

WORD OF THE WEEK

Stultiloquence

What it is: noun
What it means: senseless or silly talk; babble

Where it comes from: Latin

How to use it: "The student was so excited that when he tried to explain all that could be heard was stultiloquence."
SOURCE: WEBSTER'S THIRD NEW INTERNATIONAL DICTIONARY

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Believe me! The secret of reaping the greatest fruitfulness and the greatest enjoyment from life is to live dangerously!"

Friedrich Nietzsche

SOURCE: THINKEXIST.COM

Nietzsche was a German classical scholar and philosopher who died in 1900. Nietzsche was well known for his observation "God is dead."
SOURCE: ENCYCLOPEDIA BRITANNICA

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

April 7, 1994, the Rwandan Civil War escalates and 800,000 are killed. Most of the dead are Tutsi, who were attacked by the Hutu majority.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

April 9, 1865, General Robert E. Lee surrenders the Confederate Army of Northern Virginia to Lieutenant General Ulysses S. Grant at the Appomattox Court House in Virginia.
SOURCE: NPS.GOV

April 11, 1814, Napoleon Bonaparte is exiled to the island of Elba after his first abdication.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

DID YOU KNOW?

Onions make your eyes tear because of a chemical irritant that the produce known as propanethial S-oxide.

If you count the number of chirps a cricket makes in 15 seconds and add 37 to this number you can get a rough estimation of the temperature in Fahrenheit.

The largest flower in the world can be found in the rainforests of Indonesia. It is called the Rafflesia arnoldii. The flower can weigh up to 15 pounds and can be up to 3 feet across.

Unfortunately the flower produces an odor similar to rotten meat and this attracts insects that assist in pollination.
SOURCE: LOC.GOV

LIFESTYLE

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One MSU student turned his dorm room into a home theater, page 4B

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Tuesday

Pursuing Happiness

When it comes to personality, every brain is unique, so the question is: What makes you happy?

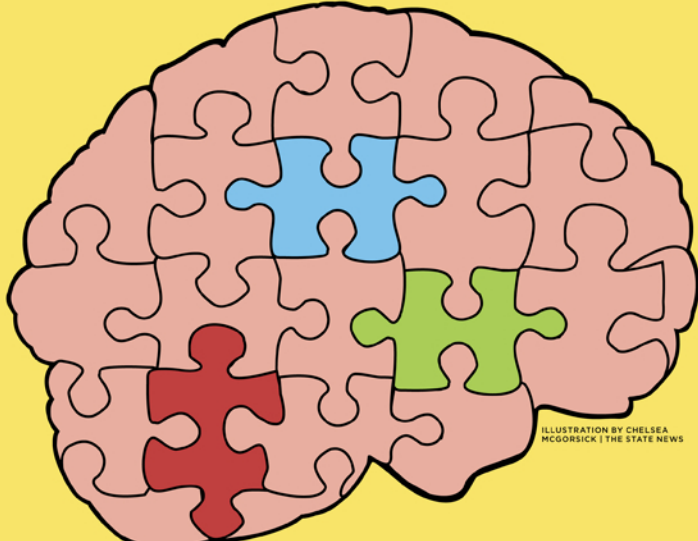


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The Beatles. Anne Frank. Buddha. Helen Keller. Nathaniel Hawthorne. Susan B. Anthony. Thomas Jefferson. Whether they sang about it, wrote novels about it or spoke about it, all of these people had their own ideas of just what it was that makes people happy.

Although they all may be right, it's time to get down to the facts and find out what really makes a person happy.

"We all live with the objective of being happy; our lives are all different and yet the same." — Anne Frank (1929-1945)

Scientifically speaking, we are all wired mostly the same way; but as with anything, we are all different and there are things aside from our chemistry that can affect us for better or worse.



More online ...

See what students said makes them happy, go to stateneews.com/multimedia.

According to a study done by the British Medical Journal, the company we choose to keep can overwhelmingly determine our level of happiness.

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SN style

Students choose classic ways to highlight waist

By Jessica Lipowski

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The best fashion is versatile, and the always classic high-waisted skirt remains a staple in women's wardrobes, but the ladies of East Lansing giving the popular garment their own twist as the waistlines of other favorites head north as well.

High-waisted skirts also slim the body and emphasize curvy figures, said Lori Faulkner, a teaching specialist in apparel and textile design. "It creates an hourglass figure," Faulkner said. "You don't need to be super skinny. By highlighting your waist and naturally defining your hips, (it) makes for an ultra feminine look."

Students, such as journalism freshman Britany Adams, love the high-waisted skirt because it is sophisticated and classy. "High-waisted skirts kind of stand out to me," Adams said. "They're different. They make your body look good."

Adams, who owns to high-waisted skirts, said her favorite combination is to pair the skirt with a regular shirt and high heels.

Other clothing items in this trend include shorts and pants, mainly jeans and trousers.

Marketing senior Oksana Bybliv, who owns several high-waisted items, said she likes the flexibility of the style.

"It's chic, it's elegant and sophisticated," she said. "At the same time, it accentuates your curves."

The history of dress and various fashions revive about every 30 or 40 years, but each time they return with a new twist, said Marie Gile, a professor in art and art history.

"That's what makes fashion exciting," Gile said. "We look back to prior times for inspiration. Every time something comes back, they're slightly new."

Gile said she thinks the immediate origins of high-waisted garments stem from the Empire period, with the waist line right under the bust.

It wasn't until the 1930s when some movie stars, like Marlene Dietrich and Katharine Hepburn, would wear high-waisted slacks or trousers, Gile said.

Post World War II, women began to start cinching the waist once again, Gile said.

Faulkner said women now accent the skirt with very feminine accessories like big bows and heels.

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Marketing senior Oksana Bybliv has a closet full of high-waisted skirts. She said she likes that you can dress them up or down and the "classic feel" of them.

an Mall, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., in Okemos, offer skirts for as little as \$11.50.

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such as Dolee & Gabbana, which offers a 100-percent silk skirt called the Pajama Skirt for about \$1,500.

Bybliv said she feels

the trend is timeless.

"It's like the little black dress," Bybliv said. "For as many years as it has been around, it is still popular."