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CHARLESTON, IL--John Lynn, on Thursday, Feb. 18 will present a slide lecture on his 2300-mile canoe trip over the length of the Mississippi River.

Lynn, an east-central Illinois native, paddled the 15-foot craft for 70 days from the river's headwaters at Lake Itasca, Minnesota, to its mouth at Pilottown, Louisiana.

"Life on the Mississippi River" combines colorful photos of rivery scenery with traditional river stories, quotations from Mark Twain and other writers, and anecdotes based on his experiences as a modern day Huck Finn.

The program will be at 7 p.m. in th Phipps (Old Science Building) Lecture Hall. Co-sponsored by the Physical Education Department and the Faculty Development Department, the program will be hosted by John Schaefer, representing the Physical Education Department.

Schaefer said the program will be "an entertaining story of the geography and history of the third longest river in the world, the countryside through which it passes, and people, flora and fauna."

In addition to the river oddesey, Lynn in 1980 hiked the 2100-mile Applachian National Scenic Trail. Since that time he has divided his work between several conservation agencies, presenting lectures, and doing substitute teaching the Peoria area.