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DULUTH -- Sol Levine, a scientist-engineer veteran of the space age, will answer the question, "Is the American Space Program Worth the Expense?" at a UMD Lecture at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday (Oct. 25) in Education 90.

Levine was in the blockhouse at Cape Kennedy (then known as Cape Canaveral) when the grapefruit-sized Vanguard satellite was launched on March 17, 1958, then beeped for seven years in revealing that the earth is pear-shaped.

Since that time, Levine has participated in many space programs, working with design engineers from industry, scientists from NASA, and the astronauts.

For three years he was Deputy Technical Director of Project Gemini--the two-men-in-space program that proved that people can live in the weightless environment of space for periods up to two weeks and that the difficult maneuver of rendezvous and docking can be executed.

He holds a BA degree from Waynesburg College, an MS degree from New York University and is an Associate Fellow of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He is a senior member of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and lectures at the Catholic University of America (Washington, D. C.).

His publications include a book, "Appointment in the Sky--The Story of Project Gemini" (1963) with a foreword by President Lyndon B. Johnson.