

FOUR THINGS

WORD OF THE WEEK

flibbertigibbet
What it is: noun
What it means: a silly flighty person
Where it comes from: It's one of the many incarnations of the Middle English word "flapergibbet," meaning gossip or chatter. It is a word of onomatopoeic origin, created from sounds that were intended to represent meaningless chatter.
How to use it: "The flibbertigibbet who sits in the front row of my class would not stop talking during lecture yesterday."
SOURCE: M-W.COM

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"St. Patrick — one of the few saints whose feast day presents the opportunity to get determinedly whacked and make a fool of oneself all under the guise of acting Irish."
 — Charles M. Madigan
Madigan is a longtime writer, editor and columnist for the Chicago Tribune, and editor of "30": The Collapse of the Great American Newspaper."
SOURCE: THINKERS.IT.COM

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

On March 17, 461 A.D., St. Patrick, Christian missionary, bishop and apostle of Ireland, dies at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland.
The first St. Patrick's Day parade was held by Irish soldiers serving in the British army on March 17, 1762 in New York City.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

DID YOU KNOW

Some areas of Ireland are known to receive 90 inches of rain each year, which accounts for the brilliantly green grass that has earned Ireland the nickname the "Emerald Isle."
"Erin Go Bragh," a phrase heard often on St. Patrick's Day, means "Ireland Forever."
Irish tradition says that anyone who kisses the Blarney Stone, located near the town of Cork, will be blessed with the Irish "gift of gab."
Forty million Americans trace their ancestry back to Ireland.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

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All the posters represent communication freshman Kerry VanDis and hospitality business freshman Kelley Tilma's favorite actresses, Audrey Hepburn and Marilyn Monroe, along with



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Tuesday

the ins and outs of **interning**

GETTING AN INTERNSHIP CAN BE A VALUABLE ASSET TO ANY STUDENT. HOW DO YOU GET THERE?

By Cole Bertoso
THE STATE NEWS

Does the task of finding an internship wreak havoc on your sanity? Well, take solace in the fact that on a campus of more than 45K students, you are not alone and definitely not at a loss. In the interest of keeping this as the easiest part of your internship trek, here are the five Ws of successfully weeding your way through the woods of tracking down your college internship. Happy hunting!

Who
 College students who have established their chosen career paths are the ones who find themselves caged in with the internship monster. Once you've figured out where you want to be, it is easier to decide how you want to start. Most programs require internships to graduate, so checking with your adviser if you're not sure is key to figuring out where to begin. Advisers also will be able to help you in how to go about

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CAREER

Strong interview skills make for memorable first impression

By Abaries Farhad
THE STATE NEWS

Internships have a reputation for being competitive, and the prospect of an interview might be daunting for some students. The good news is there are ways to stand out in an interview that can help students land their dream internships.

"The economy is really tough and getting jobs is going to be tough. We know after spring break a lot of people are going to be worried," said Executive Director of Career

Services & Placement Kelley Bishop. "It's not an impossible job market, but it's much harder than we've seen in the past, so it's important to put your best face forward."

Before the interview
 Most of the work that goes into an interview involves doing your homework, Bishop said. Knowing background information about the hiring company helps a candidate stand out from the mountains of résumés and cover letters reviewed by employers.

"You need to prepare. Do more than just reading (the company's) Web site," Bishop said. "Check out employees there, check out the company's products, find out what awards that company won and why."

Appearance also is key since it's the first impression intern-hopefuls make on the employer, Bishop said.

"If you don't know what to wear, it's better to be more formal than less. It is never wrong to show up in a suit.

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Interview tips

Follow these suggestions for a successful interview:

- Do research on the company prior to the interview.
- Dress professionally rather than casually.
- Practice interview questions by doing mock interviews.
- Be polite to the receptionist.
- Turn off your cell phone.
- Shake the employer's hand firmly and maintain eye contact.
- Use the employer's name as often as possible.
- Send a personalized thank-you letter to each person you spoke with during the interview.

SOURCE: MSU CAREER SERVICES NETWORK