

# NEWS

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A movie and slide report on the American Rio Mezquital Expedition, the first recorded traverse of canon del Rio Mezquital in Mexico, will be presented at 8:00 p.m., April 12 in Lecture Hall One at The Evergreen State College by two faculty members who were part of the team, biologists Don Humphrey and Oscar Soule. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Humphrey and Soule served as zoologist and botanist, respectively, on the exciting expedition, marking the first time scientists had explored this river canyon, which rivals the Grand Canyon in magnificence. The canon del Rio Mezquital is the only river to completely bisect the massive Sierra Madre Mountain Range in Northwestern Mexico.

Ecologists, a parasitologist, and medical scientists from both Mexico and the United States collaborated to study the flora, fauna, and indigenous Indian population of the previously unexplored region.

The group trekked some 200 miles from the State of Durango to Nayarit, on the West Coast of Mexico. Results of the studies will soon be published and the movie and slide presentation should be of interest to all who search for adventure in the out-of-doors.

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