

Multicultural Potluck Dinner a Success

Billie Haasl

Photo by: Billie Haasl



Anne Hoyo and Elia Armacanqui Tipacti enjoying a story told by Geoffrey Mburu (not pictured)

On the Wednesday before finals week, many students, staff, faculty, and community members gathered in the University Center to enjoy dinner together. The buffet-style dinner included dishes from various ethnicities that were prepared by multicultural student organizations, including arroz con gandules (prepared by SALSA), macaroni and cheese (prepared by BSU), and many other delectable cuisines.

Jeremy McClain organized this event in hopes to bring a variety of people from the campus and community together to end the semester. Jeremy is the Multicultural Issues Director for the UWSP Student Government Association (SGA).

After the meal, the evening

continued with entertainment and speakers. David Dávila and Rosalena Figueroa even presented a fascinating salsa dance performance.

"The entire event was a success," says Dávila, the president of SALSA. "I had a lot of fun, and the audience seemed to enjoy it as well."

Additionally, the keynote speakers for the night were Alton Sonny Smart and Portia Hamlar. Smart is a Sociology Professor at UWSP and a Tribal Judge. Hamlar is an Assistant to the Chancellor and the Director of Equity and Affirmative Action. Their motivating and informative words were enlightening to everyone that attended.

Many thanks to all of those who made this event possible.

Have You Visited the MCRC Lately?

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The Dorothy Davis Multicultural Resource Center (MCRC) is a fun, social, and educational place for students of many different cultures to enjoy. Conveniently housed in the LaFollette Lounge of the University Center, the MCRC provides students with cultural, academic, and social opportunities, seeking to encourage the success of UWSP's multicultural students. During the academic year, the MCRC is a terrific place for student organization executive board meetings, eating lunch or dinner with friends, or meeting new people.

In 2002, the MCRC made the long awaited move from the Student Services Building to its current location in the UC.

For many of our students, the MCRC is like their second home. It is a place where students can feel safe and enjoy a friendly atmosphere, including meeting and study areas, 5 computers that are connected to the UWSP network, a TV with a VCR, and a telephone for local calls.

If you have not been to the MCRC in a while, please accept this as your invitation. You will not regret your visit!

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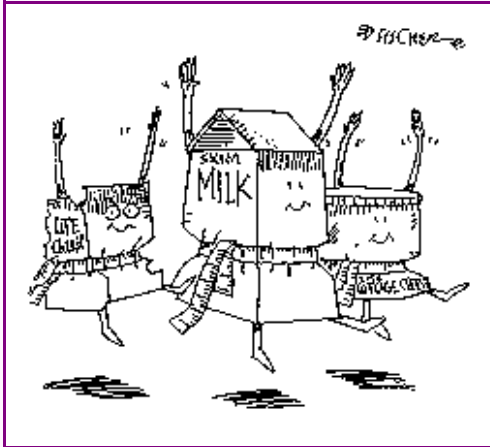


Nicole Sutton and Val Kolonko in the MCRC

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Skim Down with Low-fat Dairy Foods



Persons two years and older can eat low-fat dairy foods as a source of calcium. Choose 1%, 2%, or skim milk, low-fat yogurt, and low-fat cheeses (feta, ricotta, farmers, romano, mozzarella, and low-fat cottage cheese).

-From Health Care-toons by Ed Fischer and Jeff Haebig, Ph.D.

We're Part Of Multicultural Affairs

- Multicultural Affairs Main Office
- Content-Area Tutoring
- ESL Summer Programs
- Student Support Services (SSS)
- Multicultural Resource Center (MCRC)
- Precollege Programs
- Native American Center (NAC)
- Upward Bound Program

Multicultural Affairs Annual Events

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| Freshmen Orientation..... | Summer |
| Celebracion Hispana..... | September |
| Festival of India..... | October |
| AMSLC..... | October |
| Building Unity..... | October |
| Hmong Dinner..... | November |
| Soul Food Dinner..... | February |
| Gospel Choir Festival..... | February |
| International Dinner..... | March |
| AIRO Pow-Wow..... | April |
| Portage County..... | April |
| Cultural Festival..... | April |

Perspective -
What the caterpillar
calls the end of the world,
the master calls a butterfly.

-Richard Bach



Editorial Comment—Linda Pluke

Welcome summer and new students!

The thought that Billie Haasl will soon be leaving our office for her student teaching activities has put me a bit on edge these days. I would like to thank Billie for all the creativity and diligence she has shown in working in the MCA office over the past four years with the newsletter, web pages, flyers, and helping with our precollege camps. She will be missed a lot, but I wish her the best in her future endeavors. It has been fun to watch her blossom, and I know that she will do well in whatever she does.

BEST WISHES BILLIE! Billie will still be around the office on a limited basis, but the coming year will be a busy one for her.

We are excited to work with Sheng Lee, who will be taking on some of Billie's duties, including the newsletter. Sheng has a lot of enthusiasm for the work here. She is a hard worker, and a willing learner. WELCOME SHENG!

The next newsletter will be out in early October. If you have articles to share, please send them to me by September 1, 2004. Happy, safe summer to all!

-Linda



From the Director's Desk - Ron Strege



Welcome to Stevens Point!

We are really happy you are here. The other day I got to talk to some elementary school kids about treating people with respect, what a good time that was. Working with little kids telling them about treating all people fairly was such a treat. We spent quite a bit of time going over the 'Golden Rule'. The whole concept of treating others the way we want to be treated is so simple, yet so many people have trouble with it. Treat people the way that you want to be treated. Don't insult the waiter at the restaurant. Don't be

rude to the receptionist when you call. In short, let people walk away from an interaction with you with a good feeling. It really isn't that hard.

I feel that is the key to understanding one another. It is simply a matter of respect. I feel we do that pretty well at UWSP, but we can always do better. So as you are walking around our campus and taking in the sights and sounds, remember the golden rule. Treat others the way you want to be treated. If you can do that, your experience at Point is going to be filled with great memories.

Welcome again to UWSP!

-Ron

Our Congratulations to the Spring 2004 Multicultural Award Recipients

University Leadership Award Recipients

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Laurice Biermeret-Freeman | Val Kolonko |
| Alyssa Brown | Monica Lo |
| David Dávila | Marika Loftman-Davis |
| Billie Haasl | Jeremy McClain |
| Anne Hoye | Maichoua Moua |
| Christopher Johnson | Nicole Sutton |
| Sheng Lee | Tong Xiong |
| Samual Dinga | Arturo Viguera |

Chancellor's Leadership Award Recipients

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|-------------------|---------------|
| Javier Alaniz | Siska Gunawan |
| Zhi Gong | Paochoua Lor |
| John Burris | Nancy Vang |
| Edwina Gholston | TedYang |
| Gregory Blackdeer | Yeng Vang |
| Jon Greendeer | |

University Outstanding Mentor Award Recipients

Rosario Alemparte
Linda Pluke





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Multicultural Student Organizations

AIRO

American Indians
Reaching Opportunities

Advisor: Sharon Cloud

Purpose: To encourage awareness and understanding for all Indian people.

HaSEAAC

Hmong & South East Asian
American Club

Advisor: Sue Clark Kubley

Purpose: To provide a more extensive understanding of the Southeast Asian culture and to promote cultural awareness.

SAS

South Asia Society

Advisor: Jyoti Chander

Purpose: To foster global family and promote an exchange of culture, friendship and understanding among members and the community.

AISES

American Indians Science &
Engineering Society

Advisor: Andrew Gokee

Purpose: To provide opportunities for American Indians and Alaska Natives to pursue studies in sciences, engineering, business and other academic arenas.

SALSA

Student Alliance for Latino
Studies and Advancements

Advisors: Elia Armacanqui Tipacti and
Beverley David

Purpose: To provide a more extensive understanding of Latin American cultures. It will promote education about a positive image of the Latin American culture within the university and the wider community.

BSU

Black Student Union

Advisor: Melvyn Rousseau

Purpose: To cultivate self-esteem, racial understanding, and to unite the black students on the UWSP campus and educate people on black issues.

International Club

Advisors: Marcus and Constance Fang

Purpose: To promote and encourage an exchange of culture throughout the nations by providing opportunities for friendship, understanding and the social interests of its members.

CCC

Chinese Culture Club

Advisor: Jianwei Wang

Purpose: To encourage an understanding of current and traditional Chinese cultural, social, and economical development.