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WHAT YOU SEE IS NOT ALWAYS WHAT YOU GET, Flip Wilson to the contrary. What your eyes may see in the following six pictures can range from the emerging snout of a shark a la JAWS to the blade of a logger's saw. What your body will FEEL should you come in contact with the jagged point of the pictured pinnacle is the biting stinger of a yellowjacket, a not uncommon experience this time of the year.

The photographs, taken by Dr. Donald Humphrey, faculty biologist at The Evergreen State College, show a progressive series of enlargements of a stinger removed from a tender part of a local resident's anatomy and enlarged 500 to 5,000 times by Evergreen's Scanning Electron Microscope. The instrument serves as an important learning tool in the college's science study programs.