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20's slang: start using it

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This is a collection of slang that originated in 'The Jazz Age,' the roaring twenties. We at *The Brunswickan* encourage you cats to check them out, just don't take any wooden nickels and get someone in a lather. Meanwhile, I have to go see a man about a dog and get bent.

all wet: incorrect
And how!: I strongly agree!
ankle: to walk, i.e.. "Let's ankle!"
apple auce: flattery, nonsense, i.e.. "Aw, applesauce!"
balled up: confused, messed up.
bank's closed.: no kissing or making out ie. "Sorry, mac, bank's closed"
beat one's gums: idle chatter
bee's knees: terrific; a fad expression
bent: drunk
bimbo: a tough guy
cake-eater: a lady's man
cat's meow: great, also "cat's pajamas"
clam: a dollar
dewdropper: a young man who sleeps all day and doesn't have a job
doll: an attractive woman.
don't take any wooden nickels: don't do anything stupid.
futz: a euphemism for "fuck." i.e. "Don't futz around."
get in a lather: get worked up, angry
heebie-jeebies: "the shakes," named after a hit song
hopped up: under the influence of drugs
"I have to go see a man about a dog.": "I've got to leave now," often meaning to go buy whiskey.
jeepers creepers: "Jesus Christ!"
knock up: to make pregnant
lollygagger: an idle person
mind your potatoes: mind your own business.
razz: to make fun of
screw: get lost, get out, etc. One 1930's film features the line "Go on, go on — screw!"
so's your old man: a reply of irritation
sugar daddy: older boyfriend who showers girlfriend with gifts in exchange for sex

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Official Sliding Club receives first-ever fan mail

The following is an actual letter sent to the club, Students for the Quest of Undeniably Insane and Ridiculously Reckless Examples of Legendary Sliding, via their email at unbsquirrels@hotmail.com. SQUIRRELS denies all instances of sexual contact between VP Brendan Doyle and Interim Secretary "The Puppet," and will be looking further into allegations friend and club arch-nemesis Patrick Reinartz is involved in Secretary Dexter's disappearance into space and time.

I'm writing to say that I am a huge sliding fan and that I am strongly supportive of SQUIRRELS and all that it stands for (especially 2+2). I also have an urgent message from Dexter.

Late one night, not too long ago, after ingesting a considerable amount of cough syrup, I encountered Dexter in the Safeway parking lot in New Westminster, BC. I was just walking along, minding my own business, when I saw this blinding, bright light ahead of me. I looked away, and covered my eyes until I could tell that the light had faded. I turned towards where the light had been, and saw a golden retriever (at the time I didn't know it was Dexter, but having seen his picture in *The Brunswickan* I have no doubts about his identity). He came up to me and, after licking my hand for a disturbingly long time, said "Arf...arf arf...arf arf...arf...arf arf arf." At first, I wasn't exactly sure what he meant by this. However, upon further introspection, his words became clearer and clearer. He said (loosely translated, of course), "Pat (Reinartz) has imprisoned me in a parallel dimension." I really wasn't sure what to make of this until I read your article. So, I felt it was my duty to write and relate to you the happenings of that night. Regarding the mysterious disappearance of "the puppet", I also have my suspicions. I have heard from a very reliable source, who will go unnamed....okay, okay, it was Erskine...that Brendan and "puppet" were a lot closer than he lets on. It seems that they have been engaging in some very disturbing activities, and the large hole beneath "puppet"'s tail, well, I'm sure you can figure that one out. Anyways, now that I have conveyed to you the urgent message from Dexter, I'm leaving..... • Anonymous

Homeless man poses as doctor

Worked in emergency, wrote prescriptions

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) A homeless man who describes himself as a drifter is facing two felony charges for passing himself as a doctor at a Jacksonville hospital.

According to a prosecutor, Gary Sterley spent several days as "Dr. Joshua Caldwell" at St. Vincent's Medical Center last March.

Authorities say he not only acted like a doctor, but he even wrote a prescription for a patient and made a house call.

St. Vincent's wasn't the only Jacksonville hospital that Stearley entered, a prosecutor said Thursday.

"He was also at Baptist hospital at the same time, but it's not clear whether he saw any patients at Baptist," Assistant State Attorney Ernst Bell said.

In a court appearance Thursday, the 27-year-old Stearley was silent as his public defender pleaded innocent on his behalf to charges of practicing medicine without a license and representing himself to be a physician's assistant at St. Vincent's.

If Stearley is convicted of the third-degree felonies, he could face up to five years in prison on each count. He was being held Friday in the Duval County Jail on $100,000 bond.

In March, authorities said, Stearley wore hospital scrubs at St. Vincent's and entered its emergency room area with a rescue team. The imposter, they said, talked with a patient in the emergency room, wrote a prescription and visited him at home to follow up.

He is also accused of writing a prescription for the controlled substance Darvocet for the patient's mother.

Hospital officials aren't sure how many days he was there before they became suspicious of him. He left town soon after.

Although Stearley visited the medical library on the second floor and the smoking area outside, hospital officials don't believe he had contact with any other patients.

"We don't have any evidence that he was examining a patient," Deppe said. "He wasn't touching patients."

A few months after his appearance in Jacksonville, Stearley was arrested in Pennsylvania when officials with Mercy Hospital of Pittsburgh discovered that his claims of being a physician's assistant trainee were not true.

Authorities say the man has pulled similar stunts at hospitals in Washington state, Virginia, and Washington.

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