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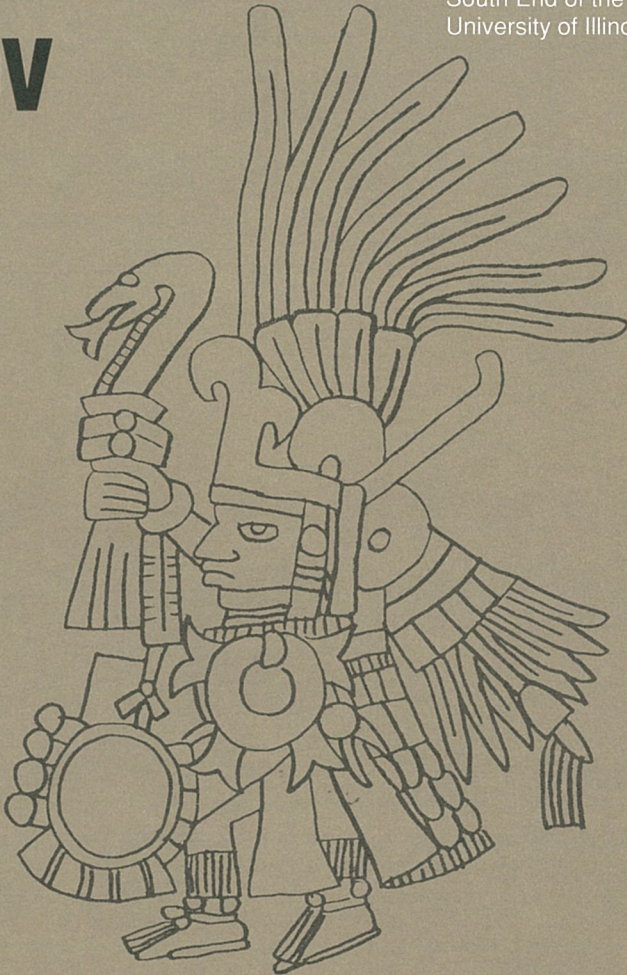
## Excavations of the Great Temple of the Aztecs in Mexico City

**Eduardo Matos Moctezuma**  
Director, Museo del Templo Mayor  
Mexico City

Wednesday 8:00pm 1992

Foellinger Auditorium  
South End of the Quadrangle  
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

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When Cortez and his small band of Spanish explorers entered the city of Tenochtitlan in 1519, they were entering the capital of the Aztec empire. Dominating this city of 150,000 inhabitants was the huge main pyramid---the Templo Mayor. Cortez and the Aztec emperor, Montezuma, met at the base of the pyramid, a confrontation of two alien cultures. Over 400 years later, the President of Mexico appointed Eduardo Matos Moctezuma to direct the excavations and restoration of the great pyramid of his ancestors.

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