



Stockton Student, Wildwood Native Produces Documentary After Traveling to Belize

Premiere Set for Feb. 23 at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College

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Galloway Township, NJ- Frank Weiss, a native of Wildwood Crest and a junior Visual Communications major at Stockton College, traveled to Belize, a small country bordered by Mexico and Honduras, in July of 2011. He arrived with his camera and a diverse assortment of wide angle and telephoto lenses, tripods, and additional video equipment. After five days, he returned with over 1,000 gigabytes of video footage.

Over the past few months Weiss has been editing the footage he captured in Belize, and Scott Stagliano, a Wildwood native and a 2009 Stockton graduate, has been writing the text for the narration of a film. "The Road is Coming" is a documentary that captures the culture, environment, and political state of Belize and touches upon its history.

The film, approximately 30 minutes, will premiere at the Noyes Museum of Art of Stockton College on Thursday, February 23, 2012, at 5 p.m. In addition, the twenty best images from the production period will be on display at the Museum.

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The film briefly examines the constant changes in culture in the Central American country as a result of the continual influence of Western society. Spanning from its colonial period as British Honduras on to modern day Belize, the film explores the country's distinctive ecosystems, its indigenous Mayan culture, its developing tourism and petroleum industries, and its volatile political and social climate.

Interviews with the Ketchi Maya people living in Laguna Village,