SKIPPER'S MESS

This custom was originated, I think, by Roger Revelle, right after Scripps started settling down after World War II, and the faculty members had returned from UCDWR.

Skipper's Mess was held at noon every Wednesday in the lecture room of the old Scripps Building. The meeting started with Roger making a few announcements, then introducing the speaker of the day, who might be a regular faculty member, a visiting research scientist, or a graduate student. The speaker would hold forth on his (very rarely rarely her) work in progress, while the listeners ate their brown bag lunches.

I learned a lot at these meetings, and also found many subjects for sketched caricatures. I drew enlarged poster-sized versions of some of them, including this one of Roger, and they were used to decorate the walls of the old Community House when we had a farewell party for Harald and Gudrun Sverdrup.

Sam Hinton
Roger presiding at Skippor's Mass