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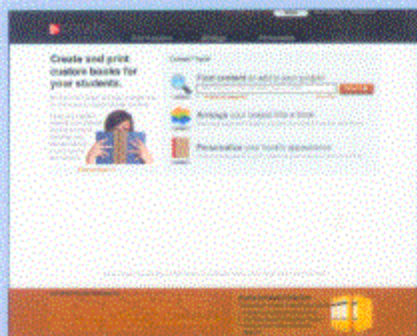
On the cover is a Dennis Kunkel Scanning Electron Micrograph image of kitchen sponge microbes. Kitchen sponges can accumulate food and microbes when they are used for long periods of time and not thoroughly cleaned. The moisture and food particles in a dirty sponge make it a perfect environment for microorganisms to grow (such as bacteria and fungi). Their waste products give the sponge a distinctive smell. Features shown in this photomicrograph are: sponge surface (blue); bacteria (rod-shaped - purple and green colors); filamentous fungi (thin and thick filaments - purple and red colors); and yeast fungi (round spheres - yellow-green color).



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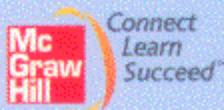


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