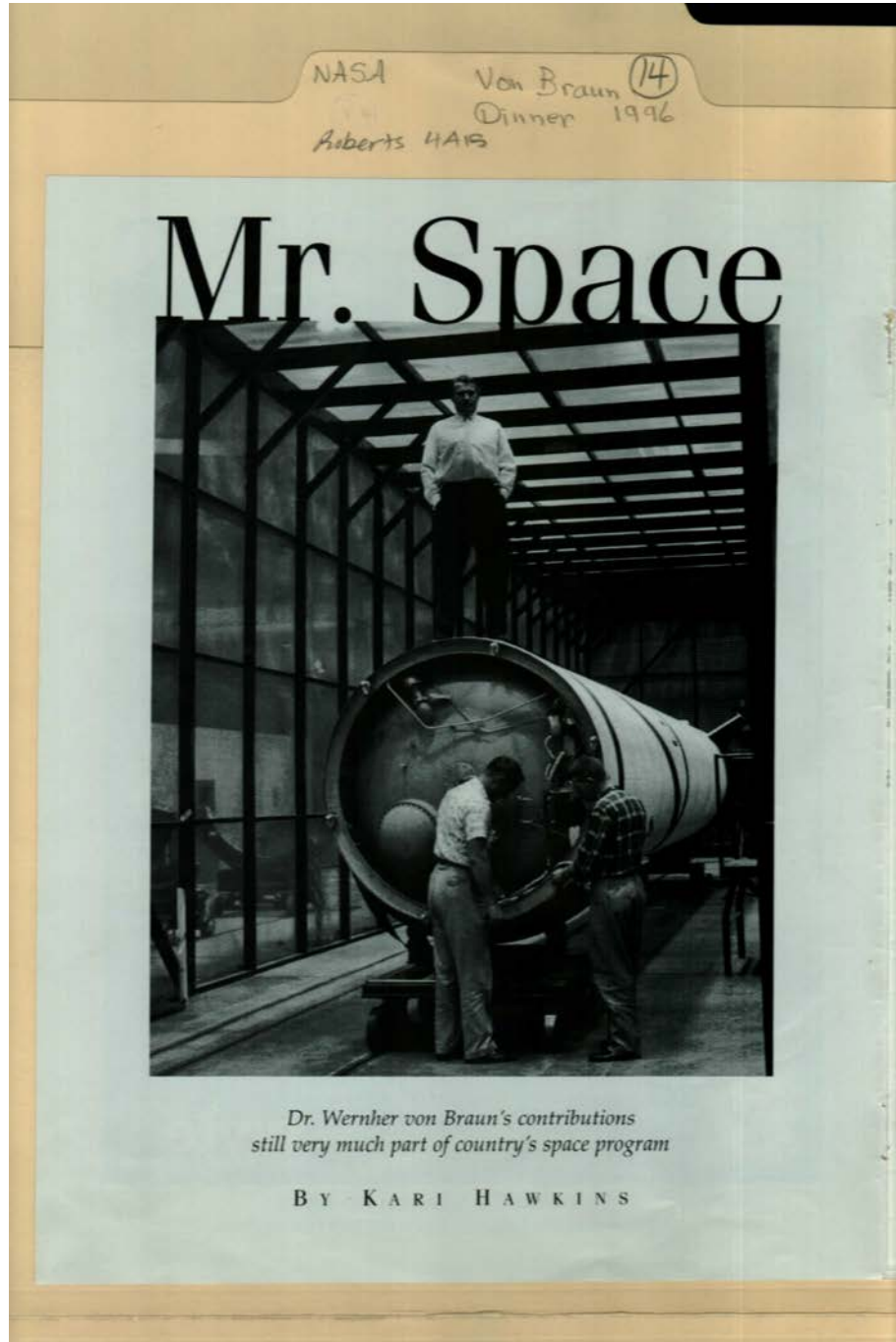
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Meet Dr. Wernher von Braun

Exploration Forum will feature the Discovery Channel's Dr. von Braun documentary, "He Conquered Space"

By KARI HAWKINS

Dr. Wernher von Braun died on June 16, 1977. But, his vision of space exploration lives on today in television programs, the U.S. Space & Rocket Center historical books, anniversary celebrations, space museums, technical papers, NASA's space station, research institutes, and the dreams of aspiring aerospace engineers and astronauts.

Now, add a new documentary to that list. "He Conquered Space," a film produced by the Discovery Channel, will premiere at the Von Braun Exploration Forum at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 18, in the Von Braun Civic Center Concert Hall. It will air on the Discovery Channel on December 1 and 8.

The film, narrated by newscaster Charles Kuralt, follows Dr. von Braun from childhood when he designed and launched small rocket engines from the backs of wagons with his brother, through World War II during which he and the Peenemuende team of German scientists developed the V-2 missile, to his arrival in America as the leader of the Peenemuende team with documentation and equipment to further the U.S. development of guided missiles, and throughout his NASA career during which

discoveries made by Dr. von Braun's team took man to the moon and planted the seeds for further space exploration.

"It's a comprehensive biography of von Braun," said Tom Caliandro, senior writer and executive producer of the documentary. "He is one of the towering figures of the 20th century in the world of science. But, for people outside the aerospace com-

"In many ways, he's a classic American success story."

—Tom Caliandro

community, he's not terribly well-known. Our mission is to introduce this guy to the general population."

Dr. von Braun's life was full of interesting milestones and challenges that took well to film, he said, creating an exciting 52-minute story that Discovery Channel executives are eager to promote. "This is one of the most important films for us this year," he said.

The documentary is filled with anecdotes and quotes from Dr. von Braun, his contemporaries, and members of his German rocket team.

"In many ways, he's a classic American success story," Caliandro said. "He was a proud and hardworking American. He was very proud of his American citizenship and he lived the American dream as much as anybody in this century... It's a tribute to this country that he decided to come to the U.S."

The centerpiece of the film, Caliandro said, is the development of the Saturn V.

"Everything seemed to lead up to that milestone," he said. "Even as a young boy, von Braun was drawing space capsules that, if you took the drawing and turned it on its back instead of on its side, looked like the top of the Saturn V."

"This fellow had an impossible dream as a child that men and women would eventually get to the moon and, by God, he did it!"

The film, like Dr. von Braun's life, reflects all aspects of the space program—the technical, political and emotional sides of sending man into space, said aerospace consultant and author Fred Ordway, whose working relationship with Dr. von Braun reaches back to the early 1950s.

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It took about a year to produce "He Conquered Space," with some footage actually shot in Huntsville, Ordway, and German rocket team member and author Ernst Stuhlinger assisted production with their technical expertise and historical insight.

Ordway worked with Dr. Rick Chappell, chairman of the Dr. von Braun Exploration Forum, in selling the idea of the film to John Hendricks, founder, chairman and CEO of Discovery Communications, Inc.

"It was a natural story for film," Chappell said. "First, there's the depth of Dr. von Braun in terms of talent. Second, there's what he did to expand on the idea that humankind should explore space. And, third, his story has a good emotional feel about the importance of exploration for humankind and America."

The film is particularly timely, Chappell said, because of the recent discovery of the possibility of life on Mars, which has reawakened interest in Dr. von Braun's ultimate dream to send a human mission to Mars.

The forum will begin with an introduction and comments from CBS News Special Correspondent Walter Cronkite, who will introduce Hendricks. The film will then be shown, followed with closing comments from Cronkite.

Discovery Channel executives are excited about the film's world premiere, especially since it will be part of an already established event honoring von Braun.

Not only does the film promote the image of Dr. von Braun, but in doing so it also tells the story of the country's hopes and dreams about space, and the impact space technology has on society.


"It's a lovely film and a fitting tribute to a really fine American," Caliandro said. "We're glad more people will get to know him for the heroic figure he is."

1996 Exploration Forum Distinguished Panelists

JOHN S. HENDRICKS
Founder, chairman and CEO Discovery Communications, Inc.

One of Huntsville's own, Hendricks took a bachelor's degree in history from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and catapulted it into America's first cable network designed to provide world-class documentary programming in the areas of nature, science and technology, history, human adventure and world exploration. The Discovery Channel is the product of Hendricks' love of history and his vision to bring documentary programming and innovative specials to American television. Launched in 1986, Discovery Channel today serves 98.5 million subscribers in 146 countries worldwide.

A 1973 magna cum laude graduate of UAH, Hendricks also holds an honorary doctorate from UAH. He served as director of Community and Governmental Relations at UAH and president of the American Association of University Consultants before launching the Discovery Channel with an initial investment of \$25 million. He became the first corporate leader to receive the National Education Association's Friend of Education award for "innovations in education and technology, and greatly expanding educational opportunity for America's schoolchildren."



WALTER CRONKITE
CBS News Special Correspondent

Regarded as an authority on America's space program, Cronkite reported on the first two decades of this country's manned space mission, from Alan B. Shepard's first flight in 1961 and the Apollo 11 moon landing in 1969 to the experimental flights of the space shuttle Enterprise in July 1977 and the fall of Skylab in July 1979.


He was honored with an award from the Skyline Foundation in 1978 for "distinguished contributions to the understanding of aerospace progress" and received the Boston Museum of Science's Bradford Washburn Award for his "superlative presentation of the U.S. space program" in 1970. He also received Emmy awards for his reporting on several Apollo flights, including Apollo 11, when man first landed on the moon.

Cronkite has covered virtually every news event during his more than 60 years in journalism—the last 46 affiliated with CBS News. As co-founder of The Cronkite Ward Company he has been involved in producing more than 25 award-winning documentary hours for The Discovery Channel, PBS and other networks.

The National Space Club was founded on October 4, 1957, to stimulate the exchange of ideas and information about rocketry and astronautics and to promote recognition of U.S. achievements in space. The Club is a non-profit corporation comprised of representatives from industry, government, educational institutions, and private individuals to enhance the exchange of current information on astronautics among themselves and the public. The Club cooperates with and helps to stimulate other organizations and individuals to advance America's space efforts and addresses itself to the broad historical, educational, business aspects of missiles and space.

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