Dr. Edward L. Winterer to give last Professors' Inaugural Lecture

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"Wandering Continents and Vanishing Seas" will be the topic for the last lecture to be presented this season in the Professors' Inaugural Lecture Series at 4:15 p.m. in the Humanities-Library Auditorium on the San Diego campus of the University of California on Thursday, December 4.

Dr. Edward L. Winterer, professor of geology and chairman of the Department of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, will give the lecture.

"The ocean basins have a lucid but very short geologic memory--about 200 million years," he said, "and the records for all the remainder of the geologic history of both seas and land--about 3,000 million years--are stored in the rocks of the continent. We will peruse a few fragmental documents from these dusty and badly-kept archives, looking for evidences of continental d rift."

Dr. Winterer joined Scripps Institution of Oceanography in 1962 as associate professor of geology, after having taught geology for nine years at UCLA.

He was a Fulbright Lecturer in geology at the University of Louvain, Belgium, in 1962, and he served as chairman of the West Coast Planning Group for the Joint Oceanographic Institutions' Deep Earth Sampling Program (JOIDES) in its early stages.

During the summer of 1967, he led a scientific party in the Coral Sea leg of the NOVA Expedition. From that tour, he went to Australia where he conducted field work under a National Science Foundation research grant, studying 700-million year-old glacial deposits (dating to the pre-Cambrian period) in their relationship to ancient climates and continental drift.

The lecture will be free and open to the public.