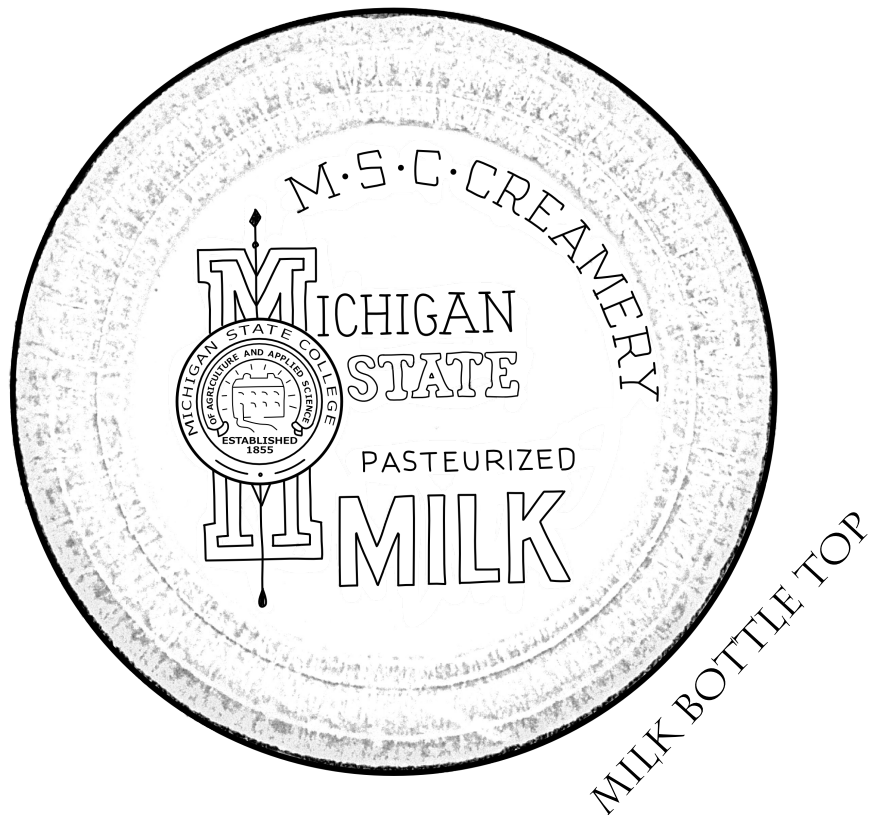
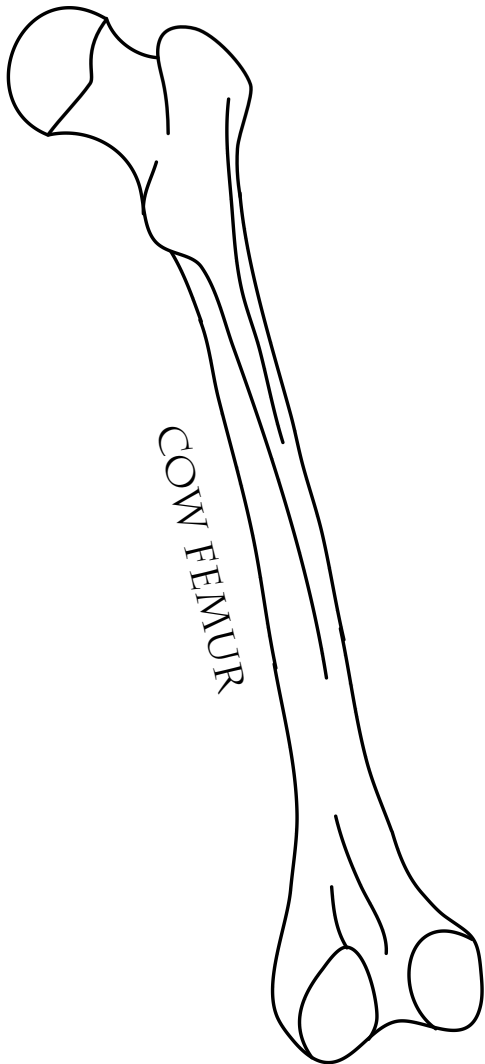
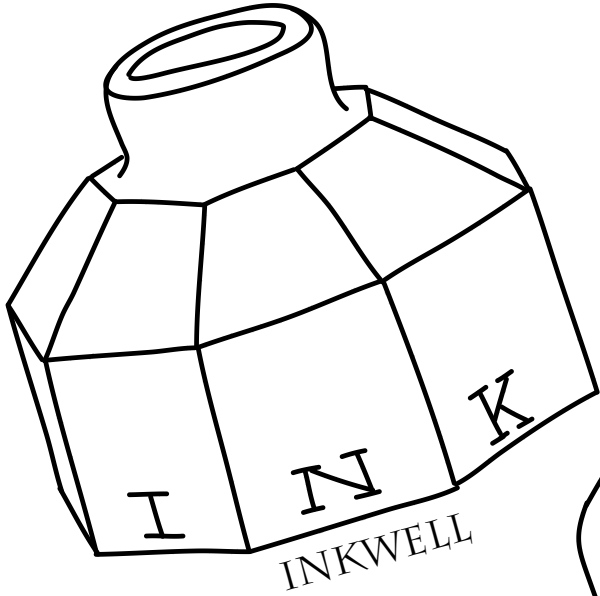


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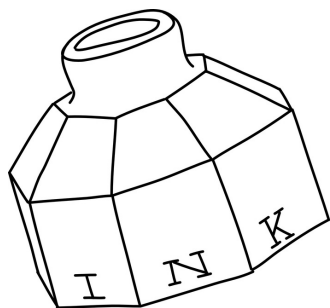
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is a program that works to manage and protect the archaeological resources on Michigan State University's beautiful and historic campus. Michigan State University (MSU) has a history that exists not only in our rich traditions and educational values, but also underneath our feet, below the ground upon which we walk every day.

PORCELAIN DOLL

During the excavation the historic privy (outdoor bathroom) associated with the first student housing on campus, Saints' Rest, a broken doll's head was recovered. Made of china, also known as porcelain, the figurine sports a hairstyle known as a "flat-top" which became popular during the Civil War days.

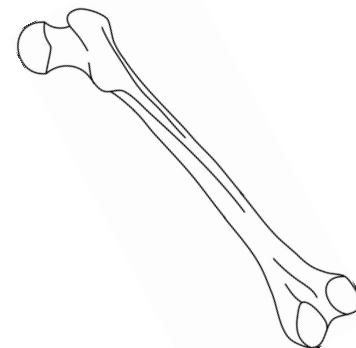


INKWELL

Today, when we need to jot something down on paper, we grab a ballpoint pen or a mechanical pencil. However, throughout the 1800s and even into the early 1900s, inkwells were the main way that someone could transfer their thoughts onto paper. This inkwell was found on campus.

COW FEMUR

During the summer of 2018, construction crews working on Wilson Road near Conrad Hall uncovered several large animal bones. The Campus Archaeology crew excavated the remains and uncovered an entire cow skeleton! It is possible that it was one of the first MSU cows or one owned by a family who lived in the area before MSU purchased the property.



MILK BOTTLE TOP

As the university began as an agricultural college, it isn't surprising that there is a rich history of dairy production. The first dairy classes began in 1895. The MSC Creamery exists today, but as the MSU Dairy Store where you can buy fresh MSU milk products including delicious ice cream and cheese. Glass milk bottles would have been closed with a paper top, like this Michigan State College one!

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