

WORD OF THE WEEK:

Tomfoolery
What it is: noun
What it means: playful or foolish behavior
Where it comes from: The word originated as a description of the behavior of a silly or playful individual that would be referred to as a "tomfool," and was first used in the 19th century.

Similar word: horseplay
How to use it: "Quit your tomfoolery and get back to taking care of your Tamagotchi."
SOURCE: M.W.COM, RANDORHOUSE.COM

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

"I love a dog. He does nothing for political reasons."
— Will Rogers (1879-1935)

Rogers was a 20th century newspaper columnist and vaudeville performer. Off of his act, William Hammerstein signed him to star in a rooftop production, which he stayed with for 10 years. He fathered four children with wife Betty Blake and died in a plane crash.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY:

According to Johannes Kepler, the universe itself was created this week in 4977 B.C. Kepler, who is a mathematician and astronomer, is considered a founding father of modern science. His calculations are now thought to be around 13.7 million years off according to the Big Bang theory.
SOURCE: HISTORY.COM

DO YOU KNOW?

Snakes are true carnivores, eating nothing but other animals and no plant substances.
SOURCE: NHPTRFSCIENCE.ORG

There is enough sulfur contained in the human body to kill all the fleas on an average dog.
SOURCE: FUNFACTS.COM

In Kentucky, it is illegal for someone to dye blue and sell a single duckling unless you sell more than six at once.
SOURCE: DUNBURLAWS.COM

More than half of the United States coastline is located in Alaska.
SOURCE: STRANGECOSMOS.COM

You can sail completely around the world at a latitude of 60 degrees south without running into any land.
SOURCE: UNEXPLAINEDMYSTERIES.COM

About a fourth of the entire world population are vegetarians.
SOURCE: AMUSINGFACTS.COM

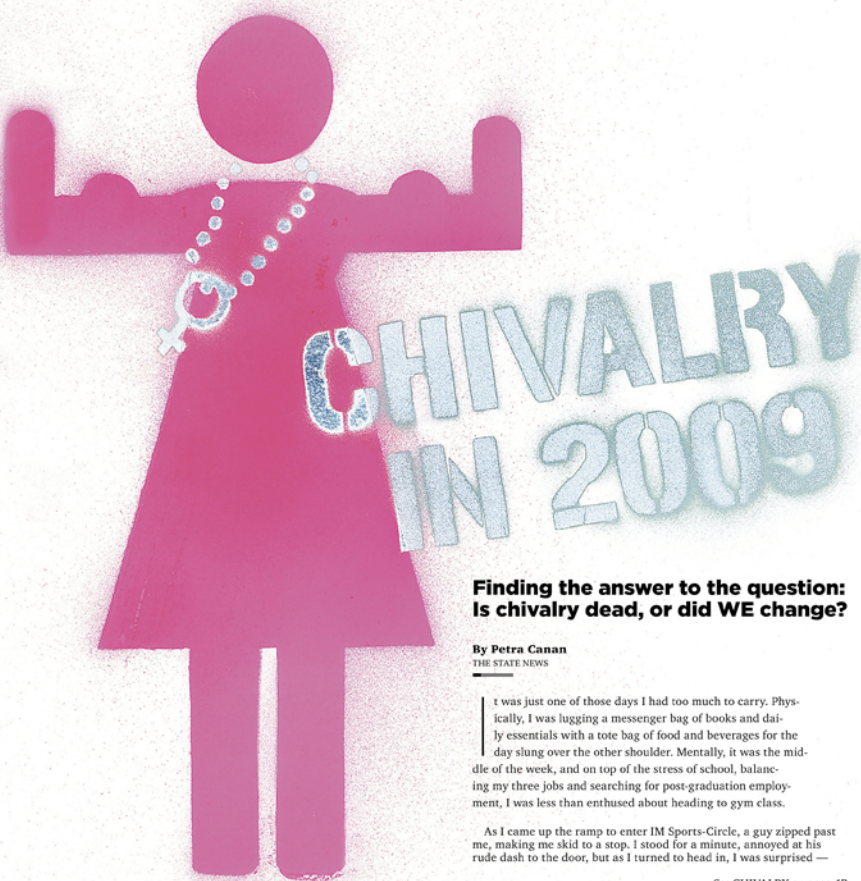
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HOUSING

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Tuesday



Finding the answer to the question: Is chivalry dead, or did WE change?

By Petra Canan
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It was just one of those days I had too much to carry. Physically, I was lugging a messenger bag of books and daily essentials with a tote bag of food and beverages for the day slung over the other shoulder. Mentally, it was the middle of the week, and on top of the stress of school, balancing my three jobs and searching for post-graduation employment, I was less than enthused about heading to gym class.

As I came up the ramp to enter IM Sports-Circle, a guy zipped past me, making me skid to a stop. I stood for a minute, annoyed at his rude dash to the door, but as I turned to head in, I was surprised —

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How much do you know about the history of chivalry? Take our quiz at stateneews.com/multimedia.

SN style

Unisex boat shoes offer comfort, nostalgia as warm weather footwear

By Daniel Luscombe
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Deck shoes may be nautical in origin, but these casual shoes have left the world of sailboats and yachting to become a staple in the closets of both men and women.

Deck shoes are manufactured by a variety of companies, with styles available at many different stores such as clothing retailer Banana Republic or outerwear company Orvis. While many different companies produce this style of footwear, perhaps the most popular manufacturer is Sperry Top-Sider, a company specializing in marine footwear and other fashion accessories.

For some Sperry-wearing students, the inspiration behind this style often draws from memories of older family members wearing deck shoes. "My dad's always worn them and I used to crack on him about wearing them, and



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"My parents used to wear these shoes," said international relations and German junior Emily Burwinkle, referring to Sperry Top-Siders, the now-popular boat shoe, which was designed in 1935 and was once regulation footwear for the U.S. Navy. "Actually, my dad still does wear them," she said.

then a couple of years ago I got a pair and realized they were just comfortable," MSU alumnus Scott Sweeney said. Sweeney, who often sports the shoes without socks, said he likes the shoes because of

the versatility of their style.

"You can just wear them with jeans, you can wear them with shorts, you can wear them with everything really and you can wear them to work," Sweeney said.

"My dad's always worn them and I used to crack on him about wearing them, and then a couple of years ago I got a pair and realized they were just comfortable."

Scott Sweeney, MSU alumnus

Sweeney also said the Sperry Top-Sider brand of shoes he wears are quite durable. "They last a long time," Sweeney said. "It's not a matter of really wearing them out, they just fade their color and everything, but they don't ever get really worn out."

Men aren't the only ones borrowing a style from their dad's closets. Emily Burwinkle, a junior studying international relations and German, said her father first introduced her to the practical footwear.

"I wear them because they're comfortable; I got into them because my dad always wears Top-Siders," Burwinkle said. Burwinkle said the shoe's

marine heritage makes them well-suited for walking to class in a variety of conditions.

"They're great for when it's raining because they're technically boat shoes," Burwinkle said. "You don't have to worry about them getting wet or ruined."

Sperry Top-Siders are available in a variety of materials, colors and styles. The online clothing retailer Zappos.com sells this brand of deck shoes at prices from about \$50 to \$100. The retailer Macy's, 1982 W. Grand River Ave., sells the Sperry Top-Sider Bahama Boat Shoe for \$60 while the Sperry Top-Sider Sperry Gold Cup Boat Shoes are \$170.