

Dr. Shepard repeat lecture on Diving Saucer

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Dr. Francis P. Shepard, Professor of Submarine Geology at the University of California's Scripps Institution of Oceanography, is scheduled to repeat his popular lecture on "Diving Saucer in the La Jolla Submarine Canyons" at 8:00 p.m. Monday, June 15, in Sherwood Hall, La Jolla. The lecture is free.

Dr. Shepard first presented the lecture March 30 shortly after descending into the canyons in the French diving saucer on loan to Scripps. At the first lecture, the 500-seat Sherwood Hall was quickly filled to capacity and more than 1,500 persons had to be turned away.

Illustrated with color films, the lecture deals with Dr. Shepard's experiences on the diving saucer, a two-man mobile deep sea research vehicle built by Captain Jacques-Yves Cousteau, co-inventor of the aqualung.

The saucer was leased by Scripps for two weeks in February to explore the Scripps and La Jolla Canyons less than a mile off the shore of La Jolla. The dives were the first operation of the saucer in the United States. Accompanied by a French engineer operating the saucer, Dr. Shepard, one of the world's leading authorities on submarine geology, made three dives into the canyons up to depths of 1,000 feet, the maximum operating depth of the saucer.