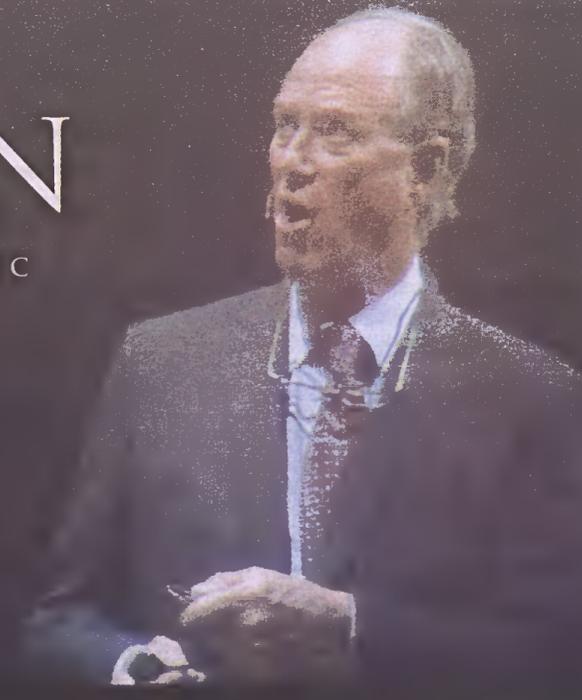


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### BALLARD SPEAKS ON OCEANOGRAPHY

#### NEWS

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Robert Ballard always wanted to be Captain Nemo when he grew up.

"I think I pulled it off," said a grinning Ballard to his audience at Guilford College's second Bryan Series event on Nov. 19.

As a world-famous deep-sea explorer, Ballard is best known for his historic discoveries of hydrothermal vents, the RMS Titanic wreckage and the German

battleship Bismarck.

During his long career he conducted over 120 deep-sea expeditions using the latest in exploration technology.

Ballard is also a pioneer in the early use of deep-diving submarines.

President and Professor of

Political Science Kent Chabotar introduced Ballard and focused on his discovery of Titanic.

"No one knew exactly where it had sunk until Dr. Ballard discovered the wreckage two miles down in 1985," said Chabotar.

Ballard charmed the crowd the

moment he took the stage with facts about his background.

"My family lived in Guilford for 200 years as Quakers," said Ballard. "Are there any Ballards out there tonight?"

While no one claimed to be related to him, Ballard connected with everyone by explaining

his exploration techniques with humor.

"Now, I know this is a Quaker college," said Ballard as he explained his Black Sea Project and discovery of a trading ship from 500 B.C. "But if you were on a ship that had 5,000 bottles of wine on it, what would you do on the passage to Rome?"

The presentation encompassed the wide gamut of Ballard's experiences in oceanography.

"I liked how I got both a science lesson and a history lesson all at

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Ty Buckner, associate vice president for communications & marketing, asks Robert Ballard questions from the audience.

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