

GOOD ADVICE

Certain quotations are able to inspire people through the roughest of times, brighten the cloudiest of days or even make the good days just a little bit better.

Throughout history, wise men and women have given the world a bit of their knowledge in short bursts of thought. These quotes are just a few that have inspired generations from some of the greatest minds of all time.

"When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one which has been opened for us."

— Helen Keller

"He that gives good advice, builds with one hand; he that gives good counsel and example, builds with both; but he that gives good admonition and bad example, builds with one hand and pulls down with the other."

— Sir Francis Bacon

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year. No man has learned anything rightly, until he knows that every day is Doomsday."

— Ralph Waldo Emerson

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: It goes on."

— Robert Frost

"If your heart acquires strength, you will be able to remove blemishes from others without thinking evil of them."

— Mohandas K. Gandhi

"Follow your instincts. That's where true wisdom manifests itself."

— Oprah Winfrey

"Happiness is not in the mere possession of money; it lies in the joy of achievement, in the thrill of creative effort."

— Franklin D. Roosevelt

"There are a thousand hacking at the branches of evil to one who is striking at the root."

— Henry David Thoreau

"Leaders aren't born, they are made. And they are made just like anything else, through hard work. And that's the price we'll have to pay to achieve that goal, or any goal."

— Vince Lombardi

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HELLO, MY NAME IS
Neal Ellsworth

MSU's Crew Club competes at the highest levels of intercollegiate rowing against some of the best teams in the nation, according to MSU's Crew Club's Web site. For general business administration and pre-law sophomore Neal Ellsworth, he endures rowing's challenges every day as the team's corresponding secretary. With previous experience in rowing, Ellsworth knew he wanted to continue the sport throughout college.

"I have two years of rowing experience before college and knew I wanted to participate in this sport as much as I could up at MSU," Ellsworth said. "As soon as I talked to a varsity player during a pep rally at Breslin Center, I knew I found it again."

Ellsworth practices for two hours a day during the season, which starts a week before the fall semester begins and ends two weeks after the spring semester concludes. He has to be committed to practicing because only the top eight rowers compete in the medal races, though anyone can join the team.

"All practices are intense and can be draining, but it's a rush to know that you are representing MSU and to be a top-eight rower," Ellsworth said.

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Comic art bibliographer Randy Scott sorts comics Friday afternoon in the special collections department of the Main Library. The comic collection contains 200,000 American comics and 40,000 foreign comics and books and magazines about comics. Scott estimates MSU's comic collection is at least twice as large as that of the Library of Congress.

FORTRESS OF COMIC-TUDE

Almost 40 years of collecting has left MSU with world's largest library comic book collection

By Sarah Harbison
THE STATE NEWS

There's something endearing about a man who signs his e-mails "Alphabetically Yours." But what can you expect from someone who has been working in libraries since he was a student? Nonetheless, Randy Scott's job at MSU isn't that of a typical librarian. As the comic art bibliographer, Scott is responsible for growing and maintaining the largest library comic book collection in the world. With about 240,000 comics and books about comics, the collection is larger than that of the Library of Congress.

"(Comics) are a literary form that hasn't been appreciated enough," Scott said. "They've never been just for kids, it's something that grown-ups and professionals and librarians should be paying attention to."

"When I started, we were pretty much alone. There were some comics at the Library of Congress and there were some comics at Bowling Green State University down in Ohio. But it wasn't very long with my pushing that by 1980 we were bigger than any of those places, and, since 1980, we've been the biggest comic collection in the world. And we only had about 60,000 comics then, and people come from all over the world to use our comics."

The comic book collection at MSU began in 1970 with one professor's urging to begin popular culture studies. Russel B. Nye was a professor in the Department of English who felt that professors should not only be studying comic books and other pop culture items, but libraries also should be collecting them to aid research.

So Nye "twisted the arms" of two undergrad-



Comic art bibliographer Randy Scott plays a harmonica Friday afternoon in his office in the special collections section of the Main Library. Scott has worked at the library since 1967 and began to work with its comic book collection in 1974 as a volunteer during his lunch break.

"The collection means that I contributed something both to library science and to the industry of studying comics and I feel like, you know, unless it burns down tomorrow, I've done something worthwhile."

Randy Scott, comic art bibliographer



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For a video tour of the comics collection and an interview with Scott at the Main Library, please visit statene.ws.edu/multimedia.

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