

# Bathroom Reader

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## REGISTRATION

For FALL 2008  
Starts April 9<sup>th</sup>

### Things to Do

- Pay \$100 Tuition Deposit
- View Assigned Advisor & Enrollment Date in PRISM
- Meet with your Advisor
- REGISTER

It's that EASY!!!

If you have any questions, contact Student Services

## 875,000,000 Customers

According to a recent survey, more than 875 million consumers have shopped online, which is up 40 percent in the last two years. Around the world, more than half of Internet users made a least one purchase online in the past month. Consumers in South Korea ranked the highest with 99 percent of Internet users shopping online.



## Toothbrush Facts

The earliest form of toothbrushes have existed since 3000 BC. Ancient civilizations used a "chew stick" which was a thin twig with a frayed end. The bristle style toothbrush was not invented until 1498 in China and the bristles were the coarse hair off the back of a hog's neck. Boar bristles were used until 1938 when nylon bristles were introduced.

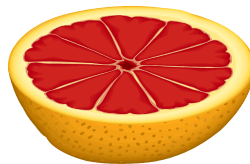


## Who Invented the TV Dinner?

Answer: Several people and companies. Starting in 1945, the first dinners were frozen and were made by Maxson Food Systems Inc. Maxson called them "Strato-Plates" and the meals were reheated for passengers on military and civilian aircraft. TV dinners really took off in 1954 when Swanson began marketing frozen meals and they coined the phrase of "TV Dinner".

## Just Call Me A Grapefruit

How did the grapefruit get its name? It certainly isn't a grape. The grapefruit is believed to be a cross between a Pummelo and a sweet orange. Being a citrus fruit, it is a large, modified berry with a thick rind. On the tree, they grow in clusters that resemble the shape of large yellow grapes so the fruit was called a grapefruit!



## Irish Pride

With St. Patrick's Day on March 17, a few Irish facts seem to be in order.

- 36 million Americans claim Irish ancestry (12% of population)
- 24% of Massachusetts residents claim Irish ancestry
- \$22.9 billion of imports to the United States from Ireland in 2007
- 4 places in the United States include the name Shamrock

Library Hours for Spring Break

March 15-23

Monday—Thursday 8 AM—4 PM Friday 8 AM—12 PM  
Closed March 15, 16, 22, and 23