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Scenes from behind the Iron Curtain not normally viewed by the average tourist will be available for the armchair traveler May 26 when biologist/ecologist Dr. Oscar Soule presents "Travels in Central Asia", the concluding program in the "Wednesday Evening Lecture Series" at The Evergreen State College.

The illustrated lecture, which is open to the public free of charge, will begin promptly at 8:00 p.m. in Auditorium One of the Evergreen Lecture Halls Building.

Lecture-goers will visit the cities of Samarkand, Bukhara, Tashkent, and Dushanke, which are some of the oldest (2500 years) and newest (40 years) in the Soviet Union. They also will sample some of the scientific research being done in Central Asia, with waystops at Leningrad and Moscow scheduled as a preface to a journey to the Republics of Nzbekistan and Tadjikistan.

Dr. Soule has traveled to the Soviet Union three times, first in 1961, again in 1970, and most recently last summer when he presented a research paper at the 12th International Botanical Congress, which drew scientists around the world to Leningrad. As a visiting scientist hosted by the Russians, he was able to view things and places not available to most tourists.

A member of Evergreen's first instructional team, Dr. Soule joined the college in 1971. He taught ecology his first year, served as an interim Academic Dean for one term, and then returned to the faculty as an ecology instructor.

Dr. Soule was a teacher of ecology at Washington University in St. Louis and also a research associate with the Missouri Botanical Gardens immediately prior to joining Evergreen. He has taught at the University of Arizona and in 1970-71 was a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Fellow in Biophysical Ecology at the Missouri Botanical Garden.

He also has authored numerous research articles and has done extensive field research in Central and South America, Europe, Central Asia, and the Pacific Northwest. Dr. Soule received his bachelor's degree in biology from Colorado College, his master's in zoology and his doctorate in ecology, both from the University of Arizona.