

Question: A penguin walks into a room wearing a sombrero. What does he say and why is he there?

Answer: "He says, 'Where's the fish?,' and he is lost."

Question: If you became a drag queen, what would your name be?

Answer: "Matt Girlo."

Question: Room, desk, and car. Which do you clean first and why?

Answer: "My desk because that is where I spend most of my time at work."

Question: How would you describe the color blue to someone who is blind?

Answer: "I would give them a bunny rabbit to pet and tell them that is what blue feels like."

Question: What's the closest thing to real magic?

Answer: "Anything you don't understand. More specifically, the physics of computers."

Question: Up to this point in your life, what is the achievement you are most proud of?

Answer: "The traveling I have done."

Random Facts by Ashlynn White

- Babies are born without kneecaps.
- Penguins can jump as high as 6 feet in the air.
- One in every four Americans has appeared on television.
- The human nose can remember 50,000 different scents.
- Roy C. Sullivan held the record for being struck by lightning the most times, having been struck — and surviving — seven times between 1942 and 1977.

Interview with a Senior: Sage Betko

by Rothery Sullivan

1. What is your passion?

My passion is in making the world around me a better place, and to make friends along the way.

2. What are your plans for your future education?

I plan to pursue a master's or doctorate in Statistics and/or Machine learning.

3. What career path do you wish to pursue?

I'll probably figure that out later.

4. What is one thing you've learned from your time at MSSM?

College actually started a long time ago.

5. What is once piece of advice you can give to the rest of the students at MSSM?

Do not mix milk and rockstar.

Weather

by Rachael Jeon

Weather up in Limestone is becoming pretty chilly. It's the time of the year to say goodbye to your shorts and t-shirts and welcome your fall sweaters. It's sad to say goodbyes to the warmth, but if you think on the positive side, you now have an official excuse to get all comfy and curl up in your cozy clothes.

Mornings and evenings tend to get pretty chilly, so be sure to bring a light jacket with you when you head out for the academic building.

Lately, it has been raining here quite often so if you decide to climb up the hill to go to the baseball field or the soccer field, be aware that your socks will probably get wet by the time you're back in the dorms.

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The Penguin Cassette

Get to Know Mr. Grillo

by Trinity Slate

Hello everyone! My name is Trinity Slate, and I had the privilege of asking Mr. Grillo some interesting questions for this edition of the Penguin Cassette. I chose to interview Mr. Grillo so everyone in the community could get to know him just a little bit more. Getting to know the staff members has always been a passion of mine, and I look forward to getting to know more of them. A big thanks to Mr. Grillo for being such a good sport! I hope you enjoy the questions and the answers!

Question: What is your favorite snack?

Answer: "Chocolate with a glass of milk."

Question: If you could be a superhero which would you be?

Answer: "Groot."

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Ask Ash & Marcello

by Ashlynn White & Marcello Santomenna

How old is Marcello?

The normal age range for students in high school is 13 to 19 years old. Given that Marcello is a freshman, I'd assume he was at the lower end of the scope, say 13 to 15 years to be safe. Unfortunately, such information is extremely classified and thus I cannot answer this question which does not require any advice (the purpose of this column).

Psychological Facts

by Trinity Slate

- 1) Convincing yourself that you slept well tricks your brain into thinking it did.
- 2) Singing reduces feelings of depression and anxiety.
- 3) The most common lie is "I'm fine."
- 4) Feeling ignored causes the same chemical effect as a physical injury.
- 5) You can only remember 3-4 things at a time.

The Eighties: Gag Me with a Spoon

by Marcello Santomenna

The flashing lights, the denim, the heavy makeup: they all caused it. I didn't want to; I didn't need to relive this decade. But like cicadas or an outbreak of the flu, it came around again. I felt it coming roughly fifteen minutes before it happened. I steeled myself for it, but I still was not prepared for what was about to happen. I sat down, my back pressed painfully into the wall behind me as the images came rushing past: tall hair do's and loud music, aggressively assaulting my ears with their heavy synth compositions. I flew threw the years as I saw myself in the eighties, my friends and I finding someone with a walkman to let us listen in, me pressing the earbud into my ears, hearing the now famed lines:

Don't leave me hanging on like a yo-yo.

Wake me up before you go go

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Last Week in History

By Michael Delorge

- **October 7, 2003:** Arnold Schwarzenegger became the governor of California
- **October 4, 1957:** Sputnik was launched to study Earth's atmosphere
- **October 11, 2002:** Jimmy Carter won the Nobel Peace Prize for his work "to find peaceful solutions to international conflicts, to advance democracy and human rights, and to promote economic and social development."
- **October 12, 1492:** Columbus reached the New World.
- **October 13, 1792:** Cornerstone of the White House was laid
- **October 14, 1947:** U.S. Air Force Captain Chuck Yeager became the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound

TRIVIA

by Grace Sewell

This week's trivia is centered around Halloween! Test your spooky skills, if you dare...

- What country is considered the "birthplace" of Halloween?
- What is the fear of Halloween called?
- How big was the world's largest pumpkin?
- How old is the tradition of Halloween thought to be?
- What was candy corn originally known as?

The winner of last issue's trivia is

Katherine White,
 who won a trip to Presque Isle
 with 5 friends!

Medical Trivia

IF YOU TAKE A FULL
 grown American man's
 intestines out and
 stretch them across
 the ground,
 that man will die.

The 80's continued from cover

Suddenly, I'm moving. Things are speeding up. I'm flying through the nineties with only a brief impression left on me before I soar up, up into the sky. Skimming across the continent, I get a different feeling than the flashback gives me: I feel a hand on my shoulder, and then I feel myself shake. My vision dives and I can see a familiar sight come into view: the school, an island in a sea of potatoes numerous enough to feed all of Europe. I continue my descent and pass through the roof of the dormitory into the lower lobby. I reenter my body, and I can start to see the mob of people. The music pumps loud enough to be heard from anywhere in the building:

*Wake me up before you go go,
 'Cause I'm not planning on going solo.
 Wake me up before you go go,
 Take me dancing tonight.*

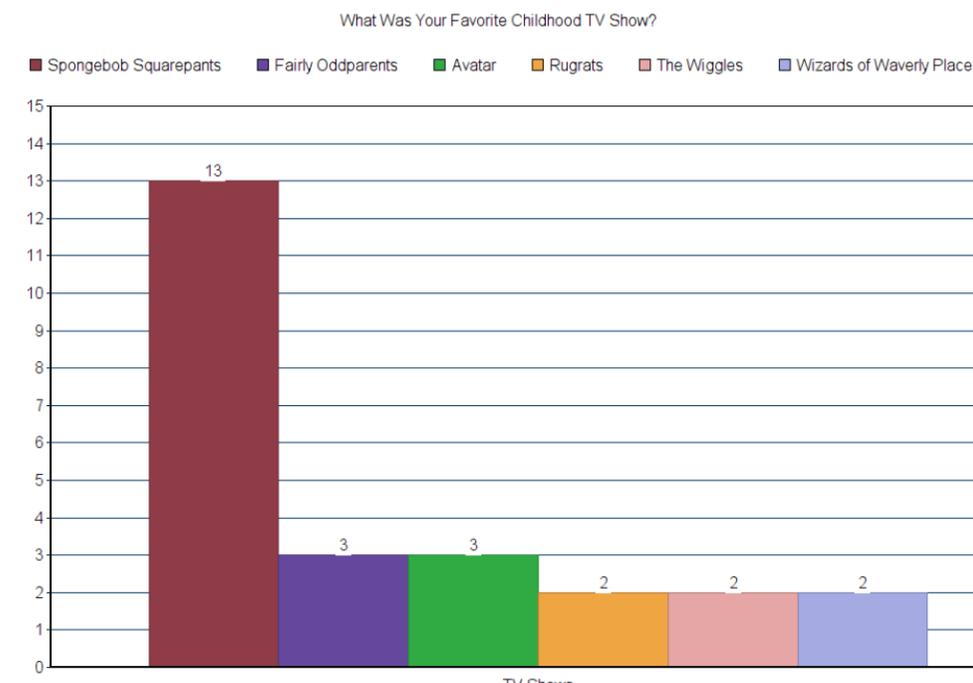
Student Poll

by Grace Sewell

Hey everyone! This week I asked you what your favorite childhood TV show was! Here are your most popular answers:

Some of the other answers:

LazyTown
 Power Rangers
 Adventure Time



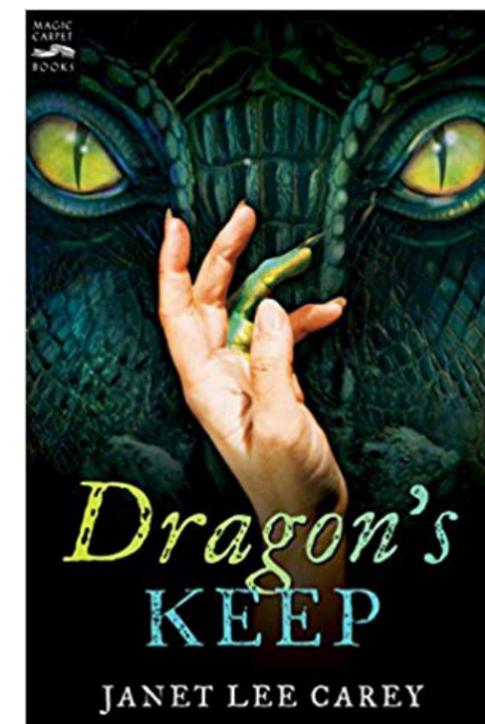
Book Review

by Anna Foo

Hey guys, it's Anna. In this issue of the Penguin Cassette, I will be giving a review of the book **Dragon's Keep** by **Janet Lee Carey**. This book was published in 2007, so it's a little old, but I think it is pretty good. Enjoy!

In this book, Princess Rosalind is meant to fulfill a prophecy which will restore her family to its rightful throne and bring peace to England. However, she was born with a disfigurement - a dragon claw in place of her ring finger. The Queen forces her to always wear gloves as they search for a cure. When she is carried away by a dragon one day, she learns the truth and her whole world falls apart.

I really enjoyed this book for several reasons. If you've known me for a while, you will know how much I love dragons. There is no specific reason; I just think they are really cool. The way dragons are used in this book is really interesting and helps break it from various cliché tropes. The dragons themselves are not what you would expect, but still very endearing. There are several plot twists throughout the story that aren't blatantly obvious and are very interesting. While some parts could have been left out, overall it was very enjoyable. I would recommend this to anyone who enjoys fantasy and slower paced stories.



How to Manage Your Time

By Victoria Eichorn

MSSM is a school where teaching and learning is a very **prominent part of our day** to day lives; this is part of why coming up with a topic for this article was such a difficult task. However, there is something that I think most of us can improve on, and that is how to manage our time. Students' days are filled with classes and extracurriculars, then our nights are filled with homework and maybe some free time. Keep in mind, there are only a certain number of hours in the day, and you need to fit eating and sleeping in that schedule as well. Therefore, time management is very important because it keeps us from going crazy with trying to juggle work, class, sports, and our social lives. Procrastination at MSSM is infamous and takes hold of everyone at one time or another, but these are a few tips that might help keep that monster at bay;

Try to do your homework in your free blocks throughout the day.

Yes, it may be tiresome to get out of an hour long class and then do the homework for the same subject, but trust me, it helps. The information is still fresh in your head, and your homework doesn't pile up for Structured Study.

Plan out your day before classes start.

Making lists is a neat and easy way to do this. I'm sure you have your class schedules memorized, but plan what you're going to do in your free time. For example, what homework you might do in that time, or if you plan on going to office hours. Planning out your day might seem useless and unnecessary, but it helps in the long run when you have projects due that you've had a month to do and haven't started. *If you play a sport, this is very helpful, especially when you have a game/meet*

If you have a big assignment, **start chipping away at it early on.**

Everyone has those days were they just can't muster up enough motivation to do homework, but **chipping away at it** one piece at a time will make your life so much easier.

Prioritize

Going back to the previous list suggestion, prioritizing what you need to get done makes your workload seem a little less scary. Start off with the assignments that are due the next day, and go from there.

These are some helpful hints on how to **avoid procrastinating**; however, the main problem is the amount of motivation you have. If you aren't motivated to do your work, no amount of lists or prioritization will help. These ideas won't get your work done for you, it'll just make finding **motivation a little easier**. It's nice to have a lazy day once in a while; just don't make this an everyday habit.



Caption This

by Ryan Oh

Winning caption

(Ryan Fitzmaurice)

"I will devour bones of my enemies."

Second place

(Mason)

"THERE ARE TOO MUCH THINGS GOING ON!!"

Club news

by Ryan Oh

ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH, MSSM hosted an open house for prospective students. During this event, MSSM admissions ambassadors helped with the guests from around Maine. There were 23 student visitors and their families who took tours around the campus including the dorm and academic building. The open house was quite successful due to the amazing help from admissions ambassadors. Many of the prospective students were interested in MSSM and satisfied, as well as their parents. We hope to see them next year as penguins.

MSSM Conspiracy Theories

LOWER C IS HAUNTED BY GHOSTS; many noises, such as banging on pipes or footsteps, have been heard late at night.

LOWER B IS WHERE THE STUDENTS go when they "graduate" MSSM.

SOMEONE HAS BEEN SEEN in Lower A flashing lights at 2am but no one has seen who was responsible.

HANNAH ZIMMERMAN isn't actually a highschool student; what is she?

PEOPLE WITH EITHER TWO FIRST names or two last names cannot be trusted: Brice Carson, Ethan Kelley, Rothery Sullivan

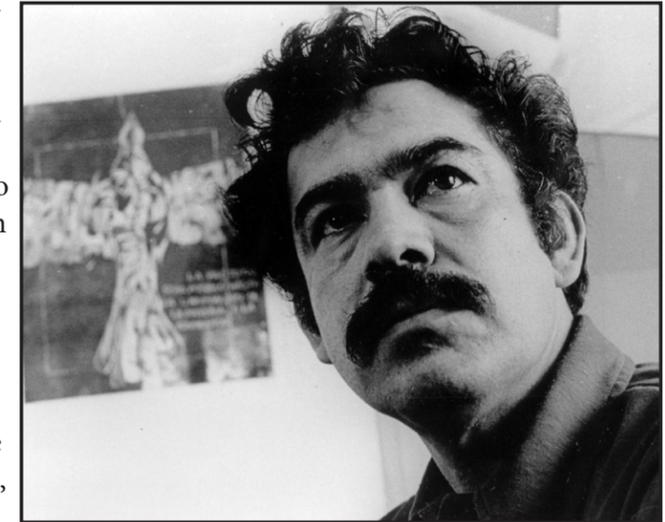
DR. RHODES DOESN'T AGE; he is immortal.

Famous Person in History

by Annette Mubang

RODOLFO GONZALES IS A POLITICAL ACTIVIST WHO SOUGHT CHANGE for Mexican Americans. In the 1950s representative for "Chicano" people was non-existent between the Democrats and Republicans. To combat this how-

ever Gonzales organized the first Chicano youth conference in 1969. The conference was attended by many future Chicano activists and artists. Who together created the Plan Espiritual de Aztlán, a manifesto demanding self-determination for Chicanos. Gonzales had this belief that "Chicanos" were neither Native American nor European, neither Mexican nor



American, but a combination of all the conflicting identities. He called for the independence of "Chicano" people since he understood the "gringo establishment" was not going to provide than education, economic stability, or social acceptance. He founded a school that would focus on building students' self-esteem through cultural-relevant curriculum. Gonzales was remembered as an invigorating spirit, "the fist" of the Chicano Movement.

Hometown Spotlight: Mount Desert Island

by Jialan Deal

MOUNT DESERT ISLAND (MDI) IS A LARGE ISLAND OFF THE COAST OF DOWNEAST MAINE or the mid-coastal region of the state connected to the mainland with a bridge. Approximately 10,000 people live there year-round, although about 2.5 million tourists visit during the summer. The island was first discovered by an explorer named Samuel De Champlain although before it was used by Native Americans during the summer. De Champlain gave the island its name Ile de Monts Desert or "island of the bare mountains," when he saw the bald peaks of the granite mountains from his ship (he wasn't terribly creative). The first settlement on the island was in Somesville, near the center of the island on a large fjard. The body of water used to be classified as a fjord until recently when it was re-classified as a fjard, a shallow depression created by glaciers (basically fjords are steeper than fjards). Somesville was settled by Abraham Somes when he came in 1761 with his wife and children.

Now, MDI is known for Acadia National Park, the oldest national park east of the Mississippi River. It was founded in 1916 by Charles Eliot and George Dorr as Sieurs de Monts National Monument in honor of Eliot's son, a landscape architect, who died of spinal meningitis. It officially became Acadia National Park in 1929. John D. Rockefeller Jr. had a large impact on the park's history when he established the miles of carriage roads on the island. Originally, cars had been banned by many towns on the island for being disruptive and dangerous.

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Dorm Recipe

by Noah Burck

5 MINUTE MUG BROWNIE

Here's a really easy recipe to make a brownie in a mug that only takes about 5 minutes:

You'll need:

- 4 Tbsp flour
- 4 Tbsp sugar
- 2 Tbsp oil
- 2 Tbsp water
- 2 Tbsp cocoa powder
- 1 dash of salt

Mix all of the ingredients in a mug, making sure to scrape the bottom edge so there are no dry flour or cocoa powder clumps at the bottom. Put the mug in the microwave for 1-2 minutes. Let it cool for a bit, and then you're good to go!

This recipe comes from <https://www.instructables.com/id/Mug-Brownie/>

Three Weeks Ago In History

What Happened on This Day, Three Weeks Ago and Then a Long Time Before That.

Sunday, Sept 23, 1875

THIS WAS THE DAY THAT Billy the Kid was arrested for the first time after stealing a basket of laundry. There is not much known about Billy the Kid other than his name, William Henry McCarty. Billy the Kid was a famous criminal around.

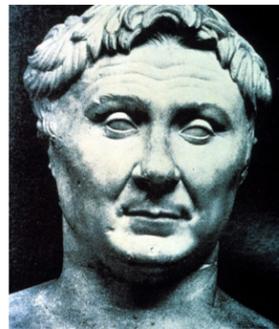


Monday, Sept 24, 1789

The Judiciary Act of 1789 is passed by Congress and signed by President George Washington, establishing the Supreme Court of the United States as a tribunal.

Friday, Sept 28, 48 B.C.

UPON LANDING IN EGYPT, Roman general and politician Pompey is murdered on the orders of King Ptolemy of Egypt. During his long career, Pompey the Great displayed exceptional military talents on the battlefield. He fought in Africa and Spain, quelled the slave revolt of Spartacus, cleared the Mediterranean of pirates, and conquered Armenia, Syria, and Palestine. Appointed to organize the newly won Roman territories in the East, he proved a brilliant administrator.



Open Mic Night

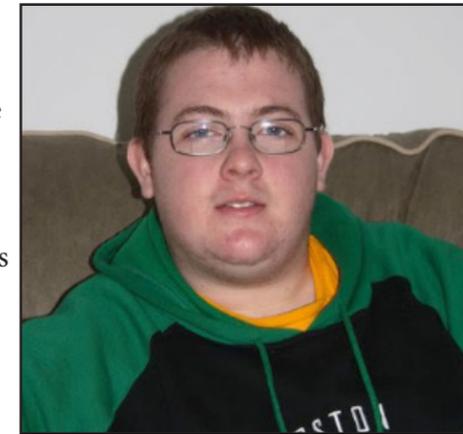
by Marc Jacquet

ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12TH, we ran our first Open Mic. Our Open Mic is a chance for any MSSM student or students to show off their talents. Anyone may sign up for an act or multiple, or just show up to watch and cheer on those who choose to perform! Ian and I will be in contact with our future dates, and we would love to see all of you show up! Special thanks to our lights team, Killian and Fiona Murphy, and to Mrs. McGann for coming early to help us set up!

Interview with Staff: Mr. Matt Bartlett

By Victoria Eichorn

I sat down with Mr. Matt Bartlett to get to know him a little bit better. He helps all of us in many ways, whether it's a trip to Caribou or a fan van to one of the sporting events. He's always here to support us, so it seems only fair that we get to know him a little bit better.



Question 1: Where'd you grow up?

Answer: Mr. Bartlett was born in Houlton, but grew up in Danforth, Maine with three brothers. He's the second oldest of his siblings.

Question 2: What's your degree in?

Answer: Mr. Bartlett has two bachelor's degrees: one in Criminal Justice and one in Behavioral Science. He took a year off after high school to decide what career he wanted to pursue, and in the meantime, he worked a carpentry job. He went to the career center to take a test that would determine what he should do, and the results of this test were to be a juvenile probation officer. So, Mr. Bartlett went to college and to earn these degrees. However, due to living in northern Maine, it's hard to find a job as a probation officer because there are so few jobs and the jobs available tend to go to those with the most experience. So, he went on and to work as an Ed Tech at East Grand for a while, until Mr. Parker approached him with the open position here at MSSM.

Question 3: What's your favorite type of music?

Answer: He used to like country, but now he listens to whatever's on the radio.

Question 4: What do you like to do in your free time?

Answer: Mainly, he likes to hunt and fish. He grew up with these activities, but sadly he can't do them much here in Limestone. However, his parents own 200 acres that he can hunt and fish on in his spare time, and sometimes he goes with our very own Dave Martin. As we know, he also likes to watch sports, anything Red Sox, Patriots, or Celtics he will watch.

Question 5: Do you have any funny stories you can share from your time at MSSM?

Answer: One time a student came to the RI office and told Mr. Bartlett that a bird had just flown into a window on Lower A; he went down and found out it was a partridge. After surveying the scene, he determined that it was dead because it had flown into the window. To avoid wasting a perfectly delicious partridge, he brought it up to the office and asked a bunch of kids if they wanted to learn how to clean a bird. After it was cleaned, one of the students cooked the bird and a number of students enjoyed eating it!

Of course, as we all know, information can be misconstrued when being passed along. In the days and weeks that passed, Mr. Bartlett heard many stories that were being told by students about the event. The craziest one was that the bird flew into the RI office and Mr. Bartlett killed it in the office.

MDI continued

When the ban was lifted in 1915, Rockefeller donated his land to make the carriage roads.

This island is well known to the public, and many visitors come in the summer to escape the heat in the South. People who live there only in the summer, but fly south in the winter are known as "snow-birds" by the local people. People on the island have a love-hate relationship with tourism. Without it, the island would only be a shadow of what it is now, but the tourists take all the parking spots and create congestion on the trails of Acadia. There's even talk now of limiting how many tourists come to the island every season (how? nobody's quite sure). However, some people find it highly amusing to watch the antics of the tourists. For example, there's a smaller island off the coast of Bar Harbor that is connected to MDI by a small bar of sand. When the tide comes up, the sandbar disappears to the dismay of people who are trapped on the island or have unfortunately parked their cars on the sandbar.

Although tourism dominates MDI, the locals also have their own independent community during the winter. The highschool MDIHS focuses on the arts such as drama and music. Additionally, like many other Maine towns, the community focuses on lobstering throughout the year and it's practically a rite of passage to get your own lobster boat as a teenager. MDI is an island with a lot of history, and it is well known to the public. Despite this, the locals still have their own community and try not to get swept away in the tide of commercialism.

I Wonder how many white tiles there are in the center row from the bathrooms by the Dining Hall all the way down to the double doors by Admissions and the MSSM Main Office.