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Cows will rage, pigs will fly: It's atlatl!

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The list of events at Grinnell College's third annual "Raging Cow" atlatl competition today and Sunday certainly stimulates the imagination.

Note: Atlatl (an Aztec word) is an early spear-throwing weapon, a launcher, that preceded the bow and arrow all over the world. It's about 18 inches long, with a notch in one end where a 6- or 7-foot-long dart made of wood, bamboo, cane or fiberglass, fits.

Here's this weekend's event lineup:

Raging Cow, Standing Deer/Flying Pig hunt, Tic Tac Toe, Intercollegiate Toltec and International Standard Accuracy Competition (ISAC) - all involve spearing targets with accuracy.

And wait, there's one more: Shooting at plastic bottles.

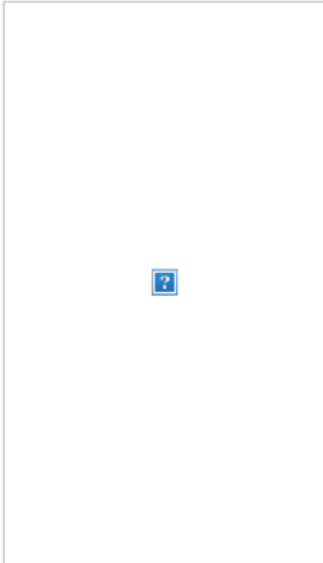
Grinnell College anthropology professor John Whittaker and student atlatl enthusiasts will gather today for some spear throwing that's both fun and lightly educational.

What actually takes place, though, is still up in the air.

Teams from Luther College, the University

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Getting set: John Whittaker, professor of anthropology at Grinnell College hooks an Atlatl to the end of a dart during Atlatl Club practice.



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Details

WHAT: The Raging Cow atlatl (spear throwers) competition and fun outing

WHERE: Grinnell College Track

WHEN: 10 a.m. today, 9 a.m. Sunday ("if anyone shows up")